

Date: 30 October 2019



District Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

Council Agenda - 7 November 2019

Notice is hereby given and you are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held at 6.45 pm on Thursday, 7 November 2019 at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith.

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of the existence and nature of any private interests, both disclosable pecuniary and any other registrable interests, in any matter to be considered or being considered.

3 Minutes

RECOMMENDATION that:

1. the public minutes CI/32/09/19 to CI/45/09/19; and
2. the confidential minutes CI/45/09/19

of the meeting of Council held on 12 September 2019 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings (copies previously circulated).

4 Chairman's Announcements

5 Questions by the Public

To receive questions from the public under Rule 10 of the Constitution

6 Questions by Members

To receive questions from Members under Rule 12 of the Constitution

7 Motions on Notice (Pages 5 - 6)

To consider a motion on notice under Rule 13 of the Constitution

8 Council Plan 2019 - 2023: Leader *(Pages 7 - 40)*

To consider report CE16/19 from the Chief Executive which seeks approval for the adoption of the Council Plan 2019-2023.

RECOMMENDATION that the Council Plan as attached to this report at Appendix A be adopted.

9 One Eden Case for Change: Leader *(Pages 41 - 50)*

To consider report CE15/19 from the Chief Executive which is attached and which seeks to update members on the purpose of the One Eden Programme which is to transform Eden District Council into an organisation which is sustainable and fit for the future. It should be a Council that delivers services to meet customer's needs - residents, businesses and partners. Additionally, the Council will have a workforce with the skills and capacity to ensure that customers' needs are met and that the organisation is well managed and effective.

RECOMMENDATION that:

1. the Case for Change be agreed; and
2. that a business case for the One Eden programme be submitted to Council in February 2020 and shall include the detailed financial implications of the One Eden Programme.

10 Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations: Resources Portfolio Holder *(Pages 51 - 94)*

To consider report G71/19 from the Director of Corporate Services which seeks to advise Members of the outcome of the review of polling districts recently carried out by the Director of Corporate Services, in his capacity as the Returning Officer.

RECOMMENDATIONS that:

1. the Polling Station for Greystoke (Little Blencowe) Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Greystoke Village Hall;
2. the Polling Station for Calthwaite Polling District, be changed from Calthwaite School to All Saints Church, Calthwaite;
3. the Polling Station for Plumpton Polling District, be changed from Plumpton School to the Pot Place, Plumpton;
4. The Polling Station for Ainstable Polling District, be changed from the Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom to the Ainstable Church Institute;
5. The Polling Station for Little Strickland Polling District, be changed from Lowther Parish Hall to Great Strickland Institute;
6. The Polling Station for Penrith East Polling District be changed from

Whelpdale Room, Mansion House, to the Parish Rooms, Penrith;

7. The Polling Station for the Laithes ward of the Parish of Skelton Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Skelton Memorial Hall; and
8. Electors for the Hunsonby Polling District be temporarily re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall, pending completion of renovation works to Hunsonby Community Centre.

11 Allocation of Seats

RECOMMENDATION that Council be asked to note the following changes in Committee places in line with the wishes of the Conservative Group:

1. Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board: Councillor G Nicolson to replace Councillor J Owen on the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board;
2. Human Resources and Appeals Committee: Councillor K Beaty to replace Councillor J Owen on the Human Resources and Appeals Committee; and
3. Planning Committee: Councillor D Wicks to replace Councillor G Nicolson on the Planning Committee; Councillor G Nicolson to replace Councillor D Wicks as a Standing Deputy.

12 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of Council be confirmed as 9 January 2020.

Yours faithfully



Rose Rouse
Chief Executive

Democratic Services Contact: Claire Watters

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For Attention

All members of the Council

Chairman – Councillor A Connell (Liberal Democrat Group)

Vice Chairman – Councillor D Banks (Independent Group)

Councillors

A Armstrong, Conservative Group
P G Baker, Liberal Democrat Group
K Beaty, Conservative Group

G Nicolson OBE, Conservative Group
R Orchard, Conservative Group
W Patterson, Independent Group

I Chambers, Conservative Group
M Clark, Independent Group
J Derbyshire, Liberal Democrat Group
P Dew, Conservative Group
M Eyles, Liberal Democrat Group
K Greenwood, Independent Group
M Hanley, Labour Group
L Harker, Liberal Democrat Group
D Holden, Liberal Democrat Group
S Lancaster, Independent Group
D Lawson, Green Group
J C Lynch, Conservative Group
E Martin, Conservative Group
A Meadowcroft, Conservative Group

