

The Highland Council

Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee – 26 March 2014

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Report No	CPE 11/14

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2014

Report by the Chief Executive

Summary

The Report advises the Committee of the review of the current Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places, as required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. The Report outlines the responses received during the consultative process and suggests a number of amendments to the existing Scheme.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty on all local authorities to Review their UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places at least once every four years. The first such Review had to be completed by the end of 2007. Highland Council's first statutory Review was in 2007 and the second in 2010. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a new provision altering the timing of compulsory Reviews. The compulsory Review periods are now the period of 16 months beginning with 1 October 2013 and the period of 16 months beginning with 1 October of every fifth year after that.
- 1.2 The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Highland commenced on Friday 15 November 2013, the intention being to submit a final report on the review to the Meeting of the Council being held on 30 October 2014.
- 1.3 Comments on the Polling Scheme were invited from:-
- o Electors in the Highland area
 - o All elected members (i.e. MPs, MSPs, MEPs and Councillors)
 - o Disability and Minority Groups – with expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people
 - o Community Councils in Highland
 - o Any person in connection with specified alternative Polling Places

2.0 Polling District Review

- 2.1 In carrying out the review, the Act requires that the following rules be applied:-
- (a) the Council must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;

- (b) the Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled;
- (c) the Council must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons of potential polling stations in any place which it is considering designating as a polling place or the designation of which as a polling place it is reviewing;
- (d) the polling place for a polling district must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the district;
- (e) the polling place for a polling district must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station.

2.2 It should be noted that representations against the outcome of the review may be made to the Electoral Commission by:-

- (i) not less than 30 electors in the Constituency;
- (ii) a person (other than the returning officer) who has made representations during the review; and
- (iii) a person who is not an elector in a constituency in the authority's area but who the Commission think 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.

A relevant representation is a representation that a review has not been conducted by the Council so as to (a) meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency or any body of those electors, or (b) take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

3.0 Responses received

3.1 The first period of consultation concluded on 6 February and 15 responses were received. The responses received form Appendix 1 to this Report. In my capacity as Returning Officer, I have commented on the current Scheme and highlighted the access difficulties that have been encountered at a number of Polling Places. In view of the access difficulties, I have suggested that the Council ceases the use of 16 Polling Places. The proposed alterations to Polling Districts are outlined in the following paragraphs. Maps detailing the proposed changes have been placed on the Council's website and can be found using this link <http://bit.ly/1icq4AR>. Few comments were received on the Polling Districts in Highland, suggesting that electors are, in the main, content with the current Scheme, which has evolved over decades.

4.0 Polling Districts

- 4.1 In Ward 3 (Wick) it is suggested that Polling Districts C03A & B be amalgamated, with voters being allocated to the Boys Brigade Hall. The current Polling Place in C03B is the Old Parish Church Hall, which has parking issues and is located only 300 yards from the Boys Brigade Hall.
- 4.2 In Ward 4 (Landward Caithness), the Ward Manager has suggested that Polling District C04D (Bower Community Hall) be amalgamated with adjacent Polling Districts, as shown in Map 1
- 4.3 In regard to Polling Districts C04F (Britannia Hall, Dunnet) and C04G (Canisbay Hall), both Halls have internal lighting and accessibility issues. It is suggested that the Polling Districts be combined and the new Hall at Mey is designated as the Polling Place.
- 4.4 Polling District C04K (Thrumster Hall) - This Polling Station has poor access, both external and internal. There is no disabled access via main door but rather by a side entrance. Heating and Lighting is poor. The Hall is an old building and is no longer fit for purpose. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with C04J (Assembly Rooms, Wick, which is 5 miles away).
- 4.5 In Ward 6 (Wester Ross and Strathpeffer) 3 changes are proposed:-
- a) The Polling Place in R06L is the Meeting House, Kishorn. This Polling Station has no toilet or kitchen facilities and is not suitable as a Polling Place. There is no other suitable alternative public building in the Polling District. 42 electors voted here in 2012. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R06M (Lochcarron Hall), located 5 miles to the east.
 - b) The Polling Place for R06N is the caravan at Coulags, Balnacra. This Polling Station does not meet any of the access requirements for polling places as laid out by the Electoral Commission. In 2012, 26 Electors voted at the caravan. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R06M (Lochcarron Hall), some 8.5 miles to the south west.
 - c) R06R has Contin Village Hall as the Polling Place. The Polling Place does not have suitable disabled access. In 2012, 149 Electors voted there. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R06Q (Strathpeffer, which is situated 3 miles away).
- 4.6 In Ward 10 (Black Isle), it is suggested that the electors residing in the Lower Wards area of Fortrose move from R10G to R10H to enable them to vote in Fortrose, instead of Rosemarkie, as at present (See Map No. 2)
- 4.7 In Ward 11 (Eilean a Cheo), Torrin Outdoor Centre is the Polling Place for R11R. This Polling Place is not accessible for wheelchair users and it is suggested that the Polling Place be moved to R11P (Broadford Village Hall, which is situated 6 miles away).

