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Revised Polling Arrangements as a Consequence of the City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016

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Executive Summary

The City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 came into force on 30 September 2016, dividing the city into 17 wards. There are to be five wards with three members and twelve with four members. Following the elections on 4 May 2017 this will increase councillor numbers by 5 from 58 to 63 councillors. To accommodate the increased number of councillors and align wards better with local communities, the boundaries of all 17 wards have also been changed to some degree.

The Council must ensure under these revised ward boundaries that there are appropriate facilities to allow every elector to vote. The structure of polling districts and their associated polling places has therefore been reviewed. This report identifies a number of proposed revisions to polling arrangements. These would apply at the local government elections on 4 May 2017. There has been consultation with elected members, the public and disability groups. This is an interim proposal with a full review of polling facilities scheduled for late 2018.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 To note that the City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 changed the boundaries of all 17 Wards of the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 1.2 To note that a review of polling districts and places has been undertaken to ensure that polling facilities continue to support participation in the democratic process, with polling places being appropriately sited and accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities.
- 1.3 To note that elected members and the public have been consulted on revised arrangements for polling districts and places.
- 1.4 To approve the set of polling districts and polling places detailed in the Appendices.

2. Background

- 2.1 As reported to Council on 27 October 2016 Scottish Ministers recently made the City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016, which came into effect on 30 September 2016. These new electoral arrangements will apply to the local government elections with polling on 4 May 2017.
- 2.2 The Order addressed both councillor numbers and ward design. Overall councillor numbers have been increased to 63 in line with the Boundary Commission's methodology which takes account of the urban nature of Edinburgh, the number of electors per councillor and below average levels of deprivation. The design of the 17 wards was also revised with boundaries of each adjusted to reflect the new number of councillors and achieve a better fit with local communities.
- 2.3 Local authorities have a duty to divide their area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. The aim is to ensure the optimal facilities for voting to support turnout in electoral events. The polling arrangements should support participation in the political process, with polling places accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities. Councils must also review these arrangements regularly to ensure that all electors have reasonable and accessible facilities for voting.

- 2.4 The current set of polling arrangements were agreed by Council on 12 December 2013 based on the previous ward boundaries. These are no longer valid under the new ward structure as parts of polling districts across the city have transferred from one ward to a neighbouring ward.
- 2.5 A review of the division of wards into polling districts and the allocation of a polling place for each has therefore been undertaken on the basis of the new ward structure. This is an interim review in response to the City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act (2013) requires a full review of arrangements every five years and a full review is still planned to meet this schedule in late 2018.

3. Main report

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

- 3.1 This limited review of polling districts and polling places within the City of Edinburgh Council area has been undertaken in response to the revised ward boundaries that will apply from 4 May 2017.
- 3.2 The aim of the review was to ensure that all the electors have as reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities.
- 3.3 The review included officers from the City of Edinburgh Council and from the Electoral Registration Officer's staff. Data sources used in the review included:
- maps of the current wards, polling districts and polling places;
 - maps of the new wards;
 - input from the Electoral Registration Officer, including feedback on new building developments;
 - feedback from polling staff at recent electoral events;
 - feedback from voters and interest groups; and
 - turnout data from recent electoral events.
- 3.4 The full review, scheduled for 2018, will take into account this information plus a predictive analysis of population growth across the city and more detailed information from Planning regarding infrastructure shifts in the City.

Polling Districts

- 3.5 On the basis of this information the current arrangement of polling districts was assessed to ensure that it continues to offer an appropriate division of the area to support the participation of electors, promoting maximum turnout. Wherever possible natural neighbourhoods and recognised community boundaries are followed. Effort is made to avoid obstacles that might prevent voters from easily accessing a polling place such as busy roads or steep hills and to ensure that voters can travel across a polling district by foot to reach a polling place reasonably easily.

Polling Places

- 3.6 A building must be designated as a polling place for each district. The current set of polling places for the city was assessed on the basis of location, capacity, availability and accessibility. The aim is to use fully accessible buildings, located conveniently for all voters, available for use in the event of any scheduled or unscheduled poll, with sufficient capacity to accommodate as many polling stations as may be required for the electorate of the district. It is not always possible to identify ideal premises in each area, so the best available options are chosen. For example, reasonable adjustments such as ramps may be needed to support access or exceptionally it may be appropriate to designate a place that is outwith the district.

The Use of Schools

- 3.7 For the purpose of polling the Returning Officer is entitled to use, free of charge rooms within local authority schools. The closure of a school to allow polling can interrupt the pupils' education and pose challenges for parents and carers in terms of childcare. In many cases schools are often the best location for polling in a district.
- 3.8 To support this in recent years the Director of Communities and Families has designated a staff "in service training day" in all City of Edinburgh schools on the day of poll for all fixed term elections where the dates are well-known in advance. This includes elections to the UK Parliament, the Scottish Parliament and the City of Edinburgh Council. Aligning an existing in service training day with the day of poll has reduced the cost of the hire of polling places and minimised the overall disruption to pupils' education.
- 3.9 This interim review has not proposed any amendment to the approach to the use of schools as polling places and the policy will be included in the scheduled review of polling arrangements in 2018.

