

# REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2010/11

## Designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places arising from the Review

New Forest District Council has completed its second review of polling districts and polling places required under Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006. As a result of the review, the following changes have been made to polling districts and polling places within New Forest District Council's area:

### 1. Polling Districts:

#### 1.1 RA and RC Polling Districts (Ringwood North District Ward)

With effect from 1 December 2011, Lilac Close and Winston Way will be moved from RC to RA polling district.

##### ***Reasons for Decision:***

RA and RC voters were allocated to a polling station at the Community Centre, Poulner Junior School. This polling station was considered too small for the number of voters voting there, and, because of the special circumstances that apply, an alternative polling station for most of the voters in RC polling district has been identified at the St John the Baptist Church Hall in Linford Road, Poulner (see also paragraph 2.3 below). Voters in Lilac Close and Winston Way are situated close to the existing polling station at the Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, and moving those properties to RA polling district will mean that the residents can continue to vote at the Community Centre.

#### 1.2 TG and TH Polling Districts (Totton North District Ward)

With effect from 1 December 2011, the following roads will be moved from TG to TH polling district:

Court Close  
Buckland Gardens  
Warren Place  
Cooks Lane  
Pauletts Lane  
Loperwood Lane  
Flowerdown Close  
Cedarwood Close

##### ***Reasons for Decision:***

The Chief Counting Officer for the 2011 Referendum decreed that no more than 2,500 voters (after deduction of postal voters) should be allocated to a single polling station. There were in excess of this number in TG polling district allocated to a polling station at the Calmore Community Centre, and for this reason it was necessary to move some electors from TG to TH polling

district. The change will ensure a more even distribution of voters across both polling districts. No changes to polling stations are required and voters from both TG and TH polling districts vote at the Calmore Community Centre.

## **2. Polling Places**

### **2.1 EX Polling District**

EX and BA polling districts have been designated as the polling place for EX polling district.

***Reasons for Decision:***

This action has been taken to enable voters in EX polling district to vote at the Beaulieu Village Hall. The Returning Officer has, on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, decided that the previous polling station serving EX polling district at Exbury Club be discontinued because of the high cost per elector voting there.

### **2.2 BM Polling District**

BM and NF polling districts have been designated as the polling place for BM polling district.

***Reasons for Decision:***

This action has been taken to enable voters in BM polling district to vote at the St John's Church Hall in St Johns Road, Bashley. The Returning Officer has, on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, decided that the previous polling station serving BM polling district, a caravan in Wootton Farm Road, be discontinued because of the high cost per elector voting there.

### **2.3 RC Polling District**

RC and RH polling districts have been designated as the polling place for RC polling district.

***Reasons for Decision:***

This action has been taken to enable voters in RC polling district to vote at the St John's Church Hall in Linford Road. The Returning Officer was concerned that there were too many voters allocated to the previous polling station at the Community Centre, Poulner Junior School, and, on the recommendation of the General Purposes and Licensing Committee, decided to allocate RC voters to the St Johns Church Hall in Linford Road.