

Midlothian Council

Review of polling districts and polling places 2024

Aim of review

To seek to ensure that all the electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

To seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places the local authority are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

Definition of terms

UK Parliamentary Constituencies: these cannot be changed by the review. The division of these constituencies into polling districts and places is the subject of the review.

Polling District: the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

Polling Place: the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

Polling Station: the room or area within the polling place where the poll takes place. Chosen by the Returning Officer for the election and publicised on the Notice of Poll or the Notice of Situation of Polling Stations and communicated via poll card after the Notice of Election.

The Returning Officer must make a formal comment as part of this review both into the existing polling stations used and the polling stations that would probably be used based on any newly recommended polling places.

What is not being reviewed?

The following are not covered by the review:

- The boundaries of UK and Scottish Parliamentary constituencies.
- The borders and names of local authorities and electoral areas within local authorities