

## The Highland Council

### Community Safety, Public Engagement and Equalities Committee – 3 December 2014

Agenda Item	13
Report No	CPE 44/14

#### Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2014

#### Report by the Chief Executive

##### **Summary**

The Report advises the Committee of the review of the current Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places, as required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. The Report outlines the responses received during the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultative process and suggests a number of amendments to the existing Scheme.

##### **Background**

- 1.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty on all local authorities to review their UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places at least once every four years. The first such review had to be completed by the end of 2007. Highland Council's first statutory review was in 2007 and the second in 2010. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a new provision altering the timing of compulsory reviews. The compulsory review periods are the period of 16 months beginning with 1 October 2013 and the period of 16 months beginning with 1 October of every fifth year after that.
- 1.2 The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in Highland commenced on Friday 15 November 2013.
- 1.3 Comments on the Polling Scheme were invited from
  - Electors in the Highland area
  - All elected representatives (i.e. MPs, MSPs, MEPs and Councillors)
  - Disability and Minority Groups – with expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people
  - Community Councils in Highland
  - Any person in connection with specified alternative Polling Places
- 2.0 **Polling District Review**
- 2.1 In carrying out the review, the Act requires that the following rules be applied:-

- (a) the Council must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- (b) the Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled;
- (c) the Council must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons of potential polling stations in any place which it is considering designating as a polling place or the designation of which as a polling place it is reviewing;
- (d) the polling place for a polling district must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the district;
- (e) the polling place for a polling district must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station.

2.2 It should be noted that representations against the outcome of the review may be made to the Electoral Commission by

- (i) not less than 30 electors in the constituency;
- (ii) a person (other than the returning officer) who has made representations during the review, and
- (iii) a person who is not an elector in a constituency in the authority's area but who the Commission think has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons to polling places in the area or has particular expertise in relation to the access to premises or facilities of disabled persons.

A relevant representation is a representation that a review has not been conducted by the Council so as to (a) meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency or any body of those electors, or (b) take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

### **3.0 Responses received**

3.1 The second period of consultation concluded in June 2014 and produced 17 responses. The responses received are summarised at Appendix 1 to this Report.

3.2 The full representations and maps relating to the recommended changes can be found using [this link](#).

#### 4.0 **Polling Districts**

4.1 In Ward 3 (Wick) it is recommended that Polling Districts C03A & B be amalgamated with voters being allocated to the Boys Brigade Hall. The current Polling Place in C03B is St. Fergus Church which has parking issues and is located only 300 yards from the Boys Brigade Hall. One representation was received from Wick St. Fergus Congregational Board on this proposal. (Rep. 2/16). There is no ambiguity over which building is involved and it is recommended that the change in Polling Place is approved.

4.2 In Ward 4 (Landward Caithness), it is recommended that Polling District C04D (Bower Community Hall) be amalgamated with adjacent Polling Districts, as shown in Map 1. Bower Community Council wish to continue with the current Polling Place, commenting that insufficient reason was given for the proposed closure; the move would increase travel to polling stations; reduce voting and result in another facility being taken away from the local electorate. Castletown Community Council also supports the continued use of Bower Community Hall.

C04D is a dispersed Polling District, with most electors having to travel by car. The Polling District can be equally spread among Polling Stations at Castletown, Watten, Keiss and Reiss.

4.3 In regard to Polling Districts C04F (Britannia Hall, Dunnet) and C04G (Canisbay Hall), both Halls have internal lighting and accessibility issues. Britannia Hall Committee do not agree that the Britannia Hall has internal lighting (stating that lighting was upgraded in 2013) and accessibility issues (Hall is accessible). The Committee state that ceasing use of the Hall would have a detrimental effect on turnout.

Canisbay Hall has poor lighting and heating. Mey Hall has recently been fully renovated and is midway between Dunnet and Canisbay and would provide very modern and accessible facilities. Mey Hall has confirmed it is available for use as a polling station. It is recommended that Polling Districts C04F and C04G be combined and the new Hall at Mey designated as the Polling Place.

4.4 Polling District C04K (Thrumster Hall) - This Polling Station has poor access, both external and internal. There is no disabled access via main door but rather by a side entrance. Heating and lighting are poor. The Hall is an old building and is no longer fit for purpose. It was suggested that the Polling District be merged with C04J (Assembly Rooms, Wick, which is 5 miles away). Two representations have been received against the suggestion, from Thrumster Hall Committee and Tannach & District Community Council, both strongly refuting the hall defects, commenting that a "plan of maintenance and improvements has been started and the hall will soon take its place as the centre of community spirit within the area".

