Chairman's Announcements

Subject:	Polling District and Polling Place Review
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The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires Wiltshire Council to undertake regular reviews of both polling districts and polling places within its area. The Polling District and Polling Place Review is distinct from the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council which will determine a pattern of electoral divisions.

A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area, (an electoral area being a UK Parliamentary constituency, a European Parliamentary electoral region, a parish, parish ward or an electoral division).

A polling place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer. A polling place within a polling district must be designated so that polling stations are within easy reach of all electors from across the polling district.

The purpose of such a review is ensure that all electors have reasonably practicable facilities for voting and that polling places are reasonably accessible to electors who are disabled.

A programme of work has been scheduled to gather, analyse and consult upon relevant information and recommendations for revised polling districts. Further information is available <u>here</u>.

Representations from councillors, residents and parish councils should be submitted to <u>committee@wiltshire.gov.uk</u> before the end of February 2019.