Proposed New Polling Districts and Polling Places

- 3.10 A revised set of polling arrangements has been created for the City of Edinburgh Council area taking account of the new ward boundaries. Wherever possible existing polling arrangements have been maintained to avoid disruption to electors or confusion which could impact on turnout. The focus is always on promoting the best interests for the voter.
- 3.11 The polling scheme takes account of all relevant electoral boundaries aligning with UK Parliament constituencies and Scottish Parliament constituencies as well as council wards. Effort is made to allow electors to vote in the same place whatever the election.
- 3.12 The proposed revised arrangements allow for a total of 143 polling places. These are listed in appendix 1 which contains, by ward, a note of the proposed polling districts and the polling place allocated to each.

- 3.13 The opportunity has been taken to achieve a small reduction from the 145 places that have been used for recent elections with a potential saving in the total cost of polling place hire as a consequence.
- 3.14 Maps of the 17 Wards in the City of Council area as created by the City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 are presented in appendix 2. These maps show the division of the wards into polling districts, with the polling place for each district clearly identified on the map.
- 3.15 An analysis is provided at Appendix 3 of each ward showing the transfers of streets and individual properties between polling districts as a consequence of this review.
- 3.16 Where any polling place is changed signage will be placed at the new and former polling places on the next polling day. The change will also be highlighted on poll cards and in a schedule of other targeted communications.

Consultation

- 3.17 This review is an interim measure in reaction to the revised ward boundaries implemented by Scottish Ministers, pending the full review in 2018. However even in a limited review, consultation with a range of voters and elected members is necessary to support a scheme that best fits the needs of all electors.
- 3.18 A limited programme of consultation has been undertaken with the public and elected members, focussing on any proposed changes to polling places as these are the direct elements that impact on the voter experience. Maps of the proposed new polling arrangements have been displayed publicly and on the council website. There has also been direct engagement with elected members given their knowledge of their local wards and issues that might affect voters. Members were encouraged to discuss the review with constituents and local interest groups. The review has also been highlighted to disability groups in the city some of whom have offered comment.
- 3.19 The public notice of the review is given in Appendix 4 which stated the deadline for responses and how comment should be provided. Comments were received from a number of stakeholders including elected members. As a result a number of the initial proposals have been revised to take account of suggestions to improve polling arrangements. Some other comments were noted and considered but did not lead to proposals being revised. A number of comments were received with respect to the continued use of schools as polling places. As above this policy will be reviewed at the next scheduled review.

Future review of polling districts and boundaries

- 3.20 A full statutory review of all polling districts and polling places within the city must be undertaken every five years. The next full review in Edinburgh is scheduled for the autumn of 2018 and will still go ahead. This interim review will not affect that schedule, with the 2018 review being an opportunity to address wider policy issues for example around the use of schools and to address any major demographic trends and areas of new building.

4. Measures of success

4.1 Not applicable

5. Financial impact

5.1 Not applicable

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 Not applicable

7. Equalities impact

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 Not applicable.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 Not applicable

10. Background reading/external references

The City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ssi/2016/270/made>

Review of polling districts and places 2016: Information, notice of consultation, briefing note and maps relating to the review.

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/2038/review_of_polling_districts_and_places_2016

Electoral Commission Guidance on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

<http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/electoral-administrator/polling-place-reviews>

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11. Links

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Appendices

1 List of Proposed Polling Districts and Polling Places by Ward

2 Maps of the Wards of the City of Edinburgh Council showing proposed polling districts and polling places are available for download on the council website at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pollingreview>

3 An analysis by ward showing streets and properties transferring between polling districts

4 Public Notice of the consultation on the review of revised polling arrangements

Appendix 1 List of Proposed Polling Districts and Polling Places by Ward

Ward No.	Ward Name	Polling District	Polling Place	Comments
1	Almond	WW01A	Echline Primary School	No change
		WW01B	Queensferry Primary School	No change
		WW01C	Dalmeny Parish Church Hall	No change
		WW01D	Kirkliston Community Centre	No change
		WW01E	Cramond Primary School	Gains Pinegrove Gardens from WW03E
		WW01F	Holy Cross Episcopal Church Hall	No change
		WW01G	Hillwood Primary School	Gains area at Gogar roundabout (WW03E) – no electors
		WW01H	Muirhouse Millennium Centre	Gains whole ward from Forth (previously WW04A)
		WW01I	North Edinburgh Arts Centre	Gains whole ward from Forth (previously WW04B)
		SWW01Z	no electors	Gains area at Hermiston roundabout (SWP07A) – no electors
2	Pentland Hills	SWP02B	Heriot-Watt University	Gains area at Hermiston and Calder roundabouts (SWP07A) – no electors
		SWP02C	Juniper Green Parish Church Hall	No change
		SWP02D	Clovenstone Community Centre	Gains Kingsknowe Golf course (SWP02E)
		SWP02F	Gibson Craig Halls	No changes

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		SWP02G	Currie Library	No changes
		SWP02H	Balerno Parish Church	No changes
		SWP02I	Sighthill Primary School	Gains Westburn Grove/Park from SWP07H (previously SWP07G)
		SWP02J	The Bridge Cafe, Holy Trinity Church	Gains Wester Hailes Education Centre from SWP07H and side road at Dumbryden Road from SWP07N (previously SWP07M)
		WP02A	Ratho Community Centre	No changes
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	SWW03G	Lothian Valuation Joint Board Office	No changes
		SWW03H	Mobile Polling Station	Gains whole district from Corstorphine/Murrayfield (previously SWW06J)
		WW03A	East Craig's Church Centre	Gains Barntongate Avenue from WW03B
		WW03B	Munro Community Centre	Loses Pinegrove Gardens to WW01E and Barntongate Avenue to WW03A
		WW03C	The Rannoch Centre	Loses Care Home at Ardshiel Avenue from WW03D
		WW03D	Fox Covert Primary School	Gains Care Home at Ardshiel Avenue from WW03C
		WW03E	Craigsbank Church Hall	Loses area at Gogar roundabout to WW01G – no electors
		WW03F	Gylemuir Primary School	Loses Gylemuir Road and Westerbroom to create new district of WW06K
4	Forth	NN04C	West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre	No changes

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		NN04D	Prentice Centre	No changes
		NN04E	Royston Wardieburn Community Centre	No changes
		NN04F	Granton Primary School, New Annex	No changes
		NN04G	Wardie Residents Club	No changes
		NN04H	Inverleith St Serf's Church	No changes
		NN04I	Victoria Primary School	Gains Main Street, Annfield and Jessfield from NN13A. Gains Hawthornvale from NN13B. Polling place changed to Victoria Primary School (previously Newhaven Church).
		NN04J	Trinity Primary School	Gains part of Industry Lane from NN13B
5	Inverleith	NC05D	Scottish Health Service Centre	No changes
		NC05G	St Stephen's Comely Bank Church	No changes
		NC05H	Stockbridge Parish Church	Loses India Street to NC11A
		NC05I	Bellevue Chapel	No changes
		NC05J	Bristo Baptist Church Hall	Loses Blinkbonny, Belford and Ravelston to NC06L

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		NN05F	St James' Episcopal Church Hall	Gains St Mark's Park from NN12C
		NW05E	Blackhall St Columba's Church Hall	No changes
		WC05L	Blackhall St Columba's – Local Govt elections and Holiday Inn Edinburgh City West for other elections	Newly created Polling District (1 property) from WC06C.
		WW05A	Blackhall Library	No changes
		WW05B	Blackhall Primary School	No changes
		WW05C	Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre	No changes
6	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	NC06L	Holiday Inn Edinburgh City West	Newly created from part of NC05J (Blinkbonny, Belford and Ravelston)
		WC06C	Holiday Inn Edinburgh City West	Loses 1 property to create new polling district of WC06C.
		WC06D	Murrayfield Parish Church Centre	No changes
		WC06G	Saughton Crescent Scout Hall	No changes
		WC06H	Roseburn Primary School	Merges with WC05K. Loses Wester Coates and Stanhope Place area to WC11D.
		WW06A	Corstorphine St Ninian's Church Hall	No changes

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		WW06B	St Anne's Parish Church Hall	No changes
		WW06E	10th Craigmmond Scout Hall	No changes
		WW06F	Carrickknowe Primary School	No changes
		WW06I	Carrickknowe Parish Church Hall	No changes
		WW06K	Gylemuir Primary School	Newly created polling district from part of WW03F.
7	Sighthill / Gorgie	SWC07D	Gorgie War Memorial Hall	No changes
		SWC07E	Gorgie Dalry Parish Church Hall	No changes
		SWC07F	Dalry Primary School	No changes
		SWP07A	St David's Church Hall	Loses Hermiston junction area to SWW01Z and SWP02B
		SWP07H	Murrayburn Primary School	Merges with SWP07I. Gate 55 polling place no longer needed.
		SWP07J	Stenhouse Primary School	No changes
		SWP07N	Longstone Primary School	Loses side road at Dumbryden Road to SWP02J. Gains unnamed access road bordering Union Canal from SWP02J.
		WP07B	Carrickvale Community Education Centre	No changes

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8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	SP08D	Buckstone Primary School	Loses area at Swan & Fox Spring Avenue/Pentland streets to SP10K. New polling place (previously St Fillan's).
		SP08G	Fairmilehead Parish Church Hall	No changes
		SWP08A	St Cuthbert's Episcopal Church Hall	Loses Dreghorn Link housing estate to SWP08F. Loses area to redraw boundary around new housing estate to SWP08E.
		SWP08B	St John's Colinton Mains Church	Polling place changes
		SWP08C	Pentland Primary School	No changes
		SWP08E	Dreghorn Loan Church Hall	Gains area to redraw boundary around new housing estate from SWP08A.
		SWP08F	Pentland Community Centre	Gains Dreghorn Link housing estate from SWP08A.
		SWS08H	St John's Colinton Mains Church for Local Govt and Craiglockhart Parish Church for all other elections	Newly created from part of SWS09G
9	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	SS09H	Greenbank Church Hall	No changes
		SWC09D	Tollcross Primary School	Loses Semple Street and Lower Gilmore Place to SWC10D and SWC11F.
		SWP09I	Kingsknowe Golf Club *NEW*	Loses Kingsknowe Golf Course to SWP02D (previously SWP02E)
		SWS09A	St Cuthbert's Church Hall	Merges with SWS07K.