J Raine, Conservative Group
M Robinson, Independent Group
A Ross, Green Group
M Rudhall, Liberal Democrat Group
D Ryland, Independent Group
H Sawrey-Cookson, Independent Group
G Simpkins, Liberal Democrat Group
L Sharp, Labour Group
D Smith, Liberal Democrat Group
V Taylor, Liberal Democrat Group
J G Thompson, Conservative Group
A Todd, Conservative Group
M Tonkin, Independent Group
D Wicks, Conservative Group

Please Note:

- 1. Access to the internet in the Council Chamber and Committee room is available via the guest wi-fi – no password is required**
- 2. Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting (unless stated otherwise)**

Eden District Council

Council

7 November 2019

Motion on Notice

Motion by Councillor J Lynch

Eden Council enters into a consultation exercise with its residents with a view to amending the rules on the size of memorial plaques allowed in Eden District's cemeteries, that Members be encouraged to publicise this consultation amongst their constituents, and upon completion of this consultation a report be brought before council to enable a decision to be made by Members on changing the rules.

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Report No: CE16/19

Eden District Council

Executive

5 November 2019

Council

7 November 2019

Council Plan 2019 - 2023

Portfolio:	Leader
Report from:	Chief Executive
Wards:	All Wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the adoption of the Council Plan 2019-2023.

2 Recommendation

Executive

That Council be recommended to adopt the Council Plan as attached to this report at Appendix A.

Council

That the Council Plan as attached to this report at Appendix A be adopted.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 Following the election in May 2019, the Executive have been working to deliver a new Council Plan for 2019 to 2023. The vision and strategic priorities being proposed are as follows:

Vision

Our vision for Eden is of a place where people act together to meet the needs of all and ensure the well-being of future generations.

Strategic Priorities

Sustainable

Make our Council financially viable, customer focused and zero carbon.
Co-produce economic opportunities and strategies which will protect Eden's working cultural landscapes and biodiversity, aiming to store more carbon than is produced in the District.

Healthy, Safe and Secure

Improve housing, both new build and existing, working towards self-sufficiency in energy; and co-produce healthy, connected, prosperous communities, for all, young and old, urban and rural.

Connected

Improve digital connectivity, transport and access to attract and support businesses, employees and families, connecting Eden with the global economy and knowledge industries. People connected in communities and with access to education, work, healthcare and leisure and combat isolation.

Creative

Encourage innovation in tourism, food and green industries and support businesses to respond to national and global changes. Develop arts and cultural activities to add to town centre vibrancy; support communities; and improve health and wellbeing.

- 3.2 The proposed Council Plan can be found attached at Appendix A.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council Plan establishes the strategic priorities for the Council for the next four years to May 2023. The Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) will be reviewed to ensure alignment of the budget with the priorities of the Council.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 The Council Plan consultation opened on 14 August 2019 and finished on 4 October 2019. A summary of the responses received can be found at Appendix B. The responses have been taken into account in preparing the proposed final version of the plan attached at Appendix A.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.
- 6.1.2 The MTFP will be reviewed to ensure alignment with the priorities of the Council Plan and to that the ambitions for the Eden District will be delivered.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 The Council shall exercise any functions in accordance with relevant legal requirements.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	The Council is committed to ensuring it meets the Public Sector Equality Duty in order to provide equality of opportunity through access to services for all and delivering services which meet the needs of the Council's customers.

Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	The proposed Council plan promotes the well-being of future generations. There will be positive implications from the zero carbon initiatives outlined in the Council plan and benefits from on-going economic opportunities.
Crime and Disorder	Healthy, connected, prosperous communities will reduced the scope for crime and disorder.
Children and Safeguarding	The Council will work with other agencies to promote the well-being and safety of children and vulnerable adults.

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
That the Council does not have a clear vision for the next four years and beyond.	Short term and reactive decision making which is not in the best interest of the Council over the longer term.	Adoption of the Council plan.

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 None.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 To ensure that the Council Plan and the Medium Term Financial Plan are in alignment and support the delivery of the Council's ambitions and priorities, providing the strategic framework within which the Council operates.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	24 October 2019
Relevant Director	24 October 2019

Background Papers:

Appendices: **Appendix A - Council Plan 2019 - 2023**
 Appendix B - Consultation Summary

Contact Officer: **Rose Rouse, Chief Executive**

COUNCIL PLAN 2019 - 2023

Eden
District Council



Our **vision** for **Eden** is of a place where people act together to meet the needs of all and ensure the well-being of future generations.

November 2019

Introduction

This is Eden District Council's plan for the next four years - a shared vision for Eden to be a sustainable community and place now, whilst safeguarding the needs of future generations. Partnership working and collaboration will be the key to success in delivering on our ambitions.

We can only deliver this plan through working with residents, the business community, and with public, voluntary and community sectors

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The Council declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency in July 2019. We want to make the Council's operations zero carbon by 2030; encourage initiatives which help Eden District to become net zero carbon; improve biodiversity while protecting our working cultural landscapes and economies.