Polling staff have had difficulty in keeping warm, with inadequate heating, often running out of coins for the meter. The access to the door does not meet current requirements for DDA accessibility.

Notwithstanding the representations received, it is recommended that the

Polling District be merged with C04J (Assembly Rooms, Wick, which is 5 miles away). If the Hall is improved in the future, the Polling Place could be reinstated.

4.5 In Ward 6 (Wester Ross and Strathpeffer) three changes are proposed:-

- a) The Polling Place in R06L is the Meeting House, Kishorn. This Polling Station has no toilet or kitchen facilities and is not suitable as a Polling Place. There is no other suitable alternative public building in the Polling District. 42 electors voted here in 2012. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with R06M (Lochcarron Hall), located 5 miles to the east.
- b) The Polling Place for R06N is the caravan at Coulags, Balnacra. This Polling Station does not meet any of the access requirements for polling places as laid out by the Electoral Commission. In 2012, 26 Electors voted at the caravan. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with R06M (Lochcarron Hall), some 8.5 miles to the south west.
- c) R06R has Contin Village Hall as the Polling Place. The Polling Place does not have suitable disabled access. In 2012, 149 Electors voted there. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with R06Q (Strathpeffer, which is situated 3 miles away).

No representations were received on the above proposals.

4.6 In Ward 10 (Black Isle), it is proposed that the electors residing in the Lower Wards area of Fortrose move from R10G to R10H to enable them to vote in Fortrose, instead of Rosemarkie, as at present (See Map No. 2)

4.7 In Ward 11 (Eilean a Cheo) Torrinn Outdoor Centre is the Polling Place for R11R. The Polling Place is not accessible to wheelchair users and it is recommended that the Polling Place be moved to R11P (Broadford Village Hall, which is situated 6 miles away). Broadford & Strath Community Council have submitted a representation (Rep. 2/12) against the proposal. The Community Council highlights the poor transport links between Torrinn and Broadford; that other polling places in Skye have similar access problems; that the premises are wheelchair accessible.

4.8 In Ward 12 (Caol & Mallaig), it was reported earlier that the Polling Place for R12C (Lady Lovat Primary School) did not have suitable disabled access, and that the Council cease use of the building as a Polling Place and the 236 electors be designated to vote at R12D (Mallaig and Morar Community Centre, situated 3 miles away). 2 representations have been received – from Councillor Allan Henderson (Rep. 2/04) and Morar Community Council (Rep. 2/09), both indicating that the building has disabled access; that many electors are elderly and / or do not have their own transport. It is recommended that the Council continue to use the premises as a Polling Place

4.9 In Ward 15 (Central) two alterations to Polling District Boundaries are proposed

to make voting more convenient for electors in the area – see Map 3. Councillor Richard Laird has also suggested that electors in Glendoe Terrace should be moved into I15B from I15A, making voting more convenient for the electors.

- 4.10 In Ward 20 (Inverness South), electors in I20B vote at Green Drive Hall. Representations have been received about the location of the Polling Place for electors in PD I20B. Accordingly, it is suggested that PD I20B merge with I20A and electors allocated to Inshes Primary School (361 electors affected, increasing electorate at I20A (Inshes Primary School) to 3287). One representation has been received – from Councillor Carolyn Caddick (Rep. 2/01) supporting the proposal.
- 4.11 Also in Ward 20, a representation was received regarding properties near Cranmore, south of Westhill, Inverness. Electors in those properties are allocated to vote at I20D Strathdearn Village Hall (Daviot). It would be more convenient for those electors if the area was transferred from I20D to I20C (Cradlehall Primary School). The area proposed to be transferred is shown in Map No. 4.
- 4.12 In Ward 21 (Badenoch & Strathspey), Insh Village Church is designated as the Polling Place for I21D. This Polling Place has access difficulties and no welfare facilities for Poll Staff. The Badenoch Centre, Kingussie (I21F) is more suitable. It is suggested that the two Polling Districts (I21D and I21F) be merged. Insh is 5 miles from Kingussie. One representation was received from Kincaig and Vicinity Community Council (Rep. 2/17) suggesting that I21D be merged with I12G (Kincaig Community Hall), as Insh falls within that area. It is recommended that the Committee accept this suggestion and move the Polling Place to Kincaig Community Hall.
- 4.13 I21Q has Advie Public Hall as the Polling Place. 23 electors from a total of 53 used this polling place in 2012. It is located 6 miles from I210 (Cromdale). It is therefore suggested that electors in PD I21Q be allocated to vote at Cromdale Public Hall. No representations were received on this proposal.
- 4.14 In Ward 22 (Fort William & Ardnamurchan), Kingairloch Church Vestibule is designated as the Polling Place for R22G. The Polling District has 23 electors and 11 voted there in 2012. Continued use of the polling place should cease, on economic grounds alone. It is suggested that the Polling District be merged with R22D (Strontian Hall, situated some 14 miles away). No representations were received on this proposal.

