

Report of:	Meeting	Date	Item No.
Councillor Peter Gibson, Leader of the Council, and Garry Payne Chief Executive	Full Council	20 October 2011	11

<p><b>REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF WYRE</b></p>
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**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To consider the Returning Officer's proposals arising from the review of polling districts and polling stations within the Borough of Wyre.

**2. Outcomes**

- 2.1 That all electors within the Borough of Wyre have reasonable and accessible facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- 2.2 To ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 That the proposals contained within the Returning Officer's report attached at Appendix A be approved.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2007, introduced a number of changes to the Representation of the People Act 1983 in respect of the way in which reviews of polling districts and polling places must be undertaken.

**4.2 First review**

In compliance with the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) regulations 2006, every council in England and Wales undertook and completed a review of all of the polling districts and polling places in its area by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2007.

### **4.3 Subsequent reviews**

Following the first review, the Council must then complete a further review of every polling district and polling place before the end of the period of four years starting with the completion of the previous review. In effect, this means that by 31 December 2011, the Council must have undertaken two full reviews of the electoral arrangements.

However, the Council may undertake reviews of all or some of the designated polling districts and polling places at any time, but must undertake a review of each within four years of the previous review.

For administrative convenience, it would seem sensible to review all polling districts and polling places on a regular four-yearly cycle, regardless of whether or not a particular polling district or polling place has been reviewed for some reason (e.g. because of an influx of electors in an area or the non-availability of a building designated as a polling place) in the intervening period. This will help in ensuring that a consistent approach is taken across the Borough.

### **4.4 A polling district is the geographical sub-division of an electoral ward.**

The Council is responsible for dividing its area into polling districts for UK Parliamentary elections and for keeping the polling districts under review.

Although there is no requirement to sub-divide local government electoral wards into polling districts, it is recognised good practice to do so. In Wyre the same polling districts are used for both parliamentary and local government elections.

When designating polling districts, the Council must seek to ensure that all the electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

### **4.5 A polling place is the building in which a polling station is located.**

A polling station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district. This function is the responsibility of the Returning Officer.

The Council must designate a polling place for every polling district in the Borough.

The polling place for a polling district must be within the area of the district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area either wholly or partly outside of the polling district.

#### **4.6 The review process**

The Council is required to publish notice of the holding of a review.

This has been done by way of a press release which was published in the Gazette, Lancashire Evening Post, Fleetwood Weekly News and Garstang Courier. A notice was also posted inside and outside the Civic Centre in Poulton-le-Fylde, on 21 Parish and Town Council notice boards, at public libraries within Wyre and on the Council's website.

#### **4.7 The role of the Returning Officer**

The Council is required to consult the Returning Officer for every parliamentary constituency that is wholly or partly within its area. This means that the Returning Officer must consult the Returning Officer of Blackpool Borough Council in respect of the Wyre wards within the parliamentary constituency of Blackpool North & Cleveleys, the Returning Officer of Lancaster City Council in respect of the Wyre wards within the parliamentary constituency of Lancaster and Fleetwood and also the Returning Officer of Preston City Council in respect of the Wyre wards within the parliamentary constituency of Wyre and Preston North.

The Returning Officer is required to make representations to the relevant Council, which must include information as to the location of polling places (both existing and proposed).

#### **4.8 Completion of the review**

On completion of a review, the Council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places.

In addition, the Council must publish:

- all correspondence sent to a Returning Officer in connection with the review, and all correspondence sent to any person whom the authority thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability;
- all representations made by any person in connection with the review;
- the minutes of any meetings held by the authority where details of the review have been considered;
- details of the actual designations of polling districts and polling places agreed as a result of the review; and
- details of where the results of the review have been published.