- 4.8 In Ward 12 (Caol & Mallaig), the Polling Place for R12C (Lady Lovat Primary School) does not have suitable disabled access. It is suggested that the Council cease use of the building as a Polling Place and the 236 electors be designated to vote at R12D (Mallaig and Morar Community Centre, situated 3 miles away).
- 4.9 In Ward 15 (Central) two alterations to Polling District Boundaries are proposed to make voting more convenient for electors in the area – see Map 3.
- 4.10 In Ward 20 (Inverness South), electors in I20B vote at Green Drive Hall. Representations have been received about the location of the Polling Place for electors in PD I20B. Accordingly, it is suggested that PD I20B merge with I20A and electors allocated to Inshes Primary School (361 electors affected, increasing electorate at I20A (Inshes Primary School) to 3287).
- 4.11 Also in Ward 20, a representation was received regarding properties near Cranmore, south of Westhill, Inverness. Electors in those properties are allocated to vote at I20D Strathdearn Village Hall (Daviot) It would be more convenient for those electors if the area was transferred from I20D to I20C (Cradlehall Primary School). The area proposed to be transferred is shown in Map No. 4.
- 4.12 In Ward 21 (Badenoch & Strathspey), Insh Village Church is designated as the Polling Place for I21D. This Polling Place has access difficulties and no welfare facilities for Poll Staff. The Badenoch Centre, Kingussie (I21F) is more suitable. It is suggested that the two Polling Districts (I21D and I21F) be merged. Insh is 5 miles from Kingussie.
- 4.13 I21Q has Advie Public Hall as the Polling Place. Only 23 electors (out of 53) used this polling place in 2012. It is located 6 miles from I210 (Cromdale). It is therefore suggested that electors in PD's I21Q be allocated to vote at Cromdale Public Hall.
- 4.14 In Ward 22 (Fort William & Ardnamurchan, Kingairloch Church Vestibule is designated as the Polling Place for R22G. The Polling District has 23 electors and 11 voted there in 2012. Continued use of the polling place should cease, on economic grounds alone. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R22D (Strontian Hall, situated some 14 miles away).

5.0 Polling Places

- 5.1 As part of the Review, the premises used as Polling Places were examined. The type of buildings used as Polling Places varies greatly across Highland and they are in a mixture of Public, Private and Community ownership. With regard to privately and community owned buildings, their use is agreed on a year to year basis, where election use is treated as a priority over all other bookings.

5.2 Some premises are very suitable for use at an election, being easily accessible within the community, good parking, easily accessible to electors with a disability, wide doorways, sympathetic lighting and colour contrast to assist people with a visual impairment and the Polling Equipment sensibly located within the Polling Place. In others, there are different problems, to varying extent and degree, which affect an elector's voting experience.

5.3 The report suggests a number of changes to Polling Places within Polling Districts, as follows:-

R09A	LOWER TOWN HALL, DINGWALL	Disabled access from Church Street very poor. Alternative access available side of Museum. Suggest that the polling place be relocated to Dingwall Community Centre.
R09D	CONON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Change name of Polling Place to the Leanaig Centre, Ben Wyvis Primary School. It is considered to be the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I19D	DUNBAR MEMORIAL HALL, AULDEARN	Change Polling Place to Letham Road Hall, Auldearn. The proposed Polling Place has better access and user facilities.
I21I	AVIEMORE PUBLIC HALL	The Public Hall is no longer in use and it is suggested that the Aviemore Community Centre be designated the Polling Place. The Hall is modern and wheelchair accessible.

5.4 One of the presumptions in selecting buildings for Polling Places is that wherever possible functioning schools should not be selected. However, in some cases, the School is the only community facility in the Polling District and has to be used in order not to inconvenience the electors there.

5.5 The proposed Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places is detailed in Appendix 2 to the Report and it is recommended for further consultation with the Groups mentioned in paragraph 1.3 above.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- (a) Notes the representations received;
- (b) Considers the suggestions to amend Polling Districts and Polling Places as detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above;
- (c) Approves the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Appendix 2) for further consultation, with the final Report being submitted to the meeting of the Highland Council on 30 October 2014; and
- (d) Continues to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener, Vice Convener and appropriate Local Members, to make any necessary changes to the Scheme should circumstances arise prior to the next report on 30 October 2014.

Designation: Chief Executive

Date: 4 March 2014

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Background Papers: Responses received to the Polling District and Polling Place Review, as published on the Council's website.

APPENDIX 1

REF	DATE RECEIVED	FROM	REPRESENTATION / COMMENTS MADE	OUTCOME
001	13-OCT-13	George Farlow - Member	Following amendment to Ardgay and Assynt and Creich Community Councils' boundaries requesting that residents are relocated to their nearest polling station	
002	15-NOV-13	Kate Stephen - Member	Ensure that voters in Cranmore Drive vote at Smithton Hall	No change
003	15-NOV-13	Alasdair Christie - Member	Relocate polling district I20B from Green Drive Hall to a venue in Inverness South	Change to Inshes Primary School
004	19-NOV-13	Dunvegan Community Council	Ensure Uiginish is in the Dunvegan Electoral Area	No Change
005	20-NOV-13	Jim McGillvray - Member	Satisfied with the current polling places South East Sutherland	
006	21-NOV-13	Ferintosh Community Council	Satisfied with the polling place at Findon Hall, Culbokie	No change
007	26-NOV-13	Dot Ferguson	Members have asked that electors in the Forestry House at Torlundy vote at Claggan	
008	29-NOV-13	Kilmuir Community Council	Satisfied with Kilmuir Village Hall as it is currently being refurbished	
009	8-Dec-13	Sleat Community Council	Request to add a small level of tarmac to remove the access issue at Talla Duisdale, Isle Ornsay	Permission to be sought from Lady Noble, Owner of the Estate
010	11-DEC-13	Glen Urquhart Community Council	Satisfied with the current polling stations and facilities available	No changes
011	12-DEC-13	Rosehall Public Hall Committee	Satisfied that Rosehall Village Hall continues to be used as a polling place	No change
012	19-DEC-13	Helmsdale and District Community Council	Satisfied that Helmsdale, Portgower and Kinbrace continue to be used as polling places	Cease use of the Polling Place.
013	19-DEC-13	Durness Community Council	Satisfied with current Polling Place being used	No change

014	6-JAN-14	Edderton Community Council	Satisfied with Edderton Village Hall	No change
015	21-JAN-14	Badenoch and Strathspey Disability Access Panel	Access issues with Carrbridge Village Hall	

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REVIEW OF SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS
AND POLLING PLACES 2013

Polling Districts	POLLING PLACE	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
C01A	ELPHIN COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01B	LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01C	STOER VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01D	DRUMBEG VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01E	UNAPOOL FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL	The building is a private dwelling house and has access difficulties; but it is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
C01F	SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL	The building has access difficulties (door not wide enough for wheelchair access) but it is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
C01G	KINLOCHBERVIE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01H	NEW DURNES VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01I	MELVICH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01J	KINBRACE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01K	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01L	TONGUE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01M	MELNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01N	STRATHNAVER VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.

C01O	LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01P	ROSEHALL VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01Q	ARDGAY COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01R	BONAR BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C01S	SKERRAY VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R01A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C02A	FREE CHURCH HALL, MILLBANK ROAD, THURSO	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C02B	CADET CENTRE, PRINCES STREET, THURSO	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C02C	BOYS BRIGADE HALL, THURSO	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C03A	BOYS BRIGADE HALL, WICK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C03B	OLD PARISH CHURCH HALL, WICK	Close and amalgamate with Boy's Brigade Hall, Wick. This Polling Station has parking issues and experienced a low turnout (161 electors out of 673) in 2012. The Boy's Brigade Hall is situated 300 yards away.
C03C	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C03D	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04A	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04B	REAY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04C	ROSS INSTITUTE, HALKIRK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04D	BOWER COMMUNITY HALL, BRABSTERDORRAN	Close and amalgamate to adjacent PD's on boundaries proposed by the Ward Manager, as per attached Map No.1
C04E	WATTEN HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04F	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET	This Polling Station has internal lighting issues and it is not accessible to people

		with mobility problems so it therefore suggested that the Polling District be moved to Mey Hall which is 4 miles away. See C04G below.
C04G	CANISBAY HALL	This Polling Station has internal lighting issues and has disabled access. It is suggested that, due to the low turnout at previous elections, the new hall at Mey (4 miles away) would provide a central location for this Polling District.
C04H	KEISS AMENITIES HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04I	REISS HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04J	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04K	THRUMSTER HALL	This Polling Station has poor access, both external and internal. There is no disabled access via main door but rather by a side entrance. Heating and Lighting is poor. The Hall is an old building and is no longer fit for purpose. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with C04J (Assembly Rooms, Wick, which is 5 miles away).
C04L	LYBSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04M	DUNBEATH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C04N	FREE CHURCH HALL, MILLBANK ROAD, THURSO	The building has external lighting problems but it is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
C05A	ROGART VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05B	ST. ANDREWS CHURCH HALL, GOLSPIE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05C	KINBRACE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05D	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05E	PORTGOWER HALL, HELMSDALE	This Polling Station is situated some 2.1 miles from Helmsdale (C05D). In May 2012, 38 electors voted at the Hall. The building is accessible to electors.

C05F	BRORA COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05G	EMBO FOOTBALL CLUB PAVILION	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05H	WEST CHURCH HALL, DORNOCH	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C05I	EDDERTON VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06B	ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06C	BADCAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNDONNELL	It is considered to be the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue use of school as a polling place.
R06D	AULTBEA VILLAGE HALL	Access difficulties, not wheelchair accessible. It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
R06E	POOLEWE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06F	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06G	NO.11, OPINAN	Whilst the property is a private dwellinghouse, it has been used as a polling place for many years. The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06H	KINLOCHEWE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06I	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06J	SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06K	TORRIDON VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06L	MEETING HOUSE, KISHORN	This Polling Station has no toilet or kitchen facilities and is not suitable as a Polling Place. There is no other suitable alternative public building in the Polling District. 42 electors voted here in 2012. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with Lochcarron, located 5 miles to the east.

R06M	LOCHCARRON COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06N	THE CARAVAN, COULAGS, BALNACRA	This Polling Station does not meet any of the access requirements for polling places as laid out by the Electoral Commission. In 2012, 26 Electors voted at the caravan. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with Lochcarron, some 8.5 miles to the south west.
R06O	ACHNASHEEN HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06P	GARVE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06Q	STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06R	CONTIN VILLAGE HALL	This Polling Place does not have suitable disabled access. In 2012, 149 Electors voted there. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R06Q (Strathpeffer, which is situated 3 miles away).
R06S	FAIRBURN HALL, MARYBANK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06T	STRATHCONON VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06U	ACHMORE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06V	PLOCKTON PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06W	AUCHTERTYRE COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06X	DORNIE COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06Y	INVERINATE & LOCH DUICH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06Z	GLENELG HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06ZA	THE CHEILDH HOUSE, ARNISDALE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06ZB	KYLE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.

R06ZC	THE CHEILDH HOUSE, ARNISDALE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R06ZD	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07A	ARDROSS COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07B	COULHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07C	AVERON COMMUNITY CENTRE	Steep ramped access to lower level causes difficulties for people in a wheelchair. Consider relocation to alternative premises. 1290 electors affected.
C07D	DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL, EVANTON	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07E	COULHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07F	OBSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Some access difficulties for wheelchair users (kerb and lip at entrance door). It is considered to be the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
C07G	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C07H	JOSS STREET PUBLIC HALL, INVERGORDON	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08A	DUTHAC CENTRE, TAIN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08B	INVER VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08C	CARNEGIE HALL, PORTMAHOMACK	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
CO8D	FEARN ABBEY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08E	MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08F	NIGG VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08G	SEABOARD HALL, BALINTORE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C08H	MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C09A	DINGWALL LEISURE	The building is suitably located and

	CENTRE	accessible to electors.
R09A	LOWER TOWN HALL, DINGWALL	Disabled access from Church Street very poor. Alternative access available side of Museum. Suggest that the polling place be relocated to Dingwall Community Centre.
R09B	MARYBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R09C	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R09D	CONON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Change name of Polling Place to the Leanaig Centre, Ben Wyvis Primary School. It is considered to be the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
R09E	PUBLIC HALL,SEAFORTH RD, MUIR OF ORD	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
C09A	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10A	KILLEARNAN PUBLIC HALL, TORE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10B	MUNLOCHY VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10C	NORTH KESSOCK PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10D	VICTORIA HALL ,CROMARTY	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10E	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10F	FINDON HALL, CULBOKIE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10G	GORDON MEMORIAL HALL, ROSEMARKIE	Representation have been made regarding the group of houses just north of Bruce Gardens, requesting that they are allocated to vote in R10H (Fortrose), as against having to go to R10G (Rosemarkie). Accordingly, it is suggested that the boundaries be changes according to the plans, which will affect 6 electors. See Map 2.
R10H	FORTROSE TOWN HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R10I	AVOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	The Centre is no longer in use and it is suggested that the Church of Scotland

		Hall, Avoch be designated as the Polling Place. The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible.
R11A	KILMUIR VILLAGE HALL	Although not wheelchair accessible, it is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
R11B	UIG VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11C	TALLA STAFAINN, STAFFIN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11D	EDINBANE COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11E	MEMORIAL HALL, SKEABOST BRIDGE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11F	WATERNISH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11G	DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11H	GLENDALE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11I	STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11J	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL	Merge PD's R11J and K.
R11K	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11L	TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11M	RAASAY DAY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11N	BRAES COMMUNITY HALL, PORTREE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11O	ISLE OF SKYE GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11P	CAFETERIA, BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL	Wheelchair accessible through back of café. It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
R11Q	ELGOL VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11R	TORRIN OUTDOOR CENTRE	This Polling Place is not accessible for wheelchair users and it is suggested that the Polling Place be moved to R11P (Broadford Village Hall, which is situated

		6 miles away).
R11S	KYLEAKIN COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11T	TALLA DUISDALE, EILEAN IARMAIN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11U	TARSKAVAIG COMMUNITIES HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R11V	ARDVASAR HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12A	GLENFINNAN HOUSE HOTEL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12B	ASTLEY HALL, ARISAIG	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12C	LADY LOVAT PRIMARY SCHOOL, MORAR	This Polling Place does not have suitable disabled access. Relocate 236 electors to R12D (Mallaig and Morar Community Centre, situated 3 miles away).
R12D	MALLAIG AND MORAR COMMUNITY CENTRE	Merge PD's R12C and D
R12E	INVERIE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12F	TIGH CHORRARAIGH DAY CENTRE, EIGG	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12G	KINLOCHIEL OUTDOOR CENTRE	Poorly located, not in the PD. Suggest relocate to Glenfinnan House Hotel.
R12H	KILMALLIE HALL, CORPACH	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12I	ACHNACARRY VILLAGE HALL	Hall is not fit for purpose, complaints received from Poll Staff. Suggest amalgamate with R12K (Spean Bridge Community Centre), located 6.5 miles away. 84 electors affected, although only 28 voted there in 2012
R12J	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12K	SPEAN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12L	ROY BRIDGE MEMORIAL HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R12M	CAOL COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I12A	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.

I12B	MEMORIAL HALL, FORT AUGUSTUS	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R13A	PHIPPS HALL, BEAULY	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R13B	KILMORACK HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R13C	CANNICH HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13A	KILTARLITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13B	KIRKHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13C	ABRIACHAN VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13D	BLAIRBEG HALL, DRUMNADROCHIT	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13E	BALNAIN COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13F	GLENMORISTON VILLAGE HALL, INVERMORISTON	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13F(1)	DALREICHART	Re-instate Polling District following renovation of former Primary School to new community facility.
I13G	MEMORIAL HALL, FORT AUGUSTUS	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13H	DOCHGARROCH HALL	Access via two steps to hall. Request owner to provide ramp. It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
I13I	DORES PARISH HALL	Access difficulties (sloping path, uneven surface). It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
I13J	FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL	Poor access. Access to building via 2 flights of steps. It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue to use the school.
I13K	STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I13L	FARR COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I14A	CHARLESTON ACADEMY, COMMUNITY COMPLEX	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I14B	CATHEDRAL BOYS	The building is suitably located and

	SCHOOL, BISHOPS ROAD	accessible to electors.
I14C	MUIRTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue to use the school.
I15A	MERKINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	Representation received about the Polling District boundary in Merkinch, with some voters having to go to Merkinch Community Centre, whilst they were closer to I15B (Trinity Church). Accordingly, it is suggested that the boundaries be changes according to the plan shown in Map 3, as attached, 142 electors are affected by the proposed change.
I15B	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15C	DALNEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15D	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15E	SPECTRUM CENTRE, MARGARET STREET	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15F	HAUGH COURT HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15G	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL, SOUTHSIDE ROAD	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I15H	HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I15I	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I16A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I16B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I16C	CULDUTHEL HALL, GREEN DRIVE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I16D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARDHOLM PLACE	No suitable alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I16E	HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (PART FROM I16B)	No suitable alternative venue in the PD.
I17A	HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE	No suitable alternative venue in the PD.