We want to be leaders in shaping a sustainable model for living in changing times and for Eden to become a centre of excellence for the latest green technologies.

Eden will be a sustainable place where everyone has an opportunity to prosper. To promote this future we need to deliver a set of key building blocks: a reviewed Eden Local Development Plan; housing and affordable housing strategies; improved broadband for our businesses, communities and visitors; and business growth which encourages ambitious young people to live and work in the district.

Getting things done is important to us. We will be reporting back to you on progress in delivering these priorities.



Dr Virginia Taylor
Leader of Council



Rose Rouse
Chief Executive

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Eden District Council - Our plan for 2019-2023

Our **vision** for **Eden** is of a place where people act together to meet the needs of all and ensure the well-being of future generations.

Our Priorities

In order to achieve this vision, we will focus on four priorities:

Sustainable



Make our Council financially viable, customer focused and zero carbon. Co-produce economic opportunities and strategies which will protect Eden's working cultural landscapes and biodiversity, aiming to store more carbon than is produced in the District.

Healthy, safe and secure



Improve housing, both new build and existing, working towards self-sufficiency in energy and co-produce healthy, connected, prosperous communities, for all, urban and rural.

Connected



Improve digital connectivity, transport and access to attract and support businesses, employees and families, connecting Eden with the global economy and knowledge industries. People are connected in communities with access to education, work, healthcare and leisure.

Creative



Support businesses to respond to national and global changes and encourage innovation in tourism, food and green industries and develop arts and cultural activities to add to town centre vibrancy, support communities and improve health and wellbeing.

Sustainable

Make our Council financially viable, customer focused and zero carbon. Co-produce economic opportunities and strategies which will protect Eden's working cultural landscapes and biodiversity, aiming to store more carbon than is produced in the District.

By March 2023 we will have:

- Prepared a revised Local Plan ready for submission to the Secretary of State.
- Achieved financial viability by transforming the Councils operating model, focussing on customers, service delivery, digital technology, accommodation, workforce skills and income generation.
- Identified and attained interim targets towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030.
- A sustainable waste and recycling system.
- Renewable energy schemes in operation.

Key actions for 2019/2020:

- Assess the ecological impacts of all Eden District Council's decisions and actions.
- Prepare a Zero Carbon Eden Strategy to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030 which considers all activities for which the Council is responsible.
- Work with other councils and public and private sector organisations (within Eden, Cumbria, the UK and globally) to determine best practice methods to achieve net zero carbon emissions in Eden District by 2030.
- Call on the UK Government to provide the powers, resources and funding to meet a 2030 net zero carbon target across Eden District.
- Begin the process of recommissioning waste, recycling and streetscene services to deliver sustainability and value for money.
- Agree the programme for the review of Local Development Framework (Local Plan).
- Agree the business case for the Council's transformation programme (One Eden) by March 2020.
- Develop the Financial Strategy to align to the new Council Plan.
- Invest in Heart of Cumbria Ltd to help deliver Council priorities.
- Support the development of local sustainable energy schemes with project management and bids for funding.



Healthy, safe and secure

Improve housing, both new build and existing, working towards self-sufficiency in energy and co-produce healthy, connected, prosperous communities, for all, urban and rural.

By March 2023 we will have:

- Improved the availability of activities to promote healthy and active lifestyles for all through leisure centres, exercise outreach programmes, arts and countryside.
- Delivered sustainable housing that meets local need.
- Provided accessible Eden District Council services to meet changing customer needs.
- Delivered plans supporting the future of rural communities – transport, rural skills, microbusinesses.
- Retain and attract a working age population to overcome the increasing demographic imbalance.

Key actions for 2019/2020:

- Develop and deliver a Housing Strategy to meet local needs.
- Publish a Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- Deliver a strategy which supports innovative, environmentally sustainable and affordable housing.
- Support Community Led Housing schemes and self-build and custom-build housing.
- Deliver a programme to reduce fuel poverty linked to the Zero Carbon Eden Strategy.
- Conduct a feasibility study for a support service (Homes Improvement Agency) to enable access to grants to improve the condition, energy efficiency and carbon footprint of private rented and owner occupied properties.
- Scope a review of community grants for April 2020.
- Develop an Eden Economic Strategy to support growth, business development, a higher wage economy and skills gaps.
- Support activities programme such as fit4all for older residents.
- Work in partnership to attract younger families to the district.



Connected

Improve digital connectivity, transport and access to attract and support businesses, employees and families, connecting Eden with the global economy and knowledge industries. People are connected in communities with access to education, work, healthcare and leisure.