#### **4.9 Challenge of review**

Although the Electoral Commission has no initial role in the review process itself, it has an extremely important role in respect of considering representations and observations made that a Council has not conducted a review so as to:

- meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them (i.e. the reasonable requirements of a particular area of the authority have not been satisfactorily met); or
- take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

#### **4.10 Who may make a representation to the Electoral Commission?**

Section 18D (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, sets out who may make representations to the Electoral Commission, namely:

- in England, any Parish Council which is wholly or partly situated within the constituency (or parish meeting where there is no such Council);
- not less than thirty registered electors in the constituency (although electors registered anonymously cannot make such a representation);
- any person (except the Returning Officer) who made representations to the authority when the review was being undertaken; and
- any person who is not an elector in a constituency in the authority's area who the Commission feels has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons to polling places in the area or has particular expertise in relation to the access to premises or facilities of disabled persons.

Also, the Returning Officer may make observations on any representations made to the Commission.

#### **4.11 Review by the Electoral Commission**

The Electoral Commission is required to consider any such representations and observations, and after doing so, may direct the relevant authority to make any alterations it sees necessary to the polling places designated by the review.

Should a Council fail to make the alterations within two months of the direction being given, the Commission may make the alterations itself.

## 5. Key Issues and Proposals

- 5.1** This report contains details of current polling districts and polling stations by ward in the borough of Wyre, and also details of any proposed changes.

The report has been supplied to Members of the Council, other political parties, and to persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. The report has also been posted on the Council's website.

- 5.2** In the course of the review process officers have examined existing polling places. In considering their continuing suitability officers have considered public safety, the availability of buildings, accessibility, location in relation to the centres of population in the polling district, transport links and overall suitability. Officers have then, on balance, selected the most reasonable and most suitable polling place. Where 'no change' has been recommended the existing polling place is deemed as best meeting these criteria and given all circumstances the best available polling place for the polling district concerned.

- 5.3** The new electoral register containing any revised polling districts will be published on 1 December 2011. New polling districts and polling places will become effective at all elections held after this date.

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>	
Finance	None arising directly from the report.
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Equality and Diversity	None arising directly from the report.
Sustainability	None arising directly from the report.
Health and Safety	None arising directly from the report.
Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.
Asset Management	None arising directly from the report.
Climate Change	None arising directly from the report.

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List of Background Papers:		
Name of Document	Date	Where available for inspection
Electoral Commission Circular EC19/2010: Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations	30/07/10	Electoral Services and Information Governance Manager: Room 166
Consultation responses received arising from the review of polling districts and polling stations within Wyre	Various	Electoral Services and Information Governance Manager: Room 166

### **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix A – List of Wards within the Borough of Wyre and information relating to current polling districts and polling places therein and any proposed changes.

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# HAMBLETON AND STALMINE-WITH-STAYNALL WARD

Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WAY – Hambleton	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>2247</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WAY Hambleton	Hambleton Village Hall, Church Lane, Hambleton	<b>YES</b>
WAZ – Stalmine-with-Staynall	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>1215</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WAZ Hambleton	Stalmine Village Hall, Carr End Lane, Stalmine	<b>YES</b>

## Polling District WAY:

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district and has a car park.

## Polling District WAZ:

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible and are conveniently situated within the polling district and have a car park.

## PROPOSALS:

**WAY: No change proposed for this area**

**WAX: No change proposed for this area**

# MOUNT WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WBA - Mount No.1	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	<b>1452</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WBA Mount No.1	St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Broadway, Fleetwood	<b>YES</b>
WBB - Mount No.2	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	<b>1556</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WBB Mount No.2	Sheltered Accommodation, Communal Room, Hatfield Avenue, Fleetwood	<b>YES</b>

### Polling District WBA:

The Broadway Rooms are wheelchair accessible and although not situated centrally within the polling district but at the far west of the polling district have been used as a polling place for many years and are well known to electors.

### Polling District WBB:

The Communal Room is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district. This polling district was newly created in February 2007 and the room used for the first time at the elections in May 2007.

Councillors Ian and Ruth Duffy have suggested that Mount Ward return to just one polling district and one polling place and that the polling place be the centrally located Sheltered Accommodation Communal Room on Hatfield Avenue. Cllrs Duffy comment that this year's local elections showed that the use of two polling districts made no difference to turn out. Even during the general elections the Broadway Rooms attract no more than 350 electors over the 15 hour period. Currently many of the streets allocated to polling district WBA i.e. parts of Hatfield Avenue, Cambridge Road, Park Avenue and Rowntree Avenue, are situated as close if not closer to Hatfield Avenue Communal Room than the Broadway Rooms. Some 25%+ in Mount Road now vote by post and this is on the increase which means that fewer people are voting at the polling station which further diminishes the need for two polling districts.

The Returning Officer is of the view that the one polling place at the Communal Room, Hatfield Avenue covering the whole of Mount Ward would be able to accommodate all the electorate. Resulting in one polling district for the whole of Mount Ward – **WB**.

**PROPOSALS:**

**WBA: Delete this polling district on current boundaries and no longer use the existing polling place at St. Nicholas Parish Hall, Broadway, Fleetwood.**

**WBB: Delete this polling district on current boundaries.**

**WB: Combine existing two polling districts to form one polling district WB for the whole of Mount Ward with the Sheltered Accommodation, Communal Room, Hatfield Avenue as the polling place.**

# PILLING WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WBY - Winmarleigh	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>203</b>	See attached schedule of streets and Area covered by WBY – Winmarleigh	Winmarleigh Village Hall, Broad Lane, Winmarleigh	<b>YES</b>
WBZ - Pilling	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>1573</b>	See attached schedule of streets and Area covered by WBZ - Pilling	Reading Room & Bowling Club, School Lane, Pilling	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WBY:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible, is conveniently situated within the polling district, well-known has a car park and easy to reach from all parts.

### **Polling District WBZ:**

The Bowling Club is wheelchair accessible, is conveniently situated within the polling district and well-known and has a car park.

The comments received from Pilling Parish Council are that it has no problems with the present system.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WBY: No change proposed for this area**

**WBZ: No change proposed for this area**

# PARK WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WCA – Park No.1	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	2174	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WCA Park No.1	Flakefleet Primary School, Northfleet Avenue, Fleetwood FY7 7ND	<b>YES by means of a ramp</b>
WCB – Park No.2	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	981	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WCB Park No.2	William Allen Vocational Enterprise Centre (WAVE) Melbourne Avenue, Fleetwood	<b>YES</b>

### Polling District WCA:

The school is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp, is conveniently situated within the polling district, well-known and easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WCB:

The WAVE Centre is fully wheelchair accessible, conveniently situated within the polling district and well-known to electors.

### PROPOSALS:

**WCA: No change proposed for this area**

**WCB: No change proposed for this area**

# WYRESDALE WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled access
WCX – Bleasdale	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	111	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WCX Bleasdale	Bleasdale Parish Hall, Bleasdale	YES
WCY – Forton	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	992	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WCY Forton	Forton Village Hall, School Lane, Forton	YES
WCZ – Nether Wyresdale	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	527	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WCZ Nether Wyresdale	Scorton Village Hall, Factory Brow, Scorton	YES

### Polling District WCX:

The Parish Hall is wheelchair accessible, is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors.

### Polling District WCY:

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors.

### Polling District WCZ:

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors.

### PROPOSALS:

**WCX: No change proposed for this area**

**WCY: No change proposed for this area**

**WCZ: No change proposed for this area**

# PHAROS WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WDA – Pharos No. 1	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	2189	See attached schedule of streets Area covered by WDA Pharos No. 1	St. Mary's RC Primary School, London Street, Fleetwood FY7 6EU	YES
WDB – Pharos No. 2	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood East Electoral Division	1789	See attached schedule of streets Area covered by WDB Pharos No. 2	Youth & Community Centre, Milton Street, Fleetwood	YES

### Polling District WDA:

The Primary School is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors

### Polling District WDB:

The Community Centre is wheelchair accessible, is in a central position within the polling district, well known and easy to reach from all parts.