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		SWS09B	Craiglockhart Primary School	No changes
		SWS09C	Fountainbridge Library	No changes
		SWS09E	Boroughmuir Rugby & Sports Club	No changes
		SWS09G	Craiglockhart Parish Church Hall	Loses area at Firrhill High School to create new polling district SWS08H
10	Morningside	EC10E	James Gillespie's Primary School for Local Govt elections and Novotel Edinburgh Centre for all other elections	Loses all properties apart from part of Warrender Park Crescent to EC11L. Change to polling place.
		SP10K	St Fillan's Church Hall	Newly created from part of SP08D
		SS10B	Polwarth Parish Church	Merged with SS09F
		SS10C	Morningside United Main Church Hall	No changes
		SS10F	Church Hill Theatre - Studio	Loses properties around Newbattle Terrace/Clinton Road to SS15F
		SS10G	James Gillespie's Primary School	Loses properties around Strathearn Road/Thirlestane Lane to SS15F
		SS10H	South Morningside Primary School	
		SS10I	Morningside Parish Church Halls	No changes

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		SS10J	Greenbank Church Hall	No changes
		SWC10D	Barclay Viewforth Church	Gains area around Gilmore Place from SWC09D.
		SWS10A	Church of Jesus Christ of LDS	No changes
11	City Centre	EC11G	Lauriston Halls	No changes
		EC11H	Lothian Chambers	Loses properties at Nicolson Street to EC15A
		EC11J	Waverley Court	No changes
		EC11L	Novotel Edinburgh Centre	Newly created from part of EC10E
		EC11M	Braidwood Community Centre	Newly created from part of EC15A(Dumbiedykes/Viewcraig)
		EE11K	Waverley Court for Local Govt and Abbeyhill Primary School for all other elections	Loses all properties east of Palace of Holyrood House to EE14D
		NC11A	The Roxburghe	Gains India Street from NC05H
		NC11B	Cafe Camino, St. Mary's Parish Centre	No changes
		NC11C	Cafe Camino, St. Mary's Parish Centre	No changes

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		NC11E	Walpole Hall	No changes
		SWC11F	Tollcross Primary School	Gains part of SWC09D and SWC10D (Semple Street and Lochrin place area). Previous polling place was Tollcross Community Centre.
		WC11D	Apex Haymarket Hotel	Gains part of WC06H (Wester Coates and Stanhope Place area)
12	Leith Walk	EN12G	Pilmenny Youth Centre	No changes
		EN12H	Norton Park Conference Centre	No changes
		EN12K	Holyrood Abbey Church Hall	Loses Montrose Terrace and Norton Place to create new polling district EN14L
		NN12A	Holy Cross RC Primary School	No changes
		NN12B	Ebenezer United Free Church Hall	No changes
		NN12C	Royal Navy & Royal Marine Assoc. & Club	Loses parts of Warriston Road to NN05F
		NN12D	Broughton Nursery	No changes
		NN12E	Pilrig St Paul's Church Hall	No changes
		NN12F	Lorne Primary School	No changes
		NN12I	McDonald Road Library	No changes

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		NN12J	Leith Walk Primary School	No changes
13	Leith	EN13E	Hermitage Park Primary School	No changes
		NN13A	Victoria Primary School Annex	Loses Main Street, Annfield and Jessfield to NN04I.
		NN13B	North Leith Parish Church Hall	Loses Hawthornvale to NN04I. Loses part of Industry Lane to NN04J.
		NN13C	St Mary's (Leith) RC Primary School	No changes
		NN13D	South Leith Parish Church Halls	No changes
14	Craigentinny / Duddingston	EE14A	St Ninian's RC Church Hall	Loses part of Restalrig and Finlays to EE14M
		EE14B	Craigentinny Community Centre	No changes
		EE14C	Wilson Memorial Church	Gains area south of Telferton from EE17A
		EE14D	Abbeyhill Primary School	Gains all properties east of Palace of Holyrood House from EE11K
		EE14F	New Restalrig Parish Church Hall	No changes
		EE14G	Northfield/Willowbrae Community Centre	No changes
		EE14H	Parson's Green Nursery School	Gains part of EE14J (Cavalry Park Drive and Duddingston Golf Course)
		EE14M	Restalrig Lochend Community Hub	Newly created from whole of EE13F and part of EE14A (Restalrig and Finlays)

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		EN14K	Norton Park Conference Centre	Newly created from EN12H (West Kilnacre and Hawkhill Close)
		EN14L	Abbeyhill Primary School for Local Govt elections and Holyrood Abbey Church for all other elections	Newly created polling district EN12K (Montrose Terrace and Norton Place)
15	Southside / Newington	EC15A	Southside Community Centre	Created from whole of EC15B and part of EC15A. Previous polling place Braidwood Community Centre.
		EC15C	Nelson Hall Community Centre	No changes
		ES15H	Cameron House Community Education Centre	Merged with ES16C. Loses are at Forckenford to ES17M.
		SS15D	St Catherine's Argyle Church	No changes
		SS15F	Marchmont St Giles' Parish Church	Gains properties around Newbattle Terrace/Clinton Road from SS10F and properties around Strathearn Road/Thirlestane Lane from SS10G
		SS15G	Mayfield Salisbury Church Hall	No changes
		SS15I	Reid Memorial Church Hall	No changes
		SS15J	Liberton Primary School	Newly created from parts of SS16A and SS16B north of Double Hedges Row and Glenallan Drive
16	Liberton /	EE16L	Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre	No changes

