

POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

PROPOSALS AND RETURNING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The use of an asterisk (*) next to a Polling District denotes that this polling district is split into a double polling station at elections, with two desks & ballot boxes in the same building to handle the number of electors in attendance.

Bramhall North (BN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
BN1	1,494	St. Michael's Scout Hall, St. Michael's Avenue, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN2	1,302	Bramhall High School, Seal Road, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN3	979	2 nd Bramhall Scout Headquarters, Fir Road, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN4	1596	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane	Polling station change to Brookdale Theatre, Bridge Lane, SK7 3AB.
BN5 *	3967	Nevill Road Junior School, Nevill Road	No changes proposed.
BN6	9	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane	Merge this polling district into district BN4.
BN7	669	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane, Bramhall	Under Further Consideration

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

BN4/BN7 – There is a large electorate allocated to this polling station with many electors accessing the station by car. The Brookdale Theatre is substantially easier to access from Bridge Lane and has a significant number of parking spaces available. It is believed that this location will be more accessible than the existing arrangements and more suitable for high-turnout elections such as general elections.

BN6 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging BN6 into BN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for BN4.

BN2 – Due to RAAC issues at Bramhall High School, the polling station was moved to the 2nd Bramhall Scout Headquarters at the 2024 elections. With the next scheduled elections not until 2026, it is not proposed to make this a permanent change at this time.

There have been no issues with access to polling stations in BN1, BN2, BN3 or BN5 and therefore no changes are proposed at present.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments were received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee regarding the proposal to move the polling place for BN4 from the Brownie Hut (Bramhall Green Roundabout) to the Brookdale Theatre.

It was requested at Area Committee and Scrutiny Committee that the Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on Station Road, SK8 7AL, be considered as the polling place for BN7 instead of the Brookdale Theatre, on the grounds of distance that electors in this district would have to travel.

Final Recommendations

Positive comments have been received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee on the proposals for BN4 and BN6. No comments or suggested amendments have been received on the arrangements for districts BN1, BN2, BN3 or BN5.

Therefore it is recommended that these proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

The submission for polling district BN7 is currently undergoing further consideration. The Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church is already a designated polling station in the ward of Cheadle Hulme South. There are currently no other locations in Stockport where a polling place hosts two polling stations for different wards. Officers are consulting with the venue to assess the available space, and electoral administrators from other Greater Manchester authorities where such a situation already occurs to assess the practicalities of such an arrangement. Ward members will also be consulted.

A supplement will be published to this report with the final proposals for polling district BN7.

Bramhall South & Woodford (BS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
BS1	1784	Bramhall Village Club, Lumb Lane	No changes proposed.
BS2	1863	Hursthead Infants School, Kirkstead Road	No changes proposed.
BS3	1,833	Cenary Hall, Benja Fold	No changes proposed.
BS4	1,033	Fords Lane Evangelical Church, Fords Lane	No changes proposed.
BS5	1,994	Moss Hey Primary School, Eskdale Avenue	No changes proposed.
BS6	2,303	Woodford War Memorial Community Centre, Chester Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

The potential for using an alternative polling place in district BS5 (Bramhall Baptist Church, Woodford Road) in place of Moss Hey Primary was raised at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee.

No other submissions were received regarding the arrangements in Bramhall South & Woodford.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed to officers that the Bramhall Baptist Church is not available to be used as a polling station. No other alternative locations were identified in this polling district.

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Bredbury & Woodley (BW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
BW1 *	2,369	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road	No changes proposed.
BW2 *	2,430	Woodley Primary School, Sherwood Road	No changes proposed.
BW3	2,016	Harpers Community Event Space, 13 Lower Bents Lane	No changes proposed.
BW4	2,257	St Barnabas Church Hall, Osborne Street	No changes proposed.
BW5	1,549	St Mark's Parish Hall, Redhouse Lane	No changes proposed.
BW6	485	Harpers Community Event Space, 13 Lower Bents Lane	Merge this polling district into district BW3.
BW7	2	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road	Merge this polling district into district BW1.
BW8	0	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road, Woodley	Merge this polling district into district BW1.
BW9	3	Woodley Primary School, Sherwood Road	Merge this polling district into district BW2.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

BW6 – This polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into BW3. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

BW9 - This polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into BW12. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

