

Polling district review 2018/19

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AM1	Armley Ward	I don't believe that Armley have enough polling stations given the hilly nature of my ward. Can we have more? I would be reluctant to have any reduction.	EWG noted that each polling district in Armley ward (13 in total) is served by its own polling station and that the average electorate per station of 1,500 is well below the Electoral Commission recommended limit of 2,500. Members did not agree more polling stations were needed in this ward.
AR1	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	The polling station located at Thorpe Social Centre is not centrally located and difficult to find for the electorate in the northern part of the polling district. Recommended the Falconers Rest Public House or St Georges Centre be considered as an alternative.	Falconers Rest Public House and St Georges Centre not suitable for polling. Members agreed to an improved polling station address on poll cards and for additional signage to be placed on the main road to direct electors.
PS1	Pudsey Ward	I identified that the polling station at Southroyd School has no parking on site for disabled or elderly constituents, then thinking about it, parking is very limited at all polling stations sited in schools due to parking restriction, Comparing to the polling stations sited in temporary units just for the day, which can be put in large open spaces.	Officers confirmed the arrangements in place with the school relating to parking for disabled and elderly electors. Members were happy for polling to remain at the school but asked that a note be added to poll cards for this polling station to inform the electors of these arrangements.
TN1	Temple Newsam Ward	I wish to register my objection to the use of the small room (the Benson room) at Halton Library, Temple Newsam Ward, as a polling station for the Leeds City Council elections in May 2018. 1. Access: The polling station room is adjacent to the main library but was entered by a separate door. The entrance was via a relatively narrow footpath and doorway, both of which appeared to cause difficulties for a wheelchair user or for people arriving and leaving the building at the same time. 2. Health and safety: voters There was a	Officers explained some teething problems experienced when using Halton Library for polling for the first time in 2017. Members were satisfied that arrangements for future elections at this polling station will be satisfactory for the electorate voting there.

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		<p>temporary metal ramp to provide access over a threshold, but it seemed to create a further obstacle rather than smooth the entrance. I tripped over this item and managed to avoid crashing into the door frame. 3. Health and safety: polling station staff The room has little natural light and seemed to have very little natural ventilation, and thus did not seem a suitable environment for the polling station officers positioned there for a very long day. 4. Two polling districts: The polling station covers two polling districts with a total electorate of over 3000. Even given that numbers of voters in each polling district will have postal votes, the use of this small room for a large electorate does appear to be an unsatisfactory arrangement, especially when compared with several polling stations in the ward which have fewer than 1000 electorate. (4 out of 11).</p>	