### PROPOSALS:

**WDA: No change proposed for this area**

**WDB: No change proposed for this area**

# ROSSALL WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WEA – Rossall No. 1	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood West Electoral Division	1284	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WEA Rossall No. 1	Charles Saer Community Primary School, Grange Road, Fleetwood FY7 8AY	YES
WEB – Rossall No. 2	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood West Electoral Division	1858	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WEB Rossall No. 2	Fleetwood High School, Post 16 Centre, Broadway, Fleetwood FY7 8HE	YES
WEC – Rossall No.3	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood West Electoral Division	1621	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WEC Rossall No. 3	Larkholme Primary School, Windermere Avenue, Fleetwood FY7 8QB	YES

### Polling District WEA:

The Primary School is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors

### Polling District WEB:

The High School is wheelchair accessible, is in a good position within the polling district, well known and easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WEC:

The Primary School is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors

### PROPOSALS:

**WEA: No change proposed for this area**

**WEB: No change proposed for this area**

**WEC: No change proposed for this area**

# WARREN WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WFA – Warren No. 1	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood West Electoral Division	2539	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WFA Warren No. 1	United Reformed Church School Rooms, Dronsfield Road, Fleetwood	YES
WFB – Warren No. 2	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Fleetwood West Electoral Division	2070	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WFB Warren No. 2	St Wulstan's RC Church Hall, 'Green Hut' Poulton Road, Fleetwood FY7 7JY	YES

### Polling District WFA:

The Church School Rooms are wheelchair accessible are centrally located within the polling district are and well known to electors

### Polling District WFB:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible, is in a good position within the polling district, well known and easy to reach from all parts.

### PROPOSALS:

**WFA: No change proposed for this area**

**WFB: No change proposed for this area**

# BRECK WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WGA – Breck No.1	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	<b>1800</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WGA Breck No. 1	YMCA Poulton Youth and Community Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7PU	<b>YES</b>
WGB – Breck No.2	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	<b>963</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WGB Breck No. 2	St. Chad's Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7BE	<b>YES</b>

### Polling District WGA:

The Community Centre is wheelchair accessible, and although it is not centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors

### Polling District WGB:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp, is in a good position within the polling district, well known and easy to reach from all parts.

### PROPOSALS:

**WGA: No change proposed for this area**

**WGB: No change proposed for this area**

# CARLETON WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WH – Carleton	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Amounderness Electoral Division	3338	See attached schedule of streets area covered by WH Carleton	St. Martin's & St. Hilda's Church Hall, Fleetwood Road, Carleton FY6 7NU	YES

### Polling District WH:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible, and although it is not centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors and by far the most suitable venue within Carleton Ward.

### PROPOSALS:

**WH: No change proposed for this area**

# HARDHORN WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WJ – Hardhorn	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	2951	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WJ Hardhorn	Carr Head Adult Education Centre, Carr Head Lane, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 8JB	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WJ:**

The Centre is wheelchair accessible, and although it is not centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WJ: No change proposed for this area**

# HIGHCROSS WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WKA – Highcross No.1	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	<b>1937</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WKA Highcross No.1	Baines School, Highcross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 8BE	<b>YES</b>
WKB – Highcross No.2	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	<b>1018</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WKB Highcross No.2	Mobile Unit on land fronting 102 and 104 Normoss Road, Poulton-le-Fylde FY3 0AL	<b>YES by means of ramp</b>

### Polling District WKA:

The room allocated at Baines School is wheelchair accessible, and is centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors

### Polling District WKB:

The Mobile Unit is wheelchair accessible by means of a ramp. As there are no suitable buildings situated in this polling district, there is no alternative to the use of a mobile unit. It is however sited in a good position within the polling district, well known and there is a car park opposite and is easy to reach from all parts.

Councillor Roger Berry has suggested that voters in Highcross Ward to the north of Garstang Road West (i.e. Dodgeons Close, Bleasdale Avenue, Caldervale Avenue and Stanley Avenue) be allowed to vote at the Teanlowe Day Centre – Dining Room which is the polling station for Tithebarn Ward as it is more convenient as they do not have to get across Garstang Road to visit their polling station at Baines School on Highcross Road. It is not possible however to include a ballot box within a polling place that is not for that ward or as suggested by Councillor Berry have separate ballot box for Highcross ward voters with a polling place for Tithebarn ward.