## 5.0 **Polling Places**

- 5.1 As part of the review, the premises used as Polling Places were examined. The type of buildings used as Polling Places varies greatly across Highland and are in a mixture of public, private and community ownership. With regard to privately and community owned buildings, their use is agreed on a year to year basis, where election use is treated as a priority over all other bookings.
- 5.2 Some premises are very suitable for use at an election, being easily accessible

within the community, offering good parking, wide doorways, sympathetic lighting and colour contrast to assist people with a visual impairment. Polling Equipment can be sensitively located within the Polling Place. In others, there are different problems, to varying extent and degree, which affect an elector's voting experience.

5.3 The Stage 1 report suggested a number of changes to Polling Places within Polling Districts, as shown below, and it is recommended that the changes be confirmed.

R09A	LOWER TOWN HALL, DINGWALL	Disabled access from Church Street very poor. Alternative access available side of Museum. Suggest that the polling place be relocated to Dingwall Community Centre.
R09D	CONON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Change name of Polling Place to the Leanaig Centre, Ben Wyvis Primary School. It is considered to be the only reasonable and practicable venue in the PD. Continue use of school.
I19D	DUNBAR MEMORIAL HALL, AULDEARN	Change Polling Place to Letham Road Hall, Auldearn. The proposed Polling Place has better access and user facilities.
I211	AVIEMORE PUBLIC HALL	The Public Hall is no longer in use and it is suggested that the Aviemore Community Centre be designated the Polling Place. The Hall is modern and wheelchair accessible.

5.4 In carrying out this review, Ward Managers completed an Electoral Commission based building survey. However, in a number of cases, the paper based survey provided insufficient information. It is suggested that over the course of the next three years, Ward Managers be asked to further inspect Polling Places, obtain floor plans and photographs (both internal and external) to assist with future reviews.

5.5 The proposed Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places is detailed in Appendix 2 to the Report.

## 6.0 **Implications**

6.1 The Financial Implications of this Report will reduce the cost of running elections; Legal Implications – The Council will meet its statutory responsibility to Review Polling Places.

6.2 There are no known specific equality, climate change/carbon clever; risk or Gaelic implications arising from this Report.

## **7.0 Recommendation**

7.1 It is recommended that the Committee

- (a) Notes the representations received;
- (b) Considers the suggestions to amend Polling Districts and Polling Places as detailed in paragraphs 4 and 5 above;
- (c) Approve the final Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Appendix 2) for the period 2015 - 20
- (d) Continues to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Convener, Leader and Depute Leader of the Administration, Leader of the Opposition and appropriate Local Members, to make any necessary changes to the Scheme should circumstances arise prior to the next review.

Designation: Chief Executive

Date: 25 November 2014

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Background Papers: Responses received to the Polling District and Polling Place Review, as published on the Council's website.