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	Gilmerton	SE16D	Goodtrees Neighbourhood Centre	No changes
		SE16F	TA Centre	No changes
		SE16G	South Neighbourhood Office	No changes
		SE16H	Liberton Kirk Halls	No changes
		SE16I	Liberton Northfield Church Hall	No changes
		SE16J	Valley Park Community Centre	No changes
		SE16K	Gilmerton Community Centre	No changes
		SS16A	St John Vianney RC Primary School	Loses area north of Double Hedges Row and Glenallan Drive
		SS16B	St Gregory's RC Church Hall	Loses area north of Double Hedges Row and Glenallan Drive
		SS16E	Liberton Kirk Halls	No changes
17	Portobello / Craigmillar	EE17A	Portobello Town Hall	Loses area south of Telferton to EE14C
		EE17B	St John's RC Primary School	Merged with part of EE14J
		EE17C	St Philip's Church Hall	No changes
		EE17D	Bingham Community Centre	No changes

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		EE17E	Brunstane Primary School	Loses new housing estate next to Newcraighall area to EE17K
		EE17G	East Neighbourhood Centre	No changes
		EE17J	Hays Community Business Centre	No changes
		EE17K	Newcraighall Primary School	Gains new housing estate next to Newcraighall area from EE17E
		ES17M	East Neighbourhood Centre	Gains area around Forkenford from EE15H
		SE17L	East Neighbourhood Centre	No changes

APPENDIX 3 - Properties and streets that transferring between Polling Districts

New Ward No.	Properties transferring between Polling Districts
1	<p>WW01E - Gains the following properties from WW03B</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Queensferry Road (Part) Odds 559-567 Pinegrove Gardens (All) Maybury Road (Part) Odds 1-15</p> <p>WW01H (New PD) – Gains all content from WW04A</p> <p>WW01I (New PD) – Gains all content from WW04B</p>
2	<p>SWP02I (New PD) – Gains all content from SWP07G</p> <p>SWP02I (New PD) – Also gains the following properties from SWP07H</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Westburn Grove (All) Westburn Park (All)</p> <p>SWP02J (New PD) – Gains all content from SWP07M</p> <p>SWP02E – Gives all properties to SWP09I (New PD)</p>
3	<p>WW03B - Gives the following properties to WW01E</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Queensferry Road (Part) Odds 559-567 Pinegrove Gardens (All) Maybury Road (Part) Odds 1-15</p> <p>SWW03H (New PD) – Gains all content from SWW06J</p> <p>WW03F – Gives the following properties to WW06K (New PD)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pentland Hill Nursing Home, 23 Gylemuir Road Broomhall Drive (All) Gylemuir Road (All) Lamont Place (All) Meadow Place Road (All) South Gyle Road Odds 1-43 and Evens 2-20 Wester Broom Avenue (All) Wester Broom Drive (All)</p>

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	<p>Wester Broom Gardens (All) Wester Broom Grove (All) Wester Broom Place (All) Wester Broom Terrace (All)</p> <p>WW03A – Gains the following properties from WW03B (consequential amendment following consultation)</p> <p>Barntongate Avenue (Evens) Blackthorn Court (All) Drumbrae North (Numbers 4 and 6 only)</p>
4	<p>WW04A – Gives all content to WW01H (New PD)</p> <p>WW04B – Gives all content to WW01I (New (PD)</p> <p>NN04I - Gains all properties Except the following from NN13A</p> <p>Fairbairn Place (All) Glenarm Place (All) Goosander Place (All) Goosander Street (All) Lindsay Road (Part) Odds 123-131 Melrose Drive (All) Newhaven Place (Part) Evens only Sandpiper Road (All) Western Harbour Breakwater (All) Western Harbour Drive (All) Western Harbour Midway (All) Western Harbour Place (All) Western Harbour Terrace (All) Western Harbour View (All) Western Harbour Way (All) Windrush Drive (All)</p> <p>NN04J – Gains the following properties from NN13B</p> <p>Hawthornvale number 43 only Newhaven Road (All) Evens 194-218</p>
5	<p>WC05L (New PD) - Gains only one property from WC06C</p> <p>195 Queensferry Road</p>

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	<p>NN05F – Gains the following properties from NN12C</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Warriston Road numbers 15 -26 inclusive</p> <p>WC05K – Gives all content to residual part of WC06H</p> <p>NC05H – Gives the following properties to NC11A</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">India Street 56-58 Evens</p> <p>NC05J – Gives the following properties to NC06L (New PD)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Back Dean (All) Belford Avenue (All) Belford Gardens (All) Blinkbonny Avenue (All) Blinkbonny Gardens (All) Blinkbonny Grove (All) Blinkbonny Grove West (All) Blinkbonny Road (All) Craigleith Drive (All) Crarae Avenue (All) Garscube Terrace (Janitor’s House, St George’s School) Orchard Road South (All) Queensferry Terrace (All) Ravelston Dykes (All) Ravelston Park (All) Ravelston Place (All) Ravelston Terrace (All)</p>
6	<p>WW06K (New PD) – Gains the following properties from WW03F</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Pentland Hill Nursing Home, 23 Gylemuir Road Broomhall Drive (All) Gylemuir Road (All) Lamont Place (All) Meadow Place Road (All) South Gyle Road Odds 1-43 and Evens 2-20 Wester Broom Avenue (All) Wester Broom Drive (All) Wester Broom Gardens (All)</p>