BW7/BW8 - These polling districts were created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, these districts are superfluous and are proposed to be merged into BW1. Electors in BW7 will experience no change as they already vote at the same station. There are no electors registered in BW8 – this existed for administrative purposes which are no longer present.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in BW1 – BW5 and therefore no changes are proposed.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Werneth Area Committee regarding the need to ensure good accessibility in polling district BW2 at Woodley Primary School and communication of specific arrangements to electors.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Bredbury Green & Romiley (BR)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
BR1	1,346	The Hub, Bents Avenue	No changes proposed.
BR2	1,349	Community Room, Bredbury Library, George Lane	No changes proposed.
BR3 *	2,738	The Cherry Tree Project Hub, 2 Cherry Tree Lane	Mobile polling station, Car Park of Romiley Cricket Club
BR4	1,806	Mobile Polling Station, Lisburne School	Bredbury Green Primary School, Claptgate
BR5	2,280	Guywood Centre, 21 Guywood Lane	No changes proposed.
BR6	1,205	St Chads Church, Church Lane	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

It was raised at Werneth Area Committee that with the closure of Lisburne School (BR4) it may prove no longer possible for this to serve as a polling station in the future.

Comments were received at Area Committee regarding the need for an accessible station for BR3 (the Cherry Tree Hub) as the arrangements used at the Bredbury Green & Romiley by-election of utilising the Guywood Centre for this district was not ideal for elector accessibility.

Final Recommendations

With the closure of Lisburne School (BR4) it is no longer possible for a mobile polling station to be placed on these premises. Following successful use at the 17 October Bredbury Green & Romiley by-election, it is proposed that Bredbury Green Primary School become the new polling station for this district.

Due to the need to move away from the Cherry Tree Project Hub in polling district BR3, an alternative venue within the polling district has been sought. The Romiley Cricket Club is within the polling district. As the Club function room is currently not accessible for wheelchair users, it is proposed that a mobile polling station be placed in the Club car park at future elections.

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements above be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Brinnington & Stockport Central (BC)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
BC1	570	Vernon Park Primary School, Peak Street	No changes proposed.
BC2	425	Quaker Meeting House, 2 Cooper Street	No changes proposed.
BC3	1,229	Westmorland Primary School, Westmorland Drive	No changes proposed.
BC4	1,453	Mobile Polling Station, Brecon Towers, Blackberry Lane	No changes proposed.
BC5	2,215	Elim Church, Mottram Street	No changes proposed.
BC6	1,111	Crescent Road Hall, Crescent Road	No changes proposed.
BC7 *	2,482	St Luke's Parish Hall, Northumberland Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle West & Gatley (CW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
CW1 *	2,552	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	No changes proposed.
CW2 *	2,377	Mobile Polling Station, Cambridge Road	No changes proposed.
CW3	1,109	Bethany Church, 100 Church Road	No changes proposed.
CW4	2,002	Cheadle Sports Club	No changes proposed.
CW5	1,774	Kingsway School, Foxland Campus, Foxland Road	No changes proposed.
CW6	1,823	The Bowling Pavilion, Gatley Recreation Ground, Northenden Road.	No changes proposed.
CW7	10	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	Merge this polling district into district CW1.
CW8	95	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	Merge this polling district into district CW1.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in CW1 – CW6 and therefore no changes are proposed.

CW7/CW8 - These small polling districts were created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging CW7 and CW8 into CW1. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for CW1.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North (CE)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
CE1	1,875	All Hallows Church, 222 Councillor Lane	No changes proposed.
CE2	1,157	Chelwood Baptist Church, Adswold Road	No changes proposed.
CE3	1,834	Oak Tree Primary School, Buckingham Road	No changes proposed.
CE4	2,696	Cheadle Heath Sports Club, Norbreck Avenue	No changes proposed.
CE5	1,017	Ladybridge Park Residents Club, Edenbridge Road	No changes proposed.
CE6	1,062	Cheadle Heath Sports Club, Norbreck Avenue	No changes proposed.
CE7	2,095	St Cuthberts Church, Cuthbert Road	No changes proposed.
CE8	61	Oak Tree Primary School, Buckingham Road	Merge this polling district into district CE3.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in CE1 – CE7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

CE8 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the previous ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging CE8 into CE3. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for CE3.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments were received at Cheadle Area Committee regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle Hulme South (CS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
CS1 *	2,924	Cheadle Hulme United Reformed Church, 65 Swann Lane	Boundary under review
CS2	1,533	Thorn Grove Primary School, Woodstock Avenue	No changes proposed.
CS3	1,217	Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Station Road	Boundary under review
CS4	3,117	Emmanuel C o E Church, Bruntwood Lane	No changes proposed.
CS5	1,121	Mobile Polling Station, St James Catholic High School, St James Way	No changes proposed.
CS6	2,152	St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Road	Boundary under review

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee regarding the polling district boundaries surrounding Albert Road, Station Road and Queens Road, which were changed as a result of the 2022 Polling District and Boundary Commission Reviews, causing some elector confusion at previous elections.

Final Recommendations

Further consideration of the polling district boundaries, in particular those of CS1, CS3 and CS6 is ongoing at the time of publication of this report. Following consultation with ward members on the findings of these investigations, a supplement will be published to this report with the final proposals for this ward.

Davenport & Cale Green (DC)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
DC1	1,340	Adswood Community Centre, 213 Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC2	1,546	Bridge Hall Community Centre, Siddington Avenue	No changes proposed.
DC3	681	Mobile Polling Station, Davenport Playing Fields Car Park	No changes proposed.
DC4	1,323	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Kimberley Street	Boundary under review
DC5 *	2,556	Davenport Methodist Church, Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC6	507	Davenport Methodist Church, Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC7	2,503	Stockport Cricket Club, Beech Road	Boundary under review.
DC8	588	Mobile Polling Station, Davenport Playing Fields Car Park	No changes proposed.
DC9	0	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Kimberley Street	Merge this polling district into district DC4.
DC10	811	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Shaw Heath Recreation Ground, Stockport	Merge this polling district into district DC4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in DC1 – DC8 and therefore no changes are proposed.

DC9 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. This district has no registered electors and was created for administrative purposes to align old and current ward boundaries. As this is now superfluous, it is proposed to merge it into DC4.

DC10 – This polling district was created separate to DC4 due to the ward boundary change between Davenport & Cale Green and Brinnington & Central in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge DC10 into DC4. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Central Stockport Area Committee and CRMG Scrutiny Committee in support of the proposed arrangements.

A public submission was received proposing an amendment to the polling district boundary of DC4 and DC7.

Final Recommendations

Further consideration of the proposal for DC4 and DC7 is ongoing and a supplement will be published with final proposals for this area. It is recommended that the proposed arrangements for the other polling districts be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Edgeley (ED)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Initial Proposals
ED1	1,013	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Old Chapel Street	No changes proposed.
ED2	1,823	Lark Hill Nursery School, Northgate Road	No changes proposed.
ED3	2,075	Edgeley Community Church, Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.
ED4	464	Edgeley Library, Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.
ED5	1,073	London Midland Railway Club, 265 Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.
ED6	785	Rose Walker Community Centre, Essex Avenue	Confirm the Rose Walker Community Centre as the permanent polling station.
ED7	814	Alexandra Park Primary School, Bombay Road	No changes proposed.
ED8	216	Alexandra Park Primary School, Bombay Road	Merge this polling district into district ED7.
ED9	917	Edgeley Library, Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in ED1, ED2, ED3, ED4, ED5, ED7 or ED9 and therefore no changes are proposed.

ED6 – The Salvation Army Church was the previously designated polling station for this district. From 2024 this location was no longer available and the Rose Walker Community Centre was used in the Local & Combined Authority Mayoral and General Elections in 2024. It is proposed to confirm this as the polling station moving forwards.

ED8 – This polling district was created separate to DC4 due to the ward boundary change between Edgeley and Davenport & Cale Green in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge ED8 into ED7. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Central Stockport Area Committee that the change in polling district ED6 was positive, but that there had been a degree of elector confusion regarding the change in polling station at the last election.

The potential for using an alternative polling place in district ED1 (York Street Community Centre) was raised at Area Committee. The possibility of alternatives for ED7 (Alexandra Park) were also raised.

A sizeable public submission was received towards the end of the consultation regarding the polling district boundaries of ED5 and ED6, ED1 and ED3 and the movement of properties/streets into ED2.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed to officers that the York Street Community Centre is not available to be used as a polling station. No other alternative locations were identified in this polling district and therefore it is proposed that Our Lady's Catholic Primary remain the designated polling place for this district.

No available alternative locations for ED7 have been identified and therefore Alexandra Park Primary remains the proposed polling place for this district.

Further consideration of the submission for amended polling district boundaries is ongoing at the time of publication of this report. Following consultation with ward members on the findings of these investigations, a supplement will be published to this report with the final proposals for this ward.

Hazel Grove (HZ)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
HZ1	1,542	Torkington Primary School, Torkington Road	No changes proposed.
HZ2	1,452	1 st Norbury Scout Group, School Street	No changes proposed.
HZ3	1,360	The Civic Hall, London Road	No changes proposed.
HZ4 *	3,260	Warren Wood Primary School, Turnstone Road	No changes proposed.
HZ5	1,939	St Simon's Catholic Primary School, Bosden Avenue	No changes proposed.
HZ6	155	1 st Norbury Scout Group, School Street, Hazel Grove	No changes proposed.
HZ7	972	Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Wesley Street	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Polling district HZ6 must remain separate and unaltered, as the boundary between HZ6 and HZ3/HZ4 is the boundary between the Cheadle and Hazel Grove Parliamentary constituencies.

Submissions and comments received

A comment was received at Stepping Hill Area Committee regarding the current size of polling district HZ4, namely that is oversized relative to other polling districts in the area.

Final Recommendations

Due to the nature of the ward boundaries and ward geography surrounding HZ4, there are no feasible amendments that could be made to the polling district boundary to reduce the elector allocation. There are no other locations within HZ4 that could be used as a polling station. The placement of a mobile polling station within the district and splitting of the district accordingly would not be ideal, as it would create elector confusion while still requiring the use of the school.

As such it is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting. Should there be any alteration to those proposals, they will be contained within a supplement to this report.

Heald Green (HG)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Final Proposals
HG1	1,026	Mobile Polling Station, Bradgate Avenue	No changes proposed.
HG2 *	2,570	Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane	No changes proposed.
HG3 *	3,116	Heald Green Village Hall, Outwood Road	No changes proposed.
HG4	2,110	Outwood Primary School, Outwood Road	Outwood Primary School to remain the polling place.
HG5	1,496	Etchells Primary School, Finney Lane	No changes proposed.
HG6	636	Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane	No changes proposed.
HG7	472	Mobile Polling Station, Bradshaw Hall Playing Fields	No changes proposed.
HG8	36	Outwood Primary School, Outwood Road	Merge this polling district into district HG4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in HG1, HG2, HG3, HG5, HG6 or HG7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

HG4 – It has been a commitment of the Council to move away from using schools as polling stations if a reasonable alternative can be found in the polling district, to avoid negatively impacting pupils at schools and parents/guardians when schools are used as polling stations. Previously no alternative in HG4 existed. The recently constructed centre for the Cheadle Muslim Association on Wilsmlow Road is spacious, with ample parking and good disabled access. It is therefore proposed to move the polling place to this location.

HG8 - This small polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Heald Green and Cheadle Hulme South in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge HG8 into HG4. Electors in this polling district already vote at the same station as electors in HG4.

Submissions and comments received

Comments have been made at Cheadle Area Committee in opposition to the proposal for HG4 on the grounds that many residents have already experienced changes to polling stations following the previous review and such a change would cause further elector confusion.

Further comments were made at Area Committee that the proposed new polling place (Cheadle Muslim Association) is on the edge of the polling district further away from electors than the current polling place, and that access would therefore be more challenging for voters due to location and a lack of public transport to the location, risking electors being dissuaded from voting who otherwise may have voted.

An additional comment was also made at Area Committee in support of the proposed change in HG4 on the grounds that the Cheadle Muslim Association would be accessible to voters with the capacity to support high turnout elections, car parking would be available and a move would support with moving away from using a local school on polling day.

A number of comments from the public have been received in support of the proposed change to HG4 and a number of comments from the public have been received opposed to the change.

Heald Green ward councillors expressed a strong desire to retain the current polling place (Outwood Primary) for HG4.

A comment was received at CRMG Scrutiny Committee in favour of the moves away from schools as polling places, including specifically in HG4 to designate the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place instead of Outwood.

A comment was received at CRMG Scrutiny Committee re-iterating the opposition of Heald Green ward councillors to the proposal for HG4 on the grounds of the distance of travel to the Cheadle Muslim Association, being located on the edge of the village and risking elector confusion.