I17B	CROWN CHURCH LOWER HALL, MIDMILLS ROAD	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I17C	CROWN CHURCH LOWER HALL, MIDMILLS ROAD	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I17D	RAIGMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I17E	DRAKIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I18A	SMITHTON VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I18B	DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I18C	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, LARGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I18D	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, LARGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I18E	CROY VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I18F	OLD SCHOOL HALL ARDESIER	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I18G	CAWDOR COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I19A	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I19B	SEAMEN'S VICTORIA HALL, HARBOUR STREET	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I19C	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I19D	DUNBAR MEMORIAL HALL, AULDEARN	Change Polling Place to Letham Road Hall. The proposed Polling Place has better access and user facilities.
I19E	NAIRN COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I19F	SEAMEN'S VICTORIA HALL, HARBOUR STREET	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I19G	FORNIGHTY PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I19H	GLENFERNESS VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I20A	INSHES PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I20B	GREEN DRIVE HALL	The building is suitably located and

		accessible to electors.
I20C	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I20D	STRATHNAIRN VILLAGE HALL	Representation have been received regarding the PD boundary in Nairnside - request that electors vote at I20C (Cradlehall School) rather than having to cross the A9 to vote at Daviot. Accordingly, it is suggested the group of electors transfer from I20D to I20C. Suggest amend boundary – remove 40 properties and include in Polling District I20C – Map No. 4
I20E	STRATHDEARN VILLAGE HALL, TOMATIN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I20F	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I20G	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, SMALL HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21A	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	The building has access difficulties but no alternative available.
I21B	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	The building has access difficulties but no alternative available.
I21C	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21D	INSH VILLAGE CHURCH	This Polling Place has access difficulties and no welfare facilities for Poll Staff. The Badenoch Centre, Kingussie (I21F) is more suitable. It is suggested that the two Polling Districts (I21D and I21F) be merged. Insh is 5 miles from Kingussie
I21E	NEWTONMORE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21F	BADENOCH CENTRE, SPEY STREET, KINGUSSIE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21G	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21H	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21I	AVIEMORE PUBLIC HALL	The Public Hall is no longer in use and it is suggested that the Aviemore Community Centre be designated the Polling Place. The Hall is modern and wheelchair accessible.

I21J	BOAT OF GARTEN PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21K	CARRBRIDGE PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21L	DULNAIN BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I2M	NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21N	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21O	CROMDALE PUBLIC HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21P	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21Q	ADVIE PUBLIC HALL	Only 23 electors (out of 53) used this polling place in 2012. It is located 6 miles from I21O (Cromdale). It is therefore suggested that electors in PD's I21Q be allocated to vote at Cromdale Public Hall.
I21R	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
I21S	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL (PART FROM I21A)	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22A	GLENUIG HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22B	SHIELBRIDGE HALL, ACHARACLE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22C	KILCHOAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22D	STRONTIAN HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22E	TRESLAIG HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22F	ARDGOUR HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22G	KINGAIRLOCH CHURCH VESTIBULE	The PD has 23 electors and 11 voted there in 2012. Continued use of the polling place should cease, on economic grounds alone. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R22D (Strontian Hall, situated some 14 miles away).

R22H	LOCHALINE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22I	DRIMNIN HALL	Access difficulties (door not accessible for wheelchair users). Nearest alternative venue 10.5 miles away (R22H – Lochaline Hall). Electorate 52, with turnout of 20 in 2012. In view of the location of the PD, it is the only reasonable and practicable venue.
R22J	INVERLOCHY VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22K	NEVIS CENTRE, AN AIRD	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22L	PLANTATION HALL FORT WILLIAM	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22M	FORT WILLIAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school, meantime.
R22N	UPPER ACHINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL, FORT WILLIAM	No suitable available alternative venue in the PD. Continue use of school, meantime.
R22O	ONICH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22P	KINLOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22Q	ST MARY'S HALL, GLENCOE	Not wheelchair accessible (entrance and corridor of insufficient width). It is the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD.
R22R	BALLACHULISH VILLAGE HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22S	KENTALLEN & DUROR COMMUNITY HALL	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.
R22T	AN DROCHAID, CLAGGAN	The building is suitably located and accessible to electors.