



Council	Tuesday, 06 December 2016	Matter for Decision
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Title: **Amendments To Polling Districts Resultant on the Leicestershire
County Boundary Review**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. To make the necessary amendments to polling districts (and their names and identification letters) in order to support the Leicestershire County Council elections on new boundaries from May 2017.
- 1.2. This report does not make any changes to the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council wards or the Harborough Parliamentary Constituency.

2. Recommendations

That Council resolve to accept the changes to the polling districts listed in paragraph 5.

3. Background

- 3.1. The 2016 Leicestershire (Electoral Changes) Order was laid in draft in Parliament on 30 June 2016.
- 3.2. The above order will bring into effect changes to the County divisions in Oadby and Wigston that will be effective from 4 May 2017.
- 3.3. The 2013 Electoral Registration and Administration Act requires the Council to review and alter polling district arrangements when the need arises. In order to support the above changes some minor amendments to polling districts are required to support the new division and warding arrangements.
- 3.4. It is proposed for the immediate future to retain the use of existing polling stations under the new arrangements, in order to minimise potential disruption to voters. A full review of Oadby & Wigston's polling arrangements will be undertaken prior to the next Parliamentary election in 2020.

4. Summary of County Division Review

- 4.1. A summary of the Local Government Boundary Commission's final recommendations for Oadby & Wigston is attached at Annexe A.
- 4.2. A map of the new division arrangements is attached at Annexe B.

5. Details of Proposed Polling District Changes

- 5.1. To divide polling district **K** (Wigston Meadowcourt) into polling districts **K1** and **K2**. Properties within **K1** will be included in the new East Wigston County division, whilst properties within **K2** will be included in the new North Wigston County division.

- 5.2. To divide polling district **N** (Wigston All Saints) into polling districts **N1** and **N2**. Properties within **N1** will be included in the new East Wigston County division, whilst properties within **N2** will be included in the new North Wigston County division.
- 5.3. To divide polling district **P** (Wigston Fields) into polling districts **P1** and **P2**. Properties within **P1** will be included in the new North Wigston County division, whilst properties within **P2** will be included in the new South & West Wigston County division.
- 5.4. A list of the streets included in each of the amended polling districts is attached at Annexe C.

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Implications	
Financial (CR)	No significant implications.
Legal (AC)	To give effect to the 2016 Leicestershire (Electoral Changes) Order.
Risk (ST)	CR3 – Political Dynamics CR6 – Regulatory Governance CR8 – Organisational/Transformational Change
Equalities (ST)	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment:-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable