

County Divisional Boundaries – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**Purpose**

Following a review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), the Council is asked to approve the specified changes to polling districts described in this report. These are required in order to set up the modified electoral divisions for the running of the SCC elections on Thursday 2 May 2013.

Background

1. The LGBCE, in 2010/11, conducted a review of the electoral arrangements in Surrey which aimed to ensure that the number of voters represented by each councillor was approximately the same. The Surrey (Electoral Changes) Order 2012, to implement recommendations by the Boundary Commission for new county division boundaries in Surrey, was made on 10 July 2012 and come into force at the next elections for Surrey County Council, in May 2013.
2. The effects of the Order for the 6 County Divisions in Surrey Heath are as follows:
 - (a) To create the 2 amended County Divisions comprising the following parish wards
 - i. Bagshot, Windlesham and Chobham; and
 - ii. Lightwater, West End and Bisley.
 - (b) To move 642 properties (867 electors) in the Ansells area from Camberley West to Frimley Green and Mytchett.
 - (c) To move 381 properties (819 electors) on Wellington Park from Camberley East to Heatherside and Parkside.
3. The changes introduced by the Order do not amend the Borough Ward boundaries. As a result, the County Divisional boundaries and the Borough Ward boundaries will no longer be coterminous in parts of the four divisions of Camberley West, Camberley East, Frimley Green and Mytchett, and Heatherside and Parkside.

Proposal

4. The changes to the polling districts specified in this report are necessary to enable the Returning Officer to conduct the County Council elections in accordance with the modified electoral divisions introduced by the Order.
5. As the Council has no power to amend ward boundaries, in order to accommodate the changes to the county divisions it will be necessary to create 2 new polling districts comprising the affected properties at 2(b) and (c).
6. It will not be necessary to amend any of the polling districts in parished area of the Borough as the polling district, ward and county divisional boundaries remain coterminous.

7. However in relation to moving properties from Camberley West to Frimley Green and Mytchett and from Camberley East to Heatherside and Parkside, it is proposed to create new polling districts, as follows:
 - a. FC (Frimley – South)
 - b. EB (St Pauls – East)
8. The affected roads are set out at Annex A and shown on Annex B. In addition it is proposed that the existing polling district E (St Pauls) be renamed EA (St Pauls – West).

Options

9. Adoption of the changes to the County Divisions is required by law. However approval by the Council is required to amend polling districts and to designate polling places.
10. It is necessary to consider the polling arrangements for the electors in new polling districts of FC (Frimley – South) and EB (St Pauls – East). The options are set out at Annex C.

Resource Implications

11. There would be no additional costs arising from Option A.
12. Option B will result in additional costs of approximately £350 once every four years for the County Council elections,
13. Option C would result in an additional cost approximately £550 for all 5 types of elections, depending on the cost of the hire of a building. As each authority bears the cost of its own election, this Council would have to meet any additional cost every four years.

Proposal

14. The Returning Officer proposes that Option B be implemented for the forthcoming County Council elections. A further review of polling districts and polling places will be conducted following the Borough Council elections in 2015 when these arrangements will be re-examined.

Recommendation

15. The Council is advised to RESOLVE that
 - (i) 2 new polling districts be created comprising the roads set out at Annex A and the polling places be designated as follows:
 - a. FC (Frimley – South) – St Peters Church Hall, Frimley Green Road, Frimley
 - b. EB (St Pauls – East) – St Pauls Church Hall, Church Hill, Camberley.

Background Papers:

None

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Annex A**

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Camberley West to Frimley Green & Mytchett

Addison Road
Ansell Road
Barnes Road
Bassett Close
Bret Harte Road
Frimley Green Road – No.23 – 75 (odds) & No.30 - 54 (evens)
Middlemoor Road
Purley Way
Stonehouse Rise
Sturdee Close

Camberley East to Heatherside and Parkside

Angers Close
Clarence Drive
Collingwood Grange Close
Consort Drive
Curtis Close
Darracott Close
Eliot Close
Hanson Close
Martel Close
Paget Close
Peninsular Close
Picton Close
Ramsey Close
Seymour Drive
Sovereign Drive
Toulouse Close
The Maultway
Waterloo Close

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EB (St Pauls – East) (Heatherside and Parkside Division)

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
A. To vote at the Prior Heath School polling place.	The polling place is in the Heatherside and Parkside Division.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voters would only vote at this polling place at County Council elections and would vote at St Pauls in all other elections. • Changing polling places would be confusing, a disincentive to vote and likely to result in complaints from voters.
B. To vote at the St Pauls Polling Place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters would vote at the same polling place for all elections. • Voters are used to voting at this polling place. • Less confusing for voters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The polling place is outside the Heatherside and Parkside Division. • A separate polling station within the polling place will be needed as different ballot papers will need to be issued. • 2 additional staff would be required to man the separate polling station. The administrative arrangements will need to be carefully managed
C. To create a new polling place within the St Pauls – East polling district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The polling place would be in the Heatherside and Parkside Division. • Voters would vote at the same polling place for all elections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional costs of hiring a building and 2 additional staff. • It has not so far been possible to identify a suitable building within the polling district to use as a polling place.

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FC (Frimley – South) (Frimley Green and Mytchett Division)

Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
A. To vote at the Frimley Green School polling place.	The polling place is in Frimley Green and Mytchett Division.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The voters would only vote at this polling place at County Council elections and would vote at St Peters, Frimley at all other elections. • Changing polling places would be confusing, a disincentive to vote and likely to result in complaints from voters.
B. To vote at the St Peters Polling Place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voters would vote at the same polling place for all elections. • Voters are used to voting at this polling place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The polling place is outside the Frimley Green and Mytchett Division. • A separate polling station within the polling place will be needed as different ballot papers will need to be issued. • 2 additional staff would be required to man the separate polling station. The administrative arrangements will need to be carefully managed.
C. To create a new polling place within the Frimley – South polling district.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The polling place would be in the Frimley Green and Mytchett Division. • Voters would vote at the same polling place for all elections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional costs of hiring a building and 2 additional staff. • It has not so far been possible to identify a suitable building within the polling district to use as a polling place staff.