

FC51. Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland: 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements – Amendments to Polling Scheme

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive updating on the interim amendments made to the Falkirk Council polling scheme as a consequence of the Local Boundary Commission for Scotland's 5th Review of Electoral Arrangements and outlining proposals for further changes to the scheme in relation to polling places affected by possible closure.

The Minister for Parliamentary Business took the decision to accept the Local Boundary Commission for Scotland's recommendations in regard to the Falkirk Council area on 21 September 2016. The amendments to ward boundaries required changes to the Council's polling scheme to be made. Further changes may be made in relation to polling places and would involve the participation of members and consideration of a further report before the end of February 2017. If further changes are required a public consultation would be undertaken.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the revised polling scheme updated prior to the statutory annual publication of electoral registers on 1 December 2016;**
- (2) agreed to undertake a consultation process to identify and agree new and/or alternative polling places, if required, and**
- (3) agreed to consider a further report in February 2017 on the outcome of the consultation process to allow changes to be implemented before the nomination period for local government elections on 4 May 2017, if required.**