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	<p>Wester Broom Grove (All) Wester Broom Place (All) Wester Broom Terrace (All)</p> <p>NC06L (New PD) – Gains the following properties from NC05J</p> <p>Back Dean (All) Belford Avenue (All) Belford Gardens (All) Blinkbonny Avenue (All) Blinkbonny Gardens (All) Blinkbonny Grove (All) Blinkbonny Grove West (All) Blinkbonny Road (All) Craigleith Drive (All) Crarae Avenue (All) Garscube Terrace (Janitor’s House, St George’s School) Orchard Road South (All) Queensferry Terrace (All) Ravelston Dykes (All) Ravelston Park (All) Ravelston Place (All) Ravelston Terrace (All)</p> <p>SWW06J – Gives all content to SWW03H (New PD)</p> <p>WC06H – Gives the following properties to WC11D</p> <p>Balbirnie Place (All) Borthwick Place (All) Carberry Place (All) Catherine Place West (All) Devon Place (All) Hampton Place (All) Hampton Terrace (All) Kew Terrace (All) Osborne Terrace (All) Pembroke Place (All) Stanhope Place (All) Stanhope Street (All) Sutherland Street (All) West Coates (All)</p>

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	<p>West Stanhope Place (All) Wester Coates Avenue (All) Wester Coates Gardens (All) Wester Coates Place (All) Wester Coates Road (All) Wester Coates Terrace (All)</p> <p>WC06H (Residual part) - Gains all content from WC05K</p> <p>WC06C - Gives only one property to WC05L (New PD)</p> <p>195 Queensferry Road</p>
7	<p>SWP07G – Gives all content to SWP02I (New PD)</p> <p>SWP07H – Gives the following properties to SWP02I (New PD)</p> <p>Westburn Grove (All) Westburn Park (All)</p> <p>SWP07I – All content to merge with the remainder of SWP07H</p> <p>SWP07M – Gives all content to SWP02J (New PD)</p> <p>SWS07K – Gives all content to SWS09A</p>
8	<p>SP08D – Gives the following properties to SP10K (New PD)</p> <p>Braid Road (Part) Evens only Buckstane Park (All) Comiston Grove (All) Comiston Rise (All) Comiston Springs Avenue (All) Comiston View (All) Fox Spring Crescent (All) Fox Spring Rise (All) Pentland Crescent (All) Pentland Gardens (All) Pentland Grove (All) Pentland Terrace (All) Swan Spring Avenue (Part) All properties <u>except</u> numbers 63, 65 and 67 NB. 54 Oxgangs Avenue (Oxgangs Young Peoples Centre) which is currently in SWP08C should be in SP08D</p>

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	<p>SWS08H (New PD) – Gains the following properties from SWS09G</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Oxgangs Road North numbers 5, 7, 115 and 117 only</p> <p>SWP08F – Gains the following properties from SWP08A (consequential amendment following consultation)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Dreghorn Link (Part) Evens 28-44</p>
9	<p>SS09F – Gives all content to SS10B</p> <p>SWP09I (New PD)– Gains all properties from SWP02E</p> <p>SWS09A – Gains all content from SWS07K</p> <p>SWC09D – Gives the following properties to SWC10D</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Gilmore Place (Part) Evens 82-102 Rope Walk (All) St Peters Buildings (All) St Peters Place (All)</p> <p>SWC09D – Also gives the following properties to SWC11F</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chalmers Buildings (All) Fountainbridge (Part) Odds 97-125 and Evens 52-96 Gardners Crescent (Part) 1-34 inclusive Gilmore Place (Part) Evens *48-80 Leamington Road (All) Lothian Road (All) Lower Gilmore Bank (All) Lower Gilmore Place (All) Morrison Street (All) Ponton Street (All) Port Hamilton (All) West Tollcross (All)</p> <p>SWS09G – Gives the following properties to SWS08H (New PD)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Oxgangs Road North numbers 5, 7, 115 and 117 only</p>

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10	<p>Ward name to change from Meadows/Morningside to Morningside</p> <p>EC10E – Gives all properties except the following to EC11L (New PD)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Warrender Park Crescent (Part) numbers 22-32 inclusive</p> <p>SP10K (New PD) – Gains the following properties from SP08D</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Braid Road (Part) Evens only Buckstane Park (All) Comiston Grove (All) Comiston Rise (All) Comiston Springs Avenue (All) Comiston View (All) Fox Spring Crescent (All) Fox Spring Rise (All) Pentland Crescent (All) Pentland Gardens (All) Pentland Grove (All) Pentland Terrace (All) Swan Spring Avenue (Part) All properties Except numbers 63, 65 and 67</p> <p>SS10B – Gains all content from SS09F</p> <p>SS10F - Gives the following properties to SS15F</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Canaan Lane (Part) Even numbers *60, 64 and 70/1-70/5 *(These numbers are currently incorrectly included in PD SS10I) Clinton Road (All) Fairholm Mews (All) Newbattle Road (Part) Numbers 17 and 92 (Norwood House) only Whitehouse Loan (Part) Evens 134-172* *Number 172 Whitehouse Loan is currently incorrectly included in SS10G Woodcroft Road (All)</p> <p>SS10G – Gives the following properties to SS15F</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Strathearn Road (Part) Evens 20-86 Strathfillan Road (All)</p> <p>SWC10D – Gains the following properties from SWC09D</p>