## APPENDIX 1

Reference	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Station	Response
THC-001	Carolyn Caddick, Member for Inverness South	I20A/B	Inshes Primary School	Fully supportive of proposal to merge I20A and I20B.
THC-002	Camille Dressler, Small Isles CC	R12F	Community Learning Room, Eigg Primary School	No desire to change
THC-003	Chris Hobson, Dunnet and Canisbay CC	CO4F	Brittania Hall	Supports use of current polling station
THC-004	Allan Henderson, Member for Caol and Mallaig	R12C	Lady Lovat Primary School	Supports use of current polling station
THC-005	Morag Campbell, Badenoch and Strathspey Disabled Access Panel	IN259	Carrbridge Public Hall	Concerns over disability access, asks for visit/review of polling station (See correspondence)
THC-006	Richard Laird, Member for Inverness Central	I15A/B	Merkinch Commuinty Centre/Trinity Church	Is there scope to move those residential properties situated on the western side of Glendoe Terrace from I15B into I15A?
THC-007	Ray Sefton, Aviemore and Vicinity CC	I211	Aviemore Public Hall	Happy with the change and sees no problem
THC-008	Brenda Herrick, Castletown and District CC	CO4D, CO4F, CO4G	Bower Community Hall, Brittania Hall, Canisbay Hall	Castletown not directly affected, but supports the use of current polling stations.
THC-009	Deirdre Roberts, Morar CC	R12C	Lady Lovat Primary School	Supports use of current polling station
THC-010	John Fotheringham, Spean Bridge, Roy Bridge & Achnacarry CC	R12I	Achnacarry Hall	Supports use of current polling station. Make Roy Bridge a polling station.
THC-011	Margaret Calder, Britannia Hall Committee	C04F	Brittania Hall	Supports use of current polling station
THC-012	Norma Morrison, Broadford & Strath CC	R11R	Torrin Outdoor Centre	Supports use of current polling station
THC-013	Lorna Swanson, Bower CC	C04D	Bower Community Hall	Supports use of current polling station

THC-014	Alice Miller, Thrumster Hall Committee	CO4K	Thrumster Hall	Supports use of current polling station
THC-015	Elizabeth Henderson, Tannach & District CC	CO4K	Thrumster Hall	Supports use of current polling station
THC-016	Elizabeth Henderson, Wick St Fergus Church	C03B	Wick St Fergus Church	Ambiguity over location over polling station (see correspondence)
THC-017	David Brown, Kincraig and Vincinity CC	I21D	Insh Village Church	The move would be more acceptable if it were to be merged with Kincraig as Insh falls within this area.

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REVIEW OF SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS  
AND POLLING PLACES 2014**

<b>POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
C01A	ELPHIN COMMUNITY HALL	
C01B	LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL	
C01C	STOER VILLAGE HALL	
C01D	DRUMBEG VILLAGE HALL	
C01E	UNAPOOL FORMER PRIMARY SCHOOL	
C01F	SCOURIE VILLAGE HALL	
C01G	KINLOCHBERVIE VILLAGE HALL	
C01H	NEW DURNESS VILLAGE HALL	
C01I	MELVICH VILLAGE HALL	
C01J	KINBRACE HALL	
C01K	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL	
C01L	TONGUE VILLAGE HALL	
C01M	MELNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C01N	STRATHNAVER VILLAGE HALL	
C01O	LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C01P	ROSEHALL VILLAGE HALL	
C01Q	ARDGAY COMMUNITY HALL	
C01R	BONAR BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	
C01S	SKERRAY VILLAGE HALL	
R01A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL	
C02A	FREE CHURCH HALL, MILLBANK ROAD, THURSO	

C02B	CADET CENTRE, PRINCES STREET, THURSO	
C02C	BOYS BRIGADE HALL, THURSO	
C03A	BOYS BRIGADE HALL, WICK	
C03B	OLD PARISH CHURCH HALL, WICK	Close and amalgamate with Boy's Brigade Hall, Wick. This Polling Station has parking issues and experienced a low turnout (161 electors out of 673) in 2012. The Boy's Brigade Hall is situated 300 yards away.
C03C	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	
C03D	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	
C04A	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL	
C04B	REAY HALL	
C04C	ROSS INSTITUTE, HALKIRK	
C04D	BOWER COMMUNITY HALL, BRABSTERDORRAN	Close and amalgamate to adjacent PD's on boundaries proposed by the Ward Manager, as per attached Map No.1
C04E	WATTEN HALL	
C04F	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET	This Polling Station has internal lighting issues and it is not accessible to people with mobility problems so it is therefore recommended that the Polling District be moved to Mey Hall which is 4 miles away. See C04G below.
C04G	CANISBAY HALL	This Polling Station has internal lighting issues and has disabled access. It is recommended that, due to the low turnout at previous elections, the new hall at Mey (4 miles away) would provide a central location for this Polling District.
C04H	KEISS AMENITIES HALL	
C04I	REISS HALL	
C04J	ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK	
C04K	THRUMSTER HALL	This Polling Station has poor access, both external and internal. There is no disabled access via main door but rather by a side entrance. Heating and Lighting is poor. The Hall is an old building and is no longer fit for purpose. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with C04J (Assembly Rooms, Wick, which is 5 miles away).