### PROPOSALS:

**WKA: No change proposed for this area**

**WKB: No change proposed for this area**

# TITHEBARN WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WLA – Tithebarn No.1	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Amounderness Electoral Division	756	See attached schedule of streets and Area covered by WLA Tithebarn No.1	Teanlowe Day Centre – Dining Room, Queensway, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7ST	YES
WLB – Tithebarn No.2	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Poulton-le-Fylde Electoral Division	2500	See attached schedule of streets and Area covered by WLB Tithebarn No.2	Teanlowe Day Centre – Dining Room, Queensway, Poulton-le-Fylde FY6 7ST	YES

### Polling District WLA:

The Day Centre Dining Room is wheelchair accessible and although it is not centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has access to a car park and is well known to electors.

### Polling District WLB:

The polling place is wheelchair accessible, however it is located outside of the polling district in WLA. The electors have some way to travel but not alternative polling place can be found in polling district WLB.

Comments have been received that many electors within Tithebarn Ward have a considerable distance to travel to the polling station at the Day Centre Dining Room and that there is confusion for electors voting and those visiting the Old People's Lounge. Notwithstanding these comments it is felt that no other suitable polling place is available within the Ward and increased signage at the entrance of the Teanlowe Day Centre and within will reduce any confusion for voters and ordinary visitors.

### PROPOSALS:

**WLA: No change proposed for this area**

**WLB: No change proposed for this area**

# BOURNE WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WMA – Bourne No.1	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	2195	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WMA Bourne No.1	1 <sup>st</sup> Thornton Cleveleys Scout Hall, Marsh Road, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2TY	YES
WMB – Bourne No.2	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	2073	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WMB Bourne No.2	Bamber Room adjacent to Sacred Heart RC Church, Heys Street, Thornton Cleveleys	YES
WMC – Bourne No.3	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	819	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WMC Bourne No.3	Mobile Unit on land between 79 and 85 Mayfield Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2HH	YES
WMD – Bourne No.4	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	67	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WMD Bourne No.4	Bamber Room adjacent to Sacred Heart RC Church, Heys Street, Thornton Cleveleys	YES

**Polling District WMA:**

The Scout Hut is wheelchair accessible and although it is not centrally located within the polling district but on the edge, is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors.

**Polling District WMB:**

The Bamber Room connected to Sacred Heart RC Church on Heys Street is wheelchair accessible and eminently suitable for the purpose. It is located in the centre of the polling district has access to a small car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

**Polling District WMC:**

The Mobile Unit is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp. As there are no suitable buildings situated in this polling district, there is no alternative to the use of a mobile unit. It is however sited in a good position within the polling district, well known and is easy to reach from all parts.

**Polling District WMD:**

The Bamber Room connected to Sacred Heart RC Church on Heys Street is wheelchair accessible and eminently suitable for the purpose. It is however located outside of the polling district in WMB and the electors have a little way to travel but not alternative polling place can be found within polling district WMD.

**PROPOSALS:**

**WMA: No change proposed for this area**

**WMB: No change proposed for this area**

**WMC: No change proposed for this area**

**WMD: No change proposed for this area**

# CLEVELEYS PARK WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WNA – Cleveleys Park No.1	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	1634	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WNA Cleveleys Park No.1	Church Hall, Cleveleys Park Methodist, West Drive, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2BL	YES
WNB – Cleveleys Park No.2	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	2404	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WNB Cleveleys Park No.2	Haven Tutorial Centre, Ringway, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2NL	YES
WNC – Cleveleys Park No.3	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys North Electoral Division	807	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WNC Cleveleys Park No.3	Mobile Unit at entrance to Pheasants Wood Drive, Bourne Way, Thornton Cleveleys	YES

### Polling District WNA:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible and although it is not centrally located within the polling district is easy to reach has a car park and is well known to electors.

### Polling District WNB:

The Ringway Centre is wheelchair accessible and is in a central position within the polling district, well known and easy to reach from all parts.