New Ward No.	Properties transferring between Polling Districts
	<p>Gilmore Place (Part) Evens 82-102 Rope Walk (All) St Peters Buildings (All) St Peters Place (All)</p> <p>SWC10D – Gives the following properties to SWC11F</p> <p>St Josephs House, 43 Gilmore Place Bruntsfield Place (Part) Numbers 3-46 inclusive Gillespie Crescent (All) Gillespie Place (All) Gillespie Street (All) Gilmore Place (Part) Odds up and including 95 Hailes Street (All) Leamington Place (All) Leamington Terrace (Part) Odds 1-21 Leven Close (All) Leven Street (All) Lochrin Buildings (All) Lochrin Place (All) Lochrin Terrace (All) Upper Gilmore Place (All) Upper Gilmore Terrace (All) West Tollcross (All)</p>
11	<p>EC11H – Gives the following properties to EC15A</p> <p>Nicolson Street (Part) Flats at Number 5 only *Potterrow (Part) Flats at 16-18 although these are already included in EC15A South College Street (All)</p> <p>EC11L (New PD) - Gains all properties Except the following from EC10E</p> <p>Warrender Park Crescent (Part) numbers 22-32 inclusive</p> <p>EC11M (New PD) – Gains the following properties from EC15A</p> <p>Dumbiedykes Road (All) Holyrood Court, Dumbiedykes Road (All) Lochview Court, Dumbiedykes Road (All) Holyrood Road (All) Viewcraig Gardens (All)</p>

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	<p>Viewcraig Street (All)</p> <p>EE11K – Gives all properties Except the following to EE14D</p> <p>Croft-An-Righ (All) *Holyrood Palace has no domestic properties or electors</p> <p>NC11A - Gains the following properties from NC05H</p> <p>India Street 56-58 Evens *(These appear to already be included in NC11A?)</p> <p>SWC11F – Gains the following properties from SWC09D</p> <p>Chalmers Buildings (All) Fountainbridge (Part) Odds 97-125 and Evens 52-96 Gardners Crescent (Part) 1-34 inclusive Gilmore Place (Part) Evens *48-80 Leamington Road (All) Lothian Road (All) Lower Gilmore Bank (All) Lower Gilmore Place (All) Morrison Street (All) Ponton Street (All) Port Hamilton (All) West Tollcross (All)</p> <p>SWC11F – Also gains the following properties from SWC10D</p> <p>St Josephs House, 43 Gilmore Place Bruntsfield Place (Part) Numbers 3-46 inclusive Gillespie Crescent (All) Gillespie Place (All) Gillespie Street (All) Gilmore Place (Part) Odds up and including 95 Hailes Street (All) Leamington Place (All) Leamington Terrace (Part) Odds 1-21 Leven Close (All) Leven Street (All) Lochrin Buildings (All) Lochrin Place (All) Lochrin Terrace (All)</p>

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	<p>Upper Gilmore Place (All) Upper Gilmore Terrace (All) West Tollcross (All)</p> <p>WC11D – Gains the following properties from WC06H</p> <p>Balbirnie Place (All) Borthwick Place (All) Carberry Place (All) Catherine Place West (All) Devon Place (All) Hampton Place (All) Hampton Terrace (All) Kew Terrace (All) Osborne Terrace (All) Pembroke Place (All) Stanhope Place (All) Stanhope Street (All) Sutherland Street (All) West Coates (All) West Stanhope Place (All) Wester Coates Avenue (All) Wester Coates Gardens (All) Wester Coates Place (All) Wester Coates Road (All) Wester Coates Terrace (All)</p>
12	<p>EN12H – Gives the following properties to EN14K</p> <p>Hawkhill Close (All) Lochend Butterfly Way (All) Blocks 32 and 34 West Kilnacre (All) numbers 4-6 inclusive</p> <p>EN12K – Gives the following properties to EN14L (New PD)</p> <p>Montrose Terrace (All) Norton Place East (All) Norton Place West (All)</p> <p>NN12C - Gives the following properties to NN05F</p> <p>Warriston Road numbers 15 -26 inclusive</p>

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13	<p>EE13F – Gives all content to EE14M (New PD)</p> <p>NN13A - Gives all properties Except the following to NN04I</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Fairbairn Place (All) Glenarm Place (All) Goosander Place (All) Goosander Street (All) Lindsay Road (Part) Odds 123-131 Melrose Drive (All) Newhaven Place (Part) Evens only Sandpiper Road (All) Western Harbour Breakwater (All) Western Harbour Drive (All) Western Harbour Midway (All) Western Harbour Place (All) Western Harbour Terrace (All) Western Harbour View (All) Western Harbour Way (All) Windrush Drive (All)</p> <p>NN13B – Gives the following properties to NN04J</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Hawthornvale number 43 only Newhaven Road (All) Evens 194-218</p>
14	<p>EE14A – North section to be merged with EE14M (New PD).</p> <p>The following properties to move from EE14A to EE14M (New PD)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Findlay Avenue (All) Findlay Cottages (All) Findlay Gardens (All) Findlay Grove (All) Findlay Medway (All) Lochend Avenue (All) Lochend Square (All) Restalrig Crescent (All) Restalrig Road South (Part) Odds 137-161 and Evens 176-198 Restalrig Square (All) Sleigh Drive (Part) Odds only</p> <p>EE14D– Gains all properties Except the following from EE11K</p>

