**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023-2025**

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, Notice is hereby given that Falkirk Council is undertaking a review of its polling districts and polling places.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that all electors in the Falkirk Council area have reasonable facilities for voting and that, as far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place is accessible to all electors, including those with a disability.

The timetable for the Review is as follows:

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| **Task** | **Date**  |
| Publication of Formal Notice of Review  | Monday 9 October 2023 |
| Invite Returning Officers’ comments on proposed polling places | Monday 9 – Tuesday 31 October 2023 |
| Publication of draft proposals and the Returning Officer’s submission | Monday 6 November 2023 |
| Public consultation – comments invited on the existing and proposed polling arrangements, accessibility and the representations made by the Returning Officers (Falkirk, Clackmannanshire and West Lothian Councils). | Monday 6 November – Monday 18 December 2023 |
| Report to Falkirk Council | Wednesday 27 March 2024 |
| Publication of outcome of Review | w/c Monday 1 April 2024 |

A consultation document containing further details of the Review process, together with draft proposals and the Returning Officers’ representations, will be published on the Council website ([www.falkirk.gov.uk](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk)) from Monday 6 November. A survey will also be available for the duration of the public consultation period outlined above.

Alternatively, you can contact us:

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The current polling scheme ***(link to be inserted for online notice)***, detailing all polling districts and polling places, and the alphabetic list of premises currently used for polling purposes ***(link to be inserted for online notice)*** are provided for reference. The consultation documentwill also be available to view online and at public libraries in the Falkirk Council area during the public consultation period.

All representations made to the Returning Officer by any person in connection with the Review will be open to public inspection and will also be published on the Falkirk Council website in accordance with statutory provision.

Following the consultation period, all submissions will be reviewed and a report containing proposals, together with details of all responses received, will be considered by Falkirk Council. The final outcome of the Review and copies of correspondence issued by the Council to persons with particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled persons will be published on the Council website and will also be available from the Election Office, address as noted above.

Implementation will take place immediately following the Council’s decision.

Kenneth Lawrie

Chief Executive 9 October 2023