By March 2023 we will have:

- Improved links between the community and the Council.
- Created conditions supporting technology businesses to set up and thrive in the district. Creating infrastructure and work space, achieving targets towards 100% broadband coverage of Eden District.
- Worked in partnership to improve strategic and local road infrastructure.
- Supported provision and use of safe walking and cycling routes in towns, villages and rural areas.
- Seen improvements in provision of public transport for rural communities.

Key actions for 2019/2020:

- Identify opportunities to lobby for improvements to the network of public transport provision.
- Support communities to build resilient integrated transport networks.
- Work in partnership to deliver the Cumbria Cycle Strategy to make Eden an even better place to cycle for those who visit and live here.
- Prepare a sector specific Business Growth Programme.
- Bring together a local strategic partners summit to plan for Eden's future.
- Prepare a new model for leisure services provision.
- Initiate co-production of a plan for the future of Castle Park.
- Support Newton Rigg College to develop a future plan.
- Initiate co-production of renewed working arrangements with town and parish councils.
- Delivering electric vehicle charging points in the district.
- Develop a superfast broadband action plan by March 2020, working with partners to upgrade broadband provision to communities and businesses through the Borderlands Deal.



Creative

Support businesses to respond to national and global changes and encourage innovation in tourism, food and green industries and develop arts and cultural activities to add to town centre vibrancy, support communities and improve health and wellbeing.

By March 2023 we will have:

- Established Eden as a place for innovators in digital, green and other businesses and for artists and craftspeople.
- Created conditions that support the development of green businesses.
- Reinvented our town centres for the future.
- Delivered employment sites which incorporate plans to reach net zero carbon emissions.

Key actions for 2019/2020:

- Identify a carbon literacy training offer for businesses.
- Develop an Arts and Culture Strategy working in collaboration with partners.
- Support the market towns in the delivery of plans for their future.
- Review hotel provision to support the sustainable growth of the local and visitor economy in Eden.
- Deliver the Eden Apprenticeship scheme, ensuring at least 15 apprentices a year are recruited across the district.
- Deliver the Eden Business Support Fund.
- Deliver a support programme for businesses managing the impact of Brexit.
- Commission a review of employment land to help ensure adequate supply to meet demands for growth.



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**Eden District Council
Council Plan Consultation
14 August 2019 – 4 October 2019

Consultation Summary**

Introduction

The public consultation on the draft Council Plan 2019-2023, undertaken between 14 August 2019 and 4 October 2019. The priorities being consulted upon are:

Sustainable

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Connected

Improve digital connectivity to attract and support businesses, employees and families, connecting Eden with the global economy and knowledge industries.

Creative

Develop arts and cultural activities to add to town centre vibrancy; support communities; and improve health and wellbeing. Encourage innovation in tourism and food industries and support businesses to respond to national and global changes.

The Council would like to thank everyone who participated in the consultation.

Methodology

The consultation involved members of the public, statutory consultees, stakeholders including town and parish councils, businesses, voluntary and community sector organisations, staff and Members.

The consultation was promoted through the local media and the Council website. Statutory consultees were contacted directly.

Responses were invited to an online survey available on the Council website and by email in response to the following consultation questions:

1. Do you agree with the 4 priorities of the Council for 2019-2023?
2. Do you agree with the goals and actions identified to deliver the priorities?
3. Do you have any suggestions for action to make the Council zero carbon and the District of Eden net zero carbon by 2030?
4. Are there any important issues or challenges for Eden that are not currently included in the plan?

The following media and consultation channels were used:

- Online survey
- Direct email
- Hard copy questionnaire distributed to Town Hall and Mansion House receptions, libraries and Local Links

A series of three workshops were held on 1 October 2019 at Rheged. The morning was a Business Engagement Event, the afternoon was for Community Groups and the Public and the evening was an engagement event for Parish and Town Councils.

Responses Received	
Channel	Response Rate
Online Survey	135
By email	14
Total	149
Participants in the Business Event	72
Participants in the Parish and Town Council Event	45
Participants in the Community Event	35
Total	152

The responses have been analysed and the results are summarized below. The survey responses are presented numerically but it is important to remember that the numbers of responses are not statistically representative of the views of the population of Eden, but still provide a valuable insight into the views of those who participated in the consultation.

Likert scale questions give respondents a range of options, in this case, starting at “strongly disagree” scaling all the way up to “strongly agree”. These questions provide feedback on opinions of the priorities in the plan. Open ended questions were also asked and these responses were analysed based on the frequency with which the various issues occur.

Amendments to the proposed plan have been made taking into account the feedback received through the consultation and can be found on the Eden District Council website and at <https://www.eden.gov.uk/your-council/council-business/council-documents/council-plan/>

Executive Summary

The survey responses indicate strong agreement with the priorities in the Council plan with following level of responses received for ageing or strongly agreeing with the priorities:

The four priorities	82%		
Sustainable	82%	Healthy, safe and secure	87%
Connected	81%	Creative	79%

The most frequent reasons given for disagreeing with the priorities related to the impact and deliverability of the priorities and to the delivery of the sustainability priority for example:

‘Some of the aims are not within the gift of the Council to deliver and it is misleading to suggest they are.’