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	<p>Croft-An-Righ (All) *Holyrood Palace has no domestic properties or electors</p> <p>EE14J – Gives all properties Except the following to EE17B</p> <p>Abercorn Cottages (All) Cavalry Park Drive (All) Duddingston Road West (All) Meadowfield Avenue (All) Meadowfield Drive (All) Meadowfield Gardens (All) Meadowfield Terrace (All) Old Church Lane (All) The Causeway (All) Woodlands Grove (All)</p> <p>EE14J - The remainder of EE14J (see above) to be merged with EE14H EE14K (New PD) - Gains the following properties from EN12H</p> <p>Hawkhill Close (All) Lochend Butterfly Way (All) Blocks 32 and 34 West Kilnacre (All) numbers 4-6 inclusive</p> <p>EE14L (New PD) - Gains the following properties from EN12K</p> <p>Montrose Terrace (All) Norton Place East (All) Norton Place West (All)</p> <p>EE14M (New PD) – Gains all content from EE13F</p>
15	<p>EC15A - Gains the following properties from EC11H</p> <p>Nicolson Street (Part) Flats at Number 5 only *Potterrow (Part) Flats at 16-18 although these are already included in EC15A South College Street (All)</p> <p>EC15A -- Gives the following properties to EC11M (New PD)</p> <p>Dumbiedykes Road (All) Holyrood Court, Dumbiedykes Road (All)</p>

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	<p>Lochview Court, Dumbiedykes Road (All) Holyrood Road (All) Viewcraig Gardens (All) Viewcraig Street (All)</p> <p>EC15A – The remainder of EC15A to merge with EC15B to become EC15A</p> <p>ES15H – Gains all content of ES16C</p> <p>ES15H – Gives the following properties to ES17M</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Forkenford (All)</p> <p>SS15F - Gains the following properties from SS10F</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Canaan Lane (Part) Even numbers *60, 64 and 70/1-70/5 *(These numbers are currently incorrectly included in PD SS10I) Clinton Road (All) Fairholm Mews (All) Newbattle Terrace (Part) Numbers 17 and 92 (Norwood House) only Whitehouse Loan (Part) Evens 134-172* *Number 172 Whitehouse Loan is currently incorrectly included in SS10G Woodcroft Road (All)</p> <p>SS15F -Also gains the following properties from SS10G</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Strathearn Road (Part) Evens 20-86 and Number 21B Strathfillan Road (All)</p> <p>SS15J (New PD) – Gains the following properties from SS16A</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Gilmerton Road (All) Numbers 4, 8 and 20 only Liberton Road (All) Mid Liberton (All) Nether Liberton Court (All) Orrok Lane (All) Orrok Park (All)</p> <p>SS15J (New PD) – Also gains the following properties from SS16B</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Clapper Lane (All) Gilmerton Road (Part) Odds 207-233</p>

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	<p>Old Mill Lane, Gilmerton Road (All) Old Dalkeith Road (Part) Numbers 42 and 50 only</p>
16	<p>ES16C - Gives all content to ES15H</p> <p>SS16A - Gives the following properties to SS15J (New PD)</p> <p>Gilmerton Road (All) Numbers 4, 8 and 20 only Liberton Road (All) Mid Liberton (All) Nether Liberton Court (All) Orrok Lane (All) Orrok Park (All)</p> <p>SS16B – Gives the following properties to SS15J (New PD)</p> <p>Clapper Lane (All) Gilmerton Road (Part) Odds 207-233 Old Mill Lane, Gilmerton Road (All) Old Dalkeith Road (Part) Numbers 42 and 50 only</p>
17	<p>EE17B - Gains all properties Except the following from EE14J</p> <p>Abercorn Cottages (All) Cavalry Park Drive (All) Duddingston Road West (All) Meadowfield Avenue (All) Meadowfield Drive (All) Meadowfield Gardens (All) Meadowfield Terrace (All) Old Church Lane (All) The Causeway (All) Woodlands Grove (All)</p> <p>EE17E – The following properties to move to EE17K (PD boundary adjustment to take account of the new housing estate intersecting current boundary).</p> <p>Andrew Balfour Grove (All) Bauld Drive (All) Flockhart Gait (All) Oster Loan (All)</p>

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	ES17M - Gains the following properties from ES15H Forkenford (All)

Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016

Consultation on revised polling arrangements

The City of Edinburgh (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 provided for an increase in the number of councillors in the capital from 58 to 63. The Order also made changes to every ward boundary to reflect the increase in councillor numbers.

As a consequence of these boundary changes, the current arrangement of polling districts and places across the city needs to be reviewed. A review of polling places has now been undertaken and some changes are proposed.

The Council must ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting and that arrangements are as realistic as possible. We must also make sure that, as far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors including those with disabilities.

Where to find information about the review

Copies of the proposed polling districts, places and other supporting information can be viewed at:

- The City Chambers (City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh EH1 1YJ)
- Central Library (George IV Bridge, Edinburgh, EH1 1EG)

Alternatively, you can access and download any of this material from the Council website www.edinburgh.gov.uk. If you do not have internet access, the material can be accessed on-line from any library in the city.

How to respond

We would be pleased to hear from you if you have any comments about your current polling place. If you are not happy with your polling arrangements it would be a great help to us if you could suggest a better alternative polling place in your area.

We can accept comments from you up to 07 November 2016 and you can respond in the following ways:

By Post

Polling District and Polling Station Review
The City of Edinburgh Council
Room 9 / 42, City Chambers
249 High Street
Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ

By Email

elections@edinburgh.gov.uk

What happens next

A report will be made to Council on 24 November seeking approval of the new polling scheme. It is our intention to incorporate any changes in the new electoral register which will be published on 1 December 2016.