**Polling District WNC:**

The Mobile Unit is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp. As there are no suitable buildings situated in this polling district, there is no alternative to the use of a mobile unit. It is however sited in a good position within the polling district, well known and is easy to reach from all parts.

**PROPOSALS:**

**WNA: No change proposed for this area**

**WNB: No change proposed for this area**

**WNC: No change proposed for this area**

# JUBILEE WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WPA – Jubilee No.1	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	1756	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WPA Jubilee No.1	Cleveleys Community Centre and Church, Kensington Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 1ER	YES
WPB – Jubilee No.2	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	1463	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WPB Jubilee No.2	Mobile Unit, lay-by fronting properties numbered 44-58 Green Drive Thornton Cleveleys	YES

### Polling District WPA:

The Cleveleys Community Centre and Church is wheelchair accessible and is in a good central position within the polling district, well known and has a small car park and easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WPB:

The Mobile Unit is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp. As there are no suitable buildings situated in this polling district, there is no alternative to the use of a mobile unit. It is however sited in a good central position within the polling district and is easy to reach from all parts.

Comments have been received about the use of the above mobile unit within polling district WPB. It is considered that this type of premises has an adverse effect on the voting public and the polling place for the polling district should revert back to the Cleveleys Community Centre and Church within WPA. Notwithstanding these comments it is felt that the mobile unit is well placed within the polling district allowing easy access for the majority of electors and the north end of the Jubilee Ward.

### PROPOSALS:

**WPA: No change proposed for this area**

**WPB: No change proposed for this area**

# NORCROSS WARD

Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WQ – Norcross	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	<b>2972</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WQ Norcross	Thornton Methodist Church Hall, Victoria Road East, Thornton Cleveleys	<b>YES</b>

## **Polling District WQ:**

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible by means of a ramp and is in a good central position within the polling district, very well known and has a small car park and easy to reach from all parts.

## **PROPOSALS:**

**WQ: No change proposed for this area**

# STAINA WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WRA – Staina No.1	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Amounderness Electoral Division	4715	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WRA Staina No.1	St John's Church Hall, Stanah Road, Thornton Cleveleys	YES
WRB – Staina No.2	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Amounderness Electoral Division	243	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WRB Staina No.2	St John's Church Hall, Stanah Road, Thornton Cleveleys	YES

### Polling District WRA:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible by means of a ramp and is in a good central position within the polling district, well known and is easy to reach from all parts. However, the areas does get busy at peak times which means that there a small problem with insufficient car parking.

### Polling District WRB:

The polling place is wheelchair accessible. It is however located outside of the polling district, but as it is a very small district, this does not seem to cause any particular inconvenience. There is no alternative suitable building in the polling district.

### PROPOSALS:

**WRA: No change proposed for this area**

**WRB: No change proposed for this area**

# VICTORIA WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WSA – Victoria No.1	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	2087	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WSA Victoria No.1	Christ Church Hall, Meadows Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2TW	YES
WSB – Victoria No.2	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	2311	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WSB Victoria No.2	Senior Citizens Hall, 190 Victoria Road West, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 7JA	YES
WSC – Victoria No.3	Blackpool North and Cleveleys Constituency  Thornton Cleveleys Central Electoral Division	497	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WSC Victoria No.3	Christ Church Hall, Meadows Avenue, Thornton Cleveleys FY5 2TW	YES

### Polling District WSA:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district and has a car park. A large number of the electors do however, have to cross the busy A585 to get to the polling place, however there is no other alternative suitable building in the polling district.

### Polling District WSB:

The Senior Citizens Hall is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district, easy to reach and it is very well known to electors.

### **Polling District WSC:**

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible. It is however located just outside of the polling district, at the far north. Unfortunately the majority of the electors do have to travel some distance to the polling place across the busy A585 but unfortunately there is no alternative suitable building in the polling district.