‘I agree strongly with your goals, but I'm a confused, I would like to know how you plan to achieve these goals.’

‘The aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 is laudable but this should not be at the expense of more important local services such as schools, public transport and recycling.’

‘Sustainability: - Whilst we agree that this is an important priority; we hold some reservations in relation to how the goals can be met. In particular a ‘zero carbon council’, renewables and transport (EV charging infrastructure & transport networks).’

Lots of suggestions were made to contribute to the delivery of Zero carbon and the themes which occurred most frequently relate to transport, energy and waste. These suggestions will be used to inform the development of the Zero Carbon Eden Action Plan.

The other important issues or challenges identified for Eden and/or the Council were in the themes of Transport, Older and Younger people, employment and housing:

‘In an area so heavily dependent on car use by most people, in order to shop, visit friends etc, some way of developing car sharing and car clubs seems essential. Where any form of public transport can be supported (I realise that isn't a district council responsibility) I hope EDC can act.’

‘Transport - rethinking roads, parking etc - doesn't seem to be as prominent as I thought it might be Safe cycle routes other important issues or challenges you think there are for Eden and/or the Council.’

‘Area must become attractive for 18-25 year olds. Social scene and image needs to improve, so it can compete with major cities and university towns.’

‘young people leaving for jobs elsewhere’

‘encourage/work with employers, colleges etc to create opportunities, apprenticeships, training opportunities for young people’.

‘Improved social housing will be vital for an equitable society’

Comments in relation to the draft plan covered a wide range of topics with the most frequently occurring theme being the impact and delivery of the stated ambitions

‘Delighted by the direction the council is heading’

‘Keep up the good work’

‘high in aspirations, very low on detail’

‘Thanks for this move in the right direction!’

‘Whilst we appreciate that the plan is too an extent aspirational; we are keen to understand how the council intends to meet these goals’.

‘Engage with local business/consultants/community to help develop a coherent "vision" of a decarbonised future’

‘Engagement with all the secondary education providers to support options for young people to remain in area for training and work. We can't afford to lose them!’

‘Convene neighbourhood discussion sessions that that focus on action by and for the benefit of communities, including but not driven by businesses.’

‘I really like the way things are well-integrated with sustainability a core value throughout.’

‘A push for community self-building plots’

‘Ensure the new housing being built meets the needs of those looking. As first time buyers we visited new property development around Penrith and felt the housing was out of our price range and the houses too big. The estate had only built one 3 bed house and the rest were 4 and 5 beds and out of price range to the majority of first time buyers’

‘A joined up approach with local businesses is essential and it is good that EDC have already embarked on a consultation process.’

‘What are you doing for our aging population.’

‘Do you plan to build houses to suit our aging population , warm and energy efficient’

‘Do we really have to wait until 2023 in rural communities before isolation, due to lack of public transport, is addressed?’

Detailed Findings

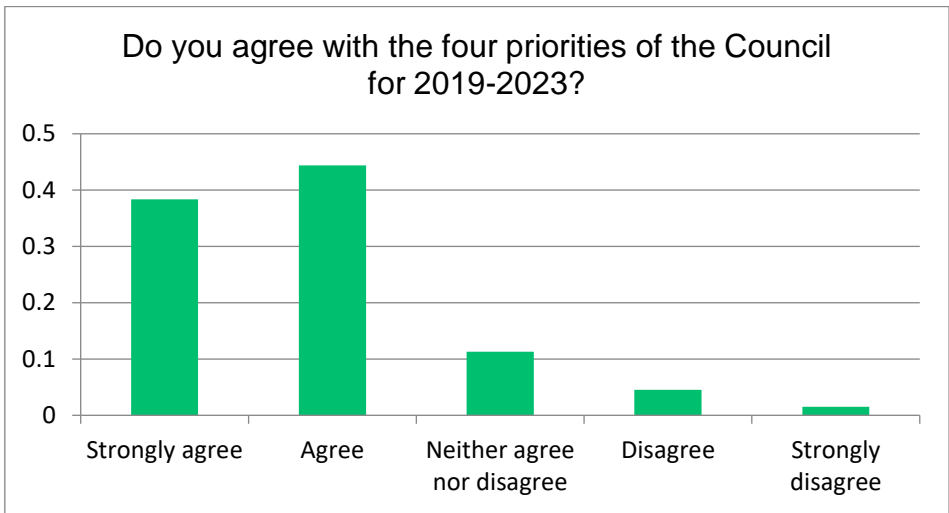
Online Survey

The online survey questions were as follows, with the results summarised below each:

Q1. Do you agree with the four priorities of the Council for 2019-2023?