Final Recommendations

Numerous representations have been received both in favour and in opposition to the original proposal for moving the polling place for district HG4 from both elected members and members of the public.

In determining the final recommendations to Cabinet and the Full Council, the Returning Officer acknowledges the strength of feeling on the proposal. After full consideration of the circumstances in the polling district and submissions received, it is *not* proposed to continue with this proposal.

It is not considered desirable to make an alteration to polling station arrangements that is unanimously opposed by elected members for the ward in question and that has received a divided reception from members of the public over the course of the consultation period. As such a move is not required by the disappearance/closure of an existing polling place, there is no requirement on the part of the Returning Officer to implement any change in polling place for this polling district. With elections having been demonstrably delivered at Outwood Primary School over the course of 2023 and 2024, this review recommends that these arrangements be retained.

It is recommended that the proposals above, including the retention of Outwood Primary School and merger of district HG8 into HG4 be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Heatons North (HN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
HN1	1,639	Mobile Polling Station, Adjacent to Marbury Green	No changes proposed.
HN2	2,001	West Heatons Tennis Club, Princes Road	No changes proposed.
HN3 *	2,542	St Thomas the Apostle Church, Wellington Road North	No changes proposed.
HN4	1,938	Heaton Moor United Church, Stanley Road	No changes proposed.
HN5	2,026	St Paul's Church Schoolroom, St. Pauls Road	No changes proposed.
HN6	1,203	Heaton Moor Library, Balmoral Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Heatons South (HS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
HS1	1,477	St Martins Church Hall, 112 Crescent Park	No changes proposed.
HS2	1,948	1 st Heaton Norris Scout Group, Locksley Close	No changes proposed.
HS3	1,469	Mersey Vale Primary School, Valley Road	No changes proposed.
HS4	2,149	Heaton Mersey Sports & Social Club, Harwood Road	No changes proposed.
HS5	2,201	Emmanuel Community Church, 55 Green Lane	No changes proposed.
HS6	1,933	Heaton Mersey Methodist Church, Cavendish Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Manor (MA)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
MA1	1,839	Woodbank Community Centre, Turncroft Lane	No changes proposed.
MA2	1,821	St Andrew's Community Church Hall, Hall Street	No changes proposed.
MA3	3,015	Stockport Lads Club, Hempshaw Lane	No changes proposed.
MA4	1,075	Mobile Polling Station, Junction of Broadway & Beauvale Avenue	No changes proposed.
MA5 *	2,562	1 st Offerton Scout Group, Offerton Lane	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

A comment was made at Central Stockport Area Committee that it was understood that there may potentially be a change of use of the current St Andrew's Community Church Hall, Hall Street that would need to be considered as part of the polling arrangement for a future election.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed to officers that St Andrew's Community Church Hall by the venue owners that the building will still be made available for hire as a polling station as required for elections in the area.

Therefore it is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Marple North (MN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
MN1	1,507	Ludworth & Mellor Women's Institute, Lower Fold	No changes proposed.
MN2	568	Visitors Centre, Etherow Country Park	No changes proposed.
MN3	1,604	Marple Senior Citizens Hall, Memorial Park	No changes proposed.
MN4	1,754	Rose Hill Primary School, Elmfield Drive	No changes proposed.
MN5	1,052	Ludworth & Mellor Women's Institute, Lower Fold	Polling station change to Compstall Cricket Club, Ernocroft Road, SK6 5HH.
MN6	1,560	Mellor Sports Club, Longhurst Lane	No changes proposed.
MN7	1,696	Rose Hill Primary School, Elmfield Drive	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

MN5 - The Jubilee Church Hall was the previously designated polling place for this district. Following the 2023 local election the Church was closed and was no longer available. As a temporary solution the Ludworth & Mellor WI was used, as it was an existing polling place for a neighbouring polling district. The Compstall Cricket Club is an available location within district MN5, has a suitable function room with access and will be nearer for electors to travel to. Therefore it is proposed to designate this as the polling place for MN5.

There have been no issues with access to polling places in the other polling districts in this ward and therefore no changes are proposed.

Submissions and comments received

A positive comment has been received at Marple Area Committee regarding the proposed change to MN5 to move to Compstall Cricket Club.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Marple South & High Lane (MH)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
MH1	1,367	High Lane Library, Buxton Road	No changes proposed.
MH2	1,256	High Lane Village Hall, Windlehurst Road	No changes proposed.
MH3	1,247	Hawk Green Reading Room, Upper Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH4	516	St Pauls Church Schoolroom, Strines Road	No changes proposed.
MH5	1,757	Marple United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH6	1,063	Guide Headquarters, Brickbridge Road	No changes proposed.
MH7	1,611	Marple United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH8	1,185	High Lane Library, Buxton Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Norbury & Woodsmoor (NW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
NW1 *	2,616	Norbury Hall Primary School, Shepley Drive	No changes proposed.
NW2	1,569	Davenport Lawn Tennis Club, Flowery Field	No changes proposed.
NW3 *	3,499	Moorfield Primary School, Lyndhurst Avenue	Boundary under review.
NW4	1,038	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Boundary under review.
NW5	1,296	3 rd Hazel Grove Scout Headquarters, Macclesfield Road	No changes proposed.
NW6	0	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Merge this polling district into district NW4.
NW7	247	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Merge this polling district into district NW4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in NW1 – NW5 and therefore no changes are proposed.

NW6 - This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. This district has no registered electors and was created for administrative purposes to align previous and current ward boundaries. As this is now superfluous, it is proposed to merge it into NW4.

NW7 - This polling district was created due to the ward boundary changes in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the previous wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into NW4. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments have been received at Stepping Hill Area Committee regarding the proposed merger for polling district NW6.

Further comments have been received at Area Committee regarding the size of polling district NW3. The potential for reducing this district in size is currently under review.

Final Recommendations

Further consideration of polling district boundaries in relation to NW3 and NW4 is ongoing at the time of publication of this report. Following consultation with ward members on any proposed amendments, a supplement will be published to this report with the final proposals for this ward.

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements for the other polling districts be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Offerton (OF)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
OF1	862	Offerton Community Centre, Mallowdale Road	No changes proposed.
OF2	2,130	St Savior's Parish Hall, Gladstone Street	No changes proposed.
OF3	1,146	Dialstone Methodist Church, Dialstone Lane	No changes proposed.
OF4	1,719	Offerton Community Centre, Mallowdale Road	No changes proposed.
OF5	622	St Johns Church, Marple Road	No changes proposed.
OF6	1,642	St Philips RC Church, Half Moon Lane	No changes proposed.
OF7	1,708	Great Moor Junior School, Southwood Road	No changes proposed.
OF8	1,590	Stockport Sunday School, Compass Point	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Reddish North (RN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
RN1	1,657	St. Agnes' Church, Gorton Road	No changes proposed.
RN2	1,353	Vale View Primary School, Mill Lane	No changes proposed.
RN3	1,803	Reddish Northend Football Club, Mike Doyle Centre, Browning Road	No changes proposed.
RN4	584	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	No changes proposed.
RN5	2,532 *	Reddish Library, Gorton Road	No changes proposed.
RN6	1,905	North Reddish Scout & Guide Centre, Criterion Street	No changes proposed.
RN7	1,437	Houldsworth Working Mens Club, Leamington Road	No changes proposed.
RN8	338	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	Merge this polling district into district RN4.
RN9	66	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	Merge this polling district into district RN4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in RN1 – RN7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

RN8 – This polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging RN8 into RN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for RN4.

RN9 - This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging RN9 into RN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for RN4.

Submissions and comments received

A comment has been received at Heaton & Reddish Area Committee in support of the proposed merger of polling districts RN4, RN8 and RN9.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Reddish South (RS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Proposals
RS1	1,072	St Annes RC Voluntary Academy, Glenfield Road	No changes proposed.
RS2	535	Lancashire Hill Community Centre, Penny Lane	No changes proposed.
RS3	908	The Pavilion, Heaton Norris Park, Love Lane	No changes proposed.
RS4	1,107	Reddish Vale Start Well Centre, Reddish Vale Road	No changes proposed.
RS5	1,541	Triangle Church (Lancashire Hill Sunday School), Sandy Lane	No changes proposed.
RS6	1,890	Broadstone Hall Primary School, Broadstone Hall Road South	No changes proposed.
RS7	2,551	St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Drive	No changes proposed.
RS8	1,958	All Saints Church, All Saints Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.