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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>3 December 2009</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Chief Executive (Returning Officer)</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CE019/09JWM</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>PROPOSED POLLING SCHEME – INVERCLYDE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask Members to delegate authority to the Returning Officer to (i) enter into a consultation exercise in relation to the Polling Scheme to be adopted for forthcoming elections; (ii) finalise the Polling Scheme in consultation with local members; and (iii) make any further alterations which may be required to the Polling Scheme prior to the date of the General Election.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The current Polling Scheme was approved by the Council, on 4 December 2008.
- 2.2 Two of the Polling Places identified within the Polling Scheme will no longer be available to the Returning Officer for future elections. These Polling Places are (a) St Lawrence's Primary School which is due to close in February 2010; and (b) Ravenscraig Primary School which is due to close in February 2010.
- 2.3 It is proposed that those electors who currently vote at St Lawrence's Primary School should be accommodated at St Lawrence's Social Club, Cartsburn Street, Greenock. The members of the Club have been consulted and are more than happy to allow the Club to be used. Those electors who currently vote at Ravenscraig Primary School should be accommodated at the new Aileymill Primary School which is due to open when Ravenscraig Primary School closes.
- 2.4 It is not proposed to alter the number of Polling Places, which will remain at 37.
- 2.5 The timetable for the review is as detailed in Appendix 1.

Appendix 1

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council delegate authority to the Returning Officer to (i) enter into a consultation exercise in relation to the Polling Scheme to be adopted for forthcoming elections; (ii) finalise the Polling Scheme in consultation with local members; and (iii) make any further alterations which may be required to the Polling Scheme prior to the date of the General Election.

Appendix 2

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In terms of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Council is required to consult with stakeholders in regard to any proposed changes to its Polling Scheme for elections.
- 4.2 The Chief Executive is the Returning Officer for all elections.
- 4.3 The Council last updated its Polling Scheme on 4 December 2008. Since that date a number of alterations have taken place which necessitate a review of the Polling Scheme. These alterations relate to (a) St Lawrence's Primary School which is due to be demolished in February 2010; and (b) Ravenscraig Primary School which is due to close February 2010.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 The proposed alterations to the Polling Scheme are:
  - (a) the current Polling Place at St Lawrence's Primary School be replaced with St Lawrence's Social Club, Cartsburn Street, Greenock; and (b) the current Polling Place at Ravenscraig Primary School be replaced by Aileymill Primary School, Auchmead Road, Greenock.
- 5.2 The proposed Polling Scheme applies the Council's general policy of avoiding the use of cabins which are regarded as inadequate for staff and electors as well as presenting security implications. Cabins may require to be utilised in an emergency situation, where for example a Polling Place becomes unavailable through fire or flood.
- 5.3 As part of the consultation exercise, the Returning Officer will seek the views of Inverclyde Council on Disability (ICOD).
- 5.4 To accommodate changes which may occur between the date of approval of the Polling Scheme and the date of the Election, it is recommended, as is customary, that the Chief Executive, in his role as Returning Officer be delegated the power to make any necessary alterations to the Polling Scheme.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Legal  
The Council is required to put in place a Polling Scheme to accommodate those entitled to vote in the forthcoming General Election.
- 6.2 Financial  
The costs associated with the Polling Scheme and providing the Polling Places and Polling Stations are fully recoverable from the Scotland Office.
- 6.3 Equality  
All of the Polling Places identified are either fully accessible to disabled electors or will be provided with temporary ramps.

**INVERCLYDE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY  
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS**

In accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006, notice is hereby given that Inverclyde Council is undertaking a review of polling districts and polling places within the Inverclyde Parliamentary Constituency.

Specifically the Council requires to review the arrangements in respect of those electors who currently vote at:

- (a) St Lawrence's Primary School; and
- (b) Ravenscraig Primary School.

The Council would welcome any comments from electors who are registered within the above parliamentary constituency and those persons or bodies who have particular expertise in relation to premises or facilities for persons with any type of disability. Representations should, if possible, suggest alternative arrangements to be considered.

The current and proposed polling arrangements and associated documents are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following address:-

Legal & Administration  
Inverclyde Council  
Municipal Buildings  
Greenock  
PA15 1LY  
Tel: (01475) 712139

Any responses on the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations should be sent to the abovenoted address or e-mailed to **[legal.support@inverclyde.gov.uk](mailto:legal.support@inverclyde.gov.uk)** no later than **Wednesday 23 December 2009**. If you have any queries, please telephone 712139.

**The timetable for the Consultation Review is as follows:-**

**Monday 7 December 2009:** Commence public consultation

**Wednesday 23 December 2009:** Public consultation ends

**Thursday 24 December 2009 - Friday 15 January 2010:** Analysis of submissions and consultation with Returning Officer

**Friday 22 January 2010:** Publication of final proposals

Elaine Paterson  
Head of Legal & Administration

**ELECTIONS  
POLLING SCHEME FOR CONSULTATION  
INVERCLYDE COUNTY CONSTITUENCY**

<b>Ballot Box No</b>	<b>Polling District Ref</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Station No</b>	<b>Part of Register</b>	<b>No of Voters</b>	<b>Issues</b>
<b>WARD 1</b>						
1	IW11	Carsemeadow Nursery Building Quarriers Village Kilmacolm	1	Whole Register (IW11)	570	
2	IW01	St Columba Church Hall Lochwinnoch Road Kilmacolm	1	Voters in Greenock, and those in streets etc in Kilmacolm commencing with the letters A to F (inc)	1209	
3	IW01	As above	2	Voters in streets etc in Kilmacolm commencing with the letters G to M (inc)	1201	
4	IW01	As above	3	Voters in streets etc in Kilmacolm commencing with the letters N to Y (inc) those in Langbank, those in Port Glasgow.	1166	
5	IW02	Holy Family Church Hall Parkhill Avenue Port Glasgow	1	Whole register (IW 02)	1282	
6	IW03	Struthers Memorial Church Arran Ave. Port Glasgow	1	Whole register (IW 03)	1129	
7	IW04	Park Farm Community Hall Oronsay Avenue Port Glasgow	1	Whole register (IW 04)	492	

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8	IW05	St. Francis' PS East Barmoss Avenue Port Glasgow	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to ME (inc)	1493	
9	IW05	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters MI to W (inc)	1092	
10	IW06	Clune Park Resource Centre Montgomerie Street Port Glasgow	1	Whole register (IW 06)	762	
11	IW07	Boglestone Community Centre Dubbs Place Port Glasgow	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to GL (inc)	1286	
12	IW07	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters GO to W (inc) and those marked "Other Electors".	1229	

**Ward 1    No of Polling Places – 8**

**No. of Electors – 12,911**

**No of Polling Stations – 12**

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<b>WARD 2</b>						
13	IW08	Port Glasgow Lesser Town Hall Port Glasgow	1	Whole register (IW 08)	1124	
14	IW09	St John's PS Mary Street Port Glasgow	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to G (inc).	622	
15	IW09	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters H to R (inc).	760	
16	IG01	Gibshill Childrens' Centre Smillie Street Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 01)	553	
17	IG02	Auchmountain Halls Burnhead Street Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to D (inc)	1052	
18	IG02	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters E to T (inc)	1033	
19	IG03	Craigend Resource Centre McLeod Street Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 03)	1256	

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20	IG04	Crawfurdsburn Community Centre Carwood St Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to C (inc) (incl. Elliot Court, Carwood Street)	724	
21	IG04	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters E to S (inc)	721	
<b>22</b>	<b>IG05</b>	<b>St Lawrence's Social Club Cartsburn Street Greenock</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Whole register (IG 05)</b>	<b>975</b>	
23	IG06 IW10	Overton PS, Greenock	1	Whole Registers (IG06 & IW10)	1190 4	