Of the 133 responses received to this question, 82 % of respondents agree or strongly agree with the four priorities of the Council Plan.

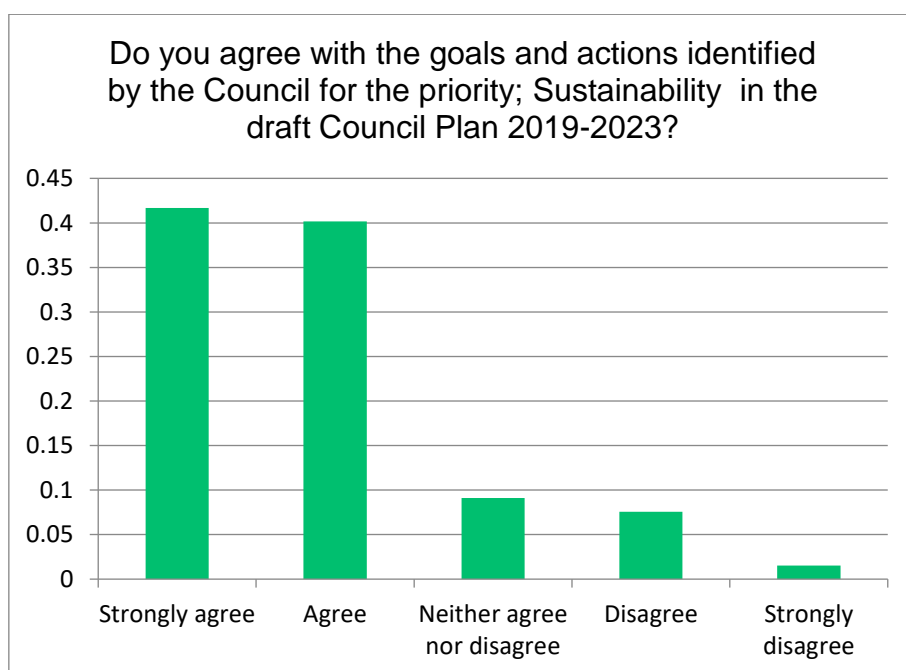
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	38%
Agree	44%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%
Disagree	5%
Strongly disagree	2%



Q2. Do you agree with the goals and actions identified by the Council for the priority; Sustainability in the draft Council Plan 2019-2023?

Of the 132 responses received, 82% agreed with the priority of Sustainability

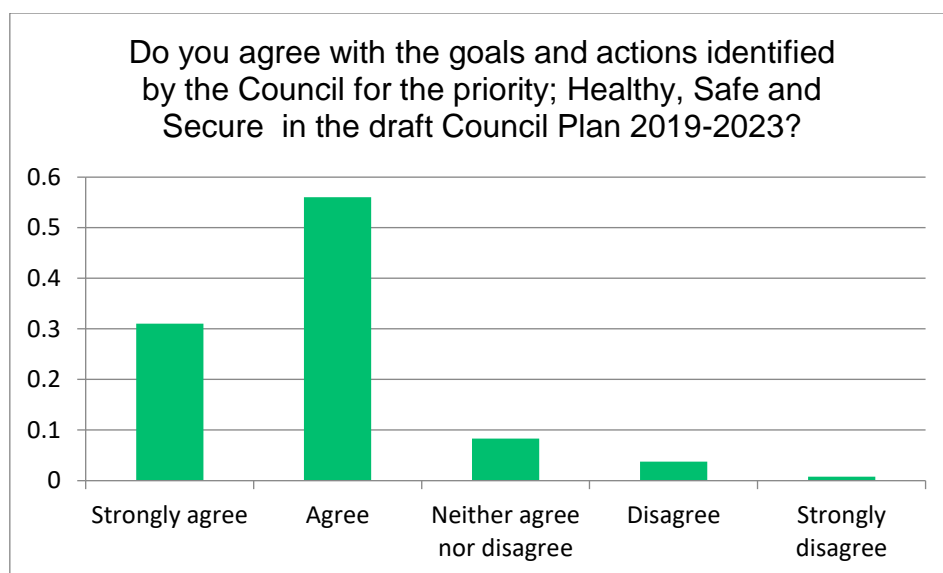
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	42%
Agree	40%
Neither agree nor disagree	9%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	2%



Q3. Do you agree with the goals and actions identified by the Council for the priority; Healthy, Safe and Secure in the draft Council Plan 2019-2023?

Of the 132 responses received to this question, 87% agreed with the priority of Healthy, Safe and Secure.

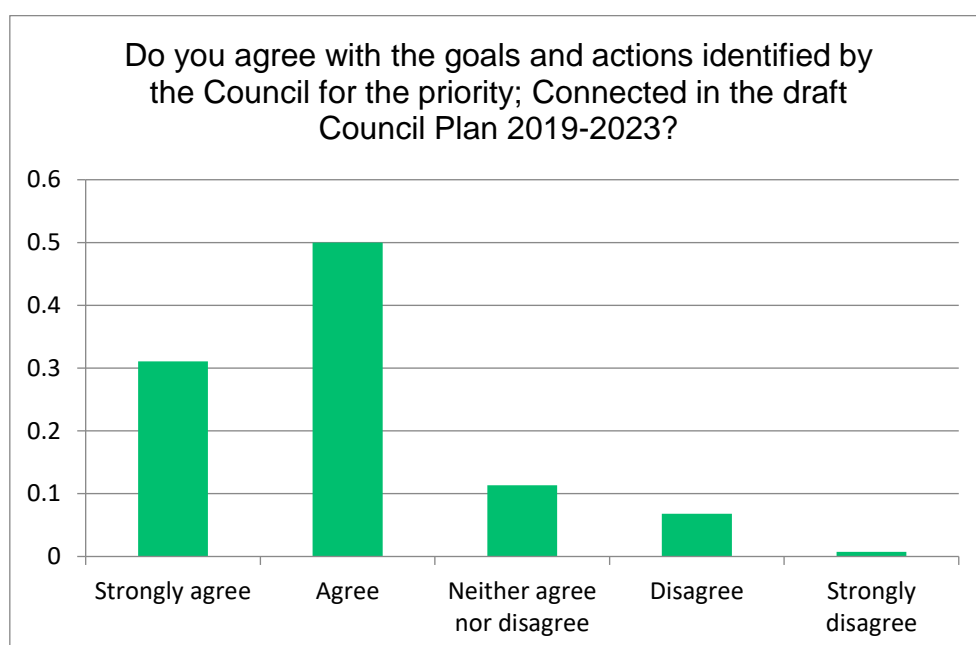
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	31%
Agree	56%
Neither agree nor disagree	8%
Disagree	4%
Strongly disagree	1%



Q4. Do you agree with the goals and actions identified by the Council for the priority; Connected in the draft Council Plan 2019-2023?

Of the 132 responses received 81% agreed or with the priority, Connected.

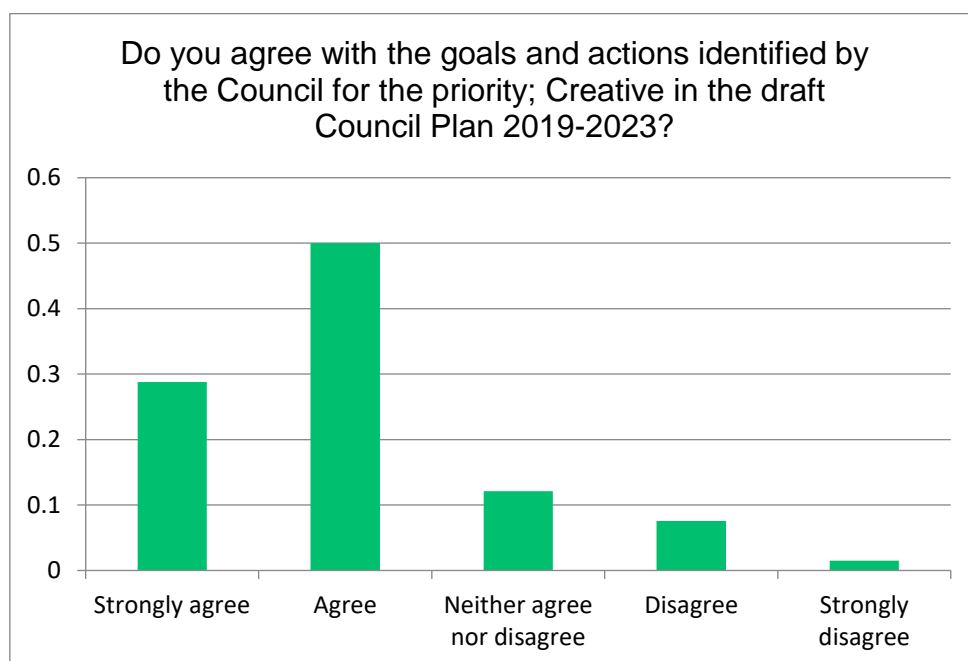
Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	31%
Agree	50%
Neither agree nor disagree	11%
Disagree	7%
Strongly disagree	1%



Q5. Do you agree with the goals and actions identified by the Council for the priority; Creative in the draft Council Plan 2019-2023?

Of the 132 responses received to this question, 79% agreed with the priority, Creative.

