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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 requires that a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places must be completed every five years. The last review was completed in 2019 so Scottish Borders Council is now commencing a new review and would like to receive comments from your Community Council on any issues you have with regard to the polling districts and polling places in your area.

The aim of the Review is to ensure:

- (1) that all electors within the Scottish Borders have reasonable and practicable facilities for voting; and
- (2) that as far as is reasonable and practicable, polling stations are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

We are seeking comments from all electors on these issues, in particular comments of the suitability or current polling stations and suggestions for possible alternatives would be appreciated. The Council are also seeking comments from any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability and the views of the Returning Officer will also be sought.

Any comments should either be sent by post to the Democratic Services Team Leader, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA or by email to declan.hall@scotborders.gov.uk by Monday 12 February 2024

Further information, including details of existing polling stations and maps of polling districts, can be inspected by appointment at Council Headquarters, Newtown St. Boswells, Melrose, TD6 0SA. Please contact me by telephone on 01835 826556 or by email at declan.hall@scotborders.gov.uk to arrange an appointment.

Details of all representations received will be made available for inspection and it is anticipated that a report on the outcome of the review will be submitted to Scottish Borders Council for consideration at their meeting on 28 March 2024.