**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING STATIONS**

The Council is undertaking a review of the polling districts and polling places within the existing ward boundaries.

The Representation of the People Act 1983 and Section 16 of the Electoral Registration & Administration Act 2013, require the Council to undertake such a review every four years.  The principal factor for selecting polling stations is the suitability within a district for the majority of the electorate. The practice within Bradford Council is to review polling stations on an annual basis, following each election.

The purpose of the review is to help improve polling provision and the law requires that:

* all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
* the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled so far as is reasonable and practicable and
* when considering or reviewing polling places, regard is given to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

Information and maps, to support your participation in the review process, will be available, from 1 July, to view and to download from <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/consultations/current-consultations/consultation-and-engagement/>.

Maps are also available at Electoral Services for inspection.

The timetable for the review is as follows:

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| **Date** | **Activity** |
| **1st July 2019** | Publication of Notice – Consultation Period Commences |
| **5th August 2019** | End of first stage of consultation |
| **16th August 2019** | Publication of initial proposals & second Consultation Period commences |
| **16th September 2019** | End of consultation on initial proposals |
| **15th October 2019** | Report considered by Full Council |
| **18th  November 2019** | Publish Review Results |

Representations and suggestions for consideration, should be made in writing and returned by **no later than Monday 5th August 2019,** to Electoral Services, City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council, City Hall, Bradford, BD1 1HY, or by email to: [electoralservices@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:electoralservices@bradford.gov.uk).

Representations made will be considered and following the conclusion of the consultation, the Returning Officer will make recommendations in a report to Council.

Following the Council meeting and in accordance with legislation, the results of the review will be published, together with representations submitted, by 18th of November 2019.  Changes to the existing arrangements will be made to the Electoral Register to be published, 1st December 2019.

If you require further information, please contact Electoral Services on 01274 432287.

Regards,

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