Answer Choices	Responses
Strongly agree	29%
Agree	50%
Neither agree nor disagree	12%
Disagree	8%
Strongly disagree	2%



Q6. If you answered 'disagree' or 'strongly disagree' to Q1 to Q5, please state your reasons.

In response to this question, responses were received covering a wide range of themes including housing, rural communities, resources and engagement.

The impact and deliverability of the plan, performance management and accountability is the most frequent issue raised with the priorities, followed by the theme of sustainability and concerns over how the zero carbon goals can be met.

A sample of responses to this question can be seen below:

Some of the aims are not within the gift of the Council to deliver and it is misleading to suggest they are.
I agree but feel you haven't gone far enough on some issues
no substantive evidence
I agree strongly with your goals, but I'm a confused, I would like to know how you plan to achieve these goals.
We're a local council, let's not get caught up in grand gesture carbon posturing. Infrastructure, arts, tourism, farming; focus how to make each of these better and Eden will prosper.
I believe climate emergency and sustainability are essential I believe having a plan which pulls the local people together and helps create community is part of the answer If we need to build more housing it is ESSENTIAL that it is sustainable, so much housing has gone up in Penrith recently and not a solar panel in sight- this is a massive opportunity missed Thank you for such a helpful plan. Keep going.
Sustainability: - Whilst we agree that this is an important priority; we hold some reservations in relation to how the goals can be met. In particular a 'zero carbon council', renewables and transport (EV charging infrastructure & transport networks).
A key action for 2019/20 is to assess the ecological impacts of all EDC decisions and actions. As far as I am aware there are only two members of staff who are qualified in Ecology and Environmental Science (I'm one, and another person in my team is the other) and both of these officers are actually employed for something else entirely. The Council therefore currently has no resource to do this!
The aim to be carbon neutral by 2030 is laudable but this should not be at the expense of more important local services such as schools, public transport and recycling.
A mixture of nice new eco-friendly homes built and either sold at cost, or rented at fair prices to people who have lived in the area for say 5 years minimum. No more oil boilers, and people struggling to pay their bills. Heat exchange pumps, hell maybe some wind turbines. C'mon guys, you can start a revolution! Let's make some big changes to benefit the town and its people.
I do not agree that the Council needs to be focused on being Carbon Neutral. I agree it needs to be mindful of it, but not that it should be a main priority. I think the economics and providing affordable homes to sustain communities of the district are far more important and needed.
Healthy, Safe & Secure: - we agree that this is an important priority but hold concerns as to how the goals can be met. In particular, we have concerns relating to rural transport infrastructure and addressing fuel poverty.

I would suggest aiming as a minimum for Gigabit High Speed Internet across ALL of Cumbria. Get providers to bid to cover every single home in Cumbria, don't let them cherry pick which areas THEY want to supply, make them bid for all homes. Like when they bid for 4g or 5g infrastructure. Think smarter to get the best deal for locals. As a collective we have massive buying power.
I disagree with the aim to create conditions favourable to technology businesses for the following reasons: a) The infrastructure is not available and would require changes that contradict the councils sustainability targets. b) Aims for Superfast Broadband are idealistic and not directly under the control of the Council. c) It would detract both time and funds from the support of businesses within the Arts and Culture sectors that 'sit' more naturally with the intrinsic nature of Eden.
These are the councils own vision not the community's
More weight should be given to local views expressed through Parish Councils in planning matters
Why only one event for this at Rheged from 2pm -5pm at a time when people work in a tourist local, why not do an event in each main town?
I would like to know how this council will finance a zero carbon council without taking it out of our pockets
Have the authors actually considered what achieving a zero carbon status will involve. Virtually all experts on the subject agree that it is do-able but it comes at a price, e.g. planting trees in Pakistan to offset Carbon, or taking the hit on Feed in tariffs which have reduced significantly in recent years, and I can see nowhere where the financial implications are considered, unless it is under the transforming the Council section!
No mention of support services in rural areas.
Creative: - we agree that this is an important priority but hold concerns as to how the goals can be meet. However, this appears to be centric towards Towns vs. rural communities.
Need to improve street lighting in our villages and rural community
Social aspect.... For Penrith/Eden to grow we need to keep hold of those of working age and particularly younger persons... Need interesting jobs with a good level of income... Technologies... We want them to be inspired to live here and not move outside of the area....want to inspire people to move in and bring their skills and experience.
Too much emphasis arty, touchy feely stuff. Plenty of housing, with associated infrastructure for our youth is much more important to keep them as part of our community.
I feel that every household should have a recycle programme in place for collection of green waste.
Similarly a 'sustainable waste and recycling system'. EDC suffers from being one of the largest geographical areas and most sparse. Therefore one of the biggest costs is around the transportation of waste from