Comments have been received about the distance of approx 1 mile that some electors have to travel within polling district WSA across the busy Amounderness Way to reach the polling place at the Church Hall on Meadows Avenue. It has been suggested that a mobile unit be sited on Swan Drive to provide easier access. Notwithstanding these comments the Returning Officer is very reluctant to use mobile units if not absolutely necessary. They are extremely costly to hire and set up and not ideal for disabled voters or the staff that have to work in them on polling day. He considers that the extra journey time required to get to the polling place at Christ Church Hall on Meadows Avenue, out weighs any benefits of siting a mobile unit at the location suggested.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WSA: No change proposed for this area**

**WSB: No change proposed for this area**

**WSC: No change proposed for this area**

# PREESALL NORTH WARD PREESALL SOUTH WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WTA – Preesall North	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>3308</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WTA Preesall North	Methodist Chapel Meeting Room, Lancaster Road, Knott End-on-Sea	<b>YES</b>
WTB – Preesall South	Lancaster and Fleetwood Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>1377</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WTB Preesall South	Bethel United Reformed Schoolroom, Lancaster Road, Preesall	<b>YES</b>

### Polling District WTA:

The Meeting Room is wheelchair accessible, is conveniently situated within the polling district, well-known has a car park and easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WTB:

The Church Schoolroom is wheelchair accessible and although situated at the northern most part of the polling district is well-known and has a car park.

### PROPOSALS:

**WTA: No change proposed for this area**

**WTB: No change proposed for this area**

# BROCK WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WU1– Myerscough and Bilsborrow	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>1444</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WU1- Myerscough and Bilsborrow	Bilsborrow Village Hall, Gastang Road, Bilsborrow	<b>YES</b>
WU2 – Claughton-on- Brock	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>513</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WU2 - Claughton on Brock	Claughton Memorial Hall, Stubbins Lane, Claughton-on- Brock PR3 0QH	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WU1:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible, is conveniently situated within the polling district, well-known has a car park and easy to reach from all parts.

### **Polling District WU2:**

The Memorial Hall is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district, well-known has a car park and easy to reach from all parts.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WU1: No change proposed for this area**

**WU2: No change proposed for this area**

# CABUS WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WV - Cabus	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	1326	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WV – Cabus	Cabus Village Hall, A6 Road, Cabus	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WV:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible and is in a central position within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WV: No change proposed for this area**

# CALDER WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WWA – Barnacre-with-Bonds No.1	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>412</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WWA – Barnacre-with-Bonds No.1	Village Hall, Calder Vale	<b>YES</b>
WWB – Barnacre-with-Bonds No.2	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>1265</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WWB – Barnacre-with-Bonds No.2	Ss Mary & Michael RC School, Castle Lane, Bonds, Garstang, Preston PR3 1RB	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WWA:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

### **Polling District WWB:**

The Primary School is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WWA: No change proposed for this area**

**WWB: No change proposed for this area**

# CATTERALL WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Other Election Area Information</b>	<b>Number of Electors as at 01/07/11</b>	<b>Polling District Description</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
WXA – Catterall	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>1798</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WXA – Catterall	Catterall Village Hall, Garstang Road, Catterall	<b>YES by means of a ramp</b>
WXB – Kirkland	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	<b>261</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WXB – Kirkland	Kirkland & Catterall Memorial Hall, The Avenue, Kirkland PR3 0HR	<b>YES</b>

### **Polling District WXA:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp and is conveniently situated within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts. The side hall has been used at all previous elections which is quite cramped. The main hall will therefore be used at future elections which is a lot more spacious with access to kitchen facilities.

### **Polling District WXB:**

The Memorial Hall is wheelchair accessible and although situated at the edge of the polling district, is well known to electors and has a good car park.

### **PROPOSALS:**

**WXA: No change proposed for this area other than the use of the main hall for all future elections.**

**WXB: No change proposed for this area**

# GARSTANG WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WYA – Garstang	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	3599	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WYA – Garstang	St Thomas's Parish Hall, Church Street, Garstang	YES
WYB – Nateby	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Garstang Electoral Division	426	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WYB – Nateby	Nateby County Primary School, Longmoor Lane, Nateby PR3 0JH	YES

### Polling District WYA:

The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible and is conveniently situated within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WYB:

The Primary School is wheelchair accessible is conveniently situated within the polling district and well known to electors.

Councillor Lady Atkins and Councillor Balmain have both suggested that the Polling station for WYA be moved to Garstang Community School, Birch Road, Garstang which has easy access and parking and is still in the heart of Garstang. The old St. Thomas's Parish Hall-the present polling station will almost certainly be sold or redeveloped in the near future, and the new church hall currently being built is still unfinished due to a number of problems.

Furthermore there are a number of electors who live within the parish of Nateby WYB but are located on the Garstang side of the A6. It would make sense for the following voters currently within WYB to be put into WYA.

Canterbury Close	25	properties
Canterbury Way	2	
Chester Close	8	
Derby Road	1	
Dorchester Road	2	
Green Lane	5	
Moss Lane	7	
Pennine Gardens	13	
York Grove	10	

All the above electors currently vote at Nateby Primary School some distance away. Since most of the rest of these roads already vote in Garstang, it would seem logical and sensible for these few electors to be allowed to vote there as well. In other words rationalise the parish boundaries so that WYB electors are put into WYA.

Notwithstanding the suggestions made by Councillor Lady Atkins and Councillor Balmain, the Returning Officer is not able to rationalise the boundary of the parish of Nateby as it is not within his power to do so.

It is however felt appropriate, that another polling district be created for the area detailed above as WYC and for these electors to vote at the polling place assigned to WYA. Furthermore the Returning Officer has considered the recommendation that the polling place for WYA be transferred to the Garstang Community School, Birch Road, Garstang. However, after careful consideration and discussions with the school it is felt that such a move would not be appropriate. The primary school is located at the far end of the polling district and not as central as that of St. Thomas's Parish Hall for the majority of electors within WYA. The school have advised that for security purposes it would need to close on election days causing a great deal of inconvenience and holidays have now been set until 2013. Furthermore the school does not employ a traditional caretaker but a contract cleaning firm and therefore envisage that difficulties would arise with opening and closing the school on election days.

## **PROPOSALS:**

**WYA: No change proposed for this area**

**WYB: No change proposed for this area**

**WYC: That a new polling district be created covering the following area and that the polling place for the area be allocated as that for WYA.**

<b>Canterbury Close</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>properties</b>
<b>Canterbury Way</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Chester Close</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Derby Road</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Dorchester Road</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Green Lane</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Moss Lane</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Pennine Gardens</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>York Grove</b>	<b>10</b>	

# GREAT ECCLESTON WARD

## Information relating to current polling districts and polling places

Polling District	Other Election Area Information	Number of Electors as at 01/07/11	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Disabled Access
WZA – Great Eccleston	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>1200</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WZA – Great Eccleston	Great Eccleston Women’s Institute, Chapel Lane, Great Eccleston	<b>YES</b>
WZB – Inskip-with-Sowerby	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>687</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WZB – Inskip-with-Sowerby	Young People’s Centre, Nelson Gardens, Inskip-with-Sowerby	<b>YES</b>
WZC – Out Rawcliffe	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>503</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WZC – Out Rawcliffe	Out Rawcliffe Village Hall, Crook Gate Lane, Out Rawcliffe	<b>YES</b>
WZD – Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	Wyre and Preston North Constituency  Wyreside Electoral Division	<b>514</b>	See attached schedule of streets and area covered by WZD – Upper Rawcliffe-with-Tarnacre	St. Michael’s Village Hall, Blackpool Road, St. Michael’s-on-Wyre	<b>YES</b>

### Polling District WZA:

The WI is wheelchair accessible and is in a central position within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

### Polling District WZB:

The YIP Centre is wheelchair accessible and is in a central position within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

**Polling District WZC:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible by means of ramp and is in a good central position within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

**Polling District WZD:**

The Village Hall is wheelchair accessible and is in a central position within the polling district, well known to electors, has a car park and is easy to reach from all parts.

**PROPOSALS:**

**WZA: No change proposed for this area**

**WZB: No change proposed for this area**

**WZC: No change proposed for this area**

**WZD: No change proposed for this area**