**Ward 2**

**No. of Electors – 10,014**

**No. of polling places - 8**

**No of polling stations 11**

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<b>WARD 3</b>						
24	IG07	Wellpark/Mid Kirk Church Hall Clyde Square Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 07)	1282	
25	IG08	Salvation Army Centre Regent Street Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to H (inc)	975	
26	IG08	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters L to RE (inc)	975	
27	IG08	As above	3	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters RO to W (inc)	836	
28	IG09	Watt Hall Kelly Street Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to C (inc)	1120	
29	IG09	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters E to NEL (inc)	1049	
30	IG09	As above	3	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters NEW to W (inc)	1158	



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31	IG10	Ardgowan PS Newton Street Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 10)	1041	
32	IG11	Finnart Scout Hall Finnart Street Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to F (inc)	1249	
33	IG11	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters G to U (inc) and those marked "Other Electors"	1218	
34	IG12	Finnart St Paul's Church Hall Bentinck Street Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters B to F (inc)	801	
35	IG12	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters K to W (inc)	795	

**Ward 3**

**No. of Electors – 12,499**

**No. of polling places – 6**

**No. of polling stations 12**

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<b>WARD 4</b>						
36	IG13	St. Patrick's PS Broomhill Street Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 13)	1095	
37	IG14	Lady Alice PS Inverkip Road Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to GAE (inc)	1063	
38	IG14	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters GAT to N (inc)	1230	
39	IG14	As above	3	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters O to W (inc)	1185	
40	IG15	Grieve Road Community Centre Grieve Road Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 15)	852	
41	IG16	St Joseph's PS Wren Road Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to H (inc)	853	
42	IG16	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters I to W (inc)	880	

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43	IG17	Sacred Heart PS Westmorland Road Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc in Gourock and those in Greenock commencing with the letters C	678	
44	IG17	As above	2	Voters in streets etc in Greenock commencing with the letters D to Y (inc)	670	

**Ward 4**

**No. of Electors – 8,506**

**No. of polling places - 5**

**No of polling stations 9**

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<b>WARD 5</b>						
45	IG18	Cardwell Bay Sailing Club Cove Road Gourock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to G (inc)	980	
46	IG18	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters J to W (inc)	912	
47	IG19	Gourock Community Centre Binnie St Gourock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to C (inc) <b>IG19</b>	927	
48	IG19	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters D to S (inc) <b>IG19</b>	993	
49	IG22	As above	3	Whole register ( <b>IG 22</b> )	851	
50	IG20	St. Ninian's PS Staffa Street Gourock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to J (inc)	1033	
51	IG20	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters K to T (inc)	1080	

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52	IG21	Moorfoot PS Moorfoot Drive Gourock	1	Whole register (IG 21)	828	
53	IG23	Spinnaker Hotel Albert Road Gourock	1	Whole register (IG 23)	1176	

**Ward 5**

**No. of Electors – 8,780**

**No. of polling places - 5**

**No of polling stations – 9**

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<b>WARD 6</b>						
54	IG24	Upper Larkfield Community Hall Lothian Road Greenock	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to B (inc)	964	
55	IG24	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters C to W (inc)	980	
<b>56</b>	<b>IG25</b>	<b>Aileymill PS Auchmead Road Greenock</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to D (inc)</b>	<b>912</b>	
<b>57</b>	<b>IG25</b>	<b>As above</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters F to W (inc) and those marked "Other Electors"</b>	<b>830</b>	
58	IG26	Branchton Community Centre Greenock	1	Whole register (IG 26)	500	
59	IG27	Inverkip PS Station Road Inverkip	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to L (inc)	1203	
60	IG27	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters M to W (inc)	1026	

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61	IG28	Wemyss Bay Community Centre Ardgowan Road Wemyss Bay	1	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters A to LE (inc)	1001	
62	IG28	As above	2	Voters in streets etc commencing with the letters LI to W (inc) and those marked "Other Electors"	990	

**Ward 6**

**No. of Electors – 8,406**

**No. of polling places - 5**

**No. of polling stations 9**