C04L	LYBSTER COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C04M	DUNBEATH VILLAGE HALL	
C04N	FREE CHURCH HALL, MILLBANK ROAD, THURSO	
C05A	ROGART VILLAGE HALL	
C05B	ST. ANDREWS CHURCH HALL, GOLSPIE	
C05C	KINBRACE HALL	
C05D	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C05E	PORTGOWER HALL, HELMSDALE	
C05F	BRORA COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C05G	EMBO FOOTBALL CLUB PAVILION	
C05H	WEST CHURCH HALL, DORNOCH	
C05I	EDDERTON VILLAGE HALL	
R06A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL	
R06B	ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL	
R06C	BADCAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNDONNELL	
R06D	AULTBEA VILLAGE HALL	
R06E	POOLEWE VILLAGE HALL	
R06F	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R06G	NO.11, OPINAN	
R06H	KINLOCHEWE VILLAGE HALL	
R06I	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL	
R06J	SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL	
R06K	TORRIDON VILLAGE HALL	
R06L	MEETING HOUSE, KISHORN	This Polling Station has no toilet or kitchen facilities and is not suitable as a Polling Place. There is no other suitable alternative public building in the Polling District. 42 electors voted here in 2012. It is recommended that the Polling

		District be merged with Lochcarron, located 5 miles to the east.
R06M	LOHCARRON COMMUNITY HALL	
R06N	THE CARAVAN, COULAGS, BALNACRA	This Polling Station does not meet any of the access requirements for polling places as laid out by the Electoral Commission. In 2012, 26 Electors voted at the caravan. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with Lochcarron, some 8.5 miles to the south west.
R06O	ACHNASHEEN HALL	
R06P	GARVE VILLAGE HALL	
R06Q	STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R06R	CONTIN VILLAGE HALL	This Polling Place does not have suitable disabled access. In 2012, 149 Electors voted there. There is no alternative facility in the Polling District. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with R06Q (Strathpeffer, which is situated 3 miles away).
R06S	FAIRBURN HALL, MARYBANK	
R06T	STRATHCONON VILLAGE HALL	
R06U	ACHMORE VILLAGE HALL	
R06V	PLOCKTON PUBLIC HALL	
R06W	AUCHTERTYRE COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R06X	DORNIE COMMUNITY HALL	
R06Y	INVERINATE & LOCH DUICH VILLAGE HALL	
R06Z	GLENELG HALL	
R06ZA	THE CHEILDH HOUSE, ARNISDALE	
R06ZB	KYLE VILLAGE HALL	
R06ZC	THE CHEILDH HOUSE, ARNISDALE	
R06ZD	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	
C07A	ARDROSS COMMUNITY	

	CENTRE	
C07B	COULHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C07C	AVERON COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C07D	DIAMOND JUBILEE HALL, EVANTON	
C07E	COULHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	
C07F	OBSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	
C07G	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB	
C07H	JOSS STREET PUBLIC HALL, INVERGORDON	
C08A	DUTHAC CENTRE, TAIN	
C08B	INVER VILLAGE HALL	
C08C	CARNEGIE HALL, PORTMAHOMACK	
CO8D	FEARN ABBEY HALL	
C08E	MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	
C08F	NIGG VILLAGE HALL	
C08G	SEABOARD HALL, BALINTORE	
C08H	MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	
C09A	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	
R09A	LOWER TOWN HALL, DINGWALL	Relocate to Dingwall Community Centre.
R09B	MARYBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R09C	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	
R09D	CONON BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	Change name of Polling Place to the Leanaig Centre, Ben Wyvis Primary School.
R09E	PUBLIC HALL, SEAFORTH RD, MUIR OF ORD	
C09A	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	
R10A	KILLEARNAN PUBLIC HALL, TORE	

R10B	MUNLOCHY VILLAGE HALL	
R10C	NORTH KESSOCK PUBLIC HALL	
R10D	VICTORIA HALL ,CROMARTY	
R10E	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL	
R10F	FINDON HALL, CULBOKIE	
R10G	GORDON MEMORIAL HALL, ROSEMARKIE	Representation have been made regarding the group of houses just north of Bruce Gardens, requesting that they are allocated to vote in R10H (Fortrose), as against having to go to R10G (Rosemarkie). Accordingly, it is recommended that the boundaries be changes according to the plans, which will affect 6 electors. See Map 2.
R10H	FORTROSE TOWN HALL	.
R10I	AVOCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	The Community Centre is no longer in use and it is recommended that the Church of Scotland Hall, Avoch be designated as the Polling Place. The Church Hall is wheelchair accessible.
R11A	KILMUIR VILLAGE HALL	
R11B	UIG VILLAGE HALL	
R11C	TALLA STAFAINN, STAFFIN	
R11D	EDINBANE COMMUNITY HALL	
R11E	MEMORIAL HALL, SKEABOST BRIDGE	
R11F	WATERNISH VILLAGE HALL	
R11G	DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R11H	GLENDALE HALL	
R11I	STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	
R11J	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL	Merge PD's R11J and K.
R11K	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL	
R11L	TIGH NA SGIRE, PORTREE	
R11M	RAASAY DAY CENTRE	
R11N	BRAES COMMUNITY HALL,	

	PORTREE	
R11O	ISLE OF SKYE GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE	
R11P	CAFETERIA, BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL	
R11Q	ELGOL VILLAGE HALL	
R11R	TORRIN OUTDOOR CENTRE	This Polling Place is not accessible for wheelchair users and it is recommended that the Polling Place be moved to R11P (Broadford Village Hall, which is situated 6 miles away).
R11S	KYLEAKIN COMMUNITY HALL	
R11T	TALLA DUISDALE, EILEAN IARMAIN	
R11U	TARSKAVAIG COMMUNITIES HALL	
R11V	ARDVASAR HALL	
R12A	GLENFINNAN HOUSE HOTEL	
R12B	ASTLEY HALL, ARISAIG	
R12C	LADY LOVAT PRIMARY SCHOOL, MORAR	
R12D	MALLAIG AND MORAR COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R12E	INVERIE VILLAGE HALL	
R12F	TIGH CHORRARAIGH DAY CENTRE, EIGG	
R12G	KINLOCHIEL OUTDOOR CENTRE	
R12H	KILMALLIE HALL, CORPACH	
R12I	ACHNACARRY VILLAGE HALL	Hall is not fit for purpose, complaints received from Poll Staff. Recommend amalgamate with R12K (Spean Bridge Community Centre), located 6.5 miles away. 84 electors affected, although only 28 voted there in 2012
R12J	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	
R12K	SPEAN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R12L	ROY BRIDGE MEMORIAL	

	HALL	
R12M	CAOL COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I12A	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	
I12B	MEMORIAL HALL, FORT AUGUSTUS	
R13A	PHIPPS HALL, BEAULY	
R13B	KILMORACK HALL	
R13C	CANNICH HALL	
I13A	KILTARLITY HALL	
I13B	KIRKHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I13C	ABRIACHAN VILLAGE HALL	
I13D	BLAIRBEG HALL, DRUMNADROCHIT	
I13E	BALNAIN COMMUNITY HALL	
I13F	GLENMORISTON VILLAGE HALL, INVERMORISTON	
I13G	MEMORIAL HALL, FORT AUGUSTUS	
I13H	DOCHGARROCH HALL	
I13I	DORES PARISH HALL	
I13J	FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I13K	STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL	
I13L	FARR COMMUNITY HALL	
I14A	CHARLESTON ACADEMY, COMMUNITY COMPLEX	
I14B	CATHEDRAL BOYS SCHOOL, BISHOPS ROAD	
I14C	MUIRTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I15A	MERKINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	Representation received about the Polling District boundary in Merkinch, with some voters having to go to Merkinch Community Centre, whilst they were closer to I15B (Trinity Church). Accordingly, it is recommended that the boundaries be changes according to the plan shown in Map 3; 142 electors are

		affected by the proposed change.
I15B	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	
I15C	DALNEIGH COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I15D	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	
I15E	SPECTRUM CENTRE, MARGARET STREET	
I15F	HAUGH COURT HALL	
I15G	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL, SOUTHSIDE ROAD	
I15H	HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I15I	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	
I16A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I16B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I16C	CULDUTHEL HALL, GREEN DRIVE	
I16D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL, ARDHOLM PLACE	
I16E	HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE (PART FROM I16B)	
I17A	HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I17B	CROWN CHURCH LOWER HALL, MIDMILLS ROAD	
I17C	CROWN CHURCH LOWER HALL, MIDMILLS ROAD	
I17D	RAIGMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I17E	DRAKIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I18A	SMITHTON VILLAGE HALL	
I18B	DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I18C	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, LARGE HALL	
I18D	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, LARGE HALL	
I18E	CROY VILLAGE HALL	
I18F	OLD SCHOOL HALL	

	ARDERSIER	
I18G	CAWDOR COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I19A	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I19B	SEAMEN'S VICTORIA HALL, HARBOUR STREET	
I19C	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I19D	DUNBAR MEMORIAL HALL, AULDEARN	Recommend changing Polling Place to Letham Road Hall. The proposed Polling Place has better access and user facilities.
I19E	NAIRN COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I19F	SEAMEN'S VICTORIA HALL, HARBOUR STREET	
I19G	FORNIGHTY PUBLIC HALL	
I19H	GLENFERNESS VILLAGE HALL	
I20A	INSHES PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I20B	GREEN DRIVE HALL	Merge with I20A
I20C	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I20D	STRATHNAIRN VILLAGE HALL	Representation have been received regarding the PD boundary in Nairnside - request that electors vote at I20C (Cradlehall School) rather than having to cross the A9 to vote at Daviot. Accordingly, it is recommended the group of electors transfer from I20D to I20C. Suggest amend boundary – remove 40 properties and include in Polling District I20C – Map No. 4
I20E	STRATHDEARN VILLAGE HALL, TOMATIN	
I20F	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	
I20G	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL, SMALL HALL	
I21A	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	
I21B	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL	
I21C	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL	

I21D	INSH VILLAGE CHURCH	This Polling Place has access difficulties and no welfare facilities for Poll Staff. The Community has suggested that the Polling District be merged with I12G (Kincraig Community Hall). It is recommended that the two Polling Districts (I21D and I21G) be merged.
I21E	NEWTONMORE VILLAGE HALL	
I21F	BADENOCH CENTRE, SPEY STREET, KINGUSSIE	
I21G	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	
I21H	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	
I21I	AVIEMORE PUBLIC HALL	The Public Hall is no longer in use and it is recommended that the Aviemore Community Centre be designated the Polling Place. The Hall is modern and wheelchair accessible.
I21J	BOAT OF GARTEN PUBLIC HALL	
I21K	CARRBRIDGE PUBLIC HALL	
I21L	DULNAIN BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL	
I2M	NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	
I21N	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	
I21O	CROMDALE PUBLIC HALL	
I21P	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	
I21Q	ADVIE PUBLIC HALL	Only 23 electors (out of 53) used this polling place in 2012. It is located 6 miles from I210 (Cromdale). It is therefore recommended that electors in PD's I21Q be allocated to vote at Cromdale Public Hall.
I21R	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL, GRANTOWN	
I21S	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL (PART FROM I21A)	
R22A	GLENUIG HALL	

R22B	SHIELBRIDGE HALL, ACHARACLE	
R22C	KILCHOAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R22D	STRONTIAN HALL	
R22E	TRESLAIG HALL	
R22F	ARDGOUR HALL	
R22G	KINGAIRLOCH CHURCH VESTIBULE	The PD has 23 electors and 11 voted there in 2012. Continued use of the polling place should cease, on economic grounds alone. It is recommended that the Polling District be merged with R22D (Strontian Hall, situated some 14 miles away).
R22H	LOCHALINE HALL	
R22I	DRIMNIN HALL	
R22J	INVERLOCHY VILLAGE HALL	
R22K	NEVIS CENTRE, AN AIRD	
R22L	PLANTATION HALL FORT WILLIAM	
R22M	FORT WILLIAM PRIMARY SCHOOL	
R22N	UPPER ACHINTORE PRIMARY SCHOOL, FORT WILLIAM	
R22O	ONICH VILLAGE HALL	
R22P	KINLOCHLEVEN COMMUNITY CENTRE	
R22Q	ST MARY'S HALL, GLENCOE	
R22R	BALLACHULISH VILLAGE HALL	
R22S	KENTALLEN & DUROR COMMUNITY HALL	
R22T	AN DROCHAID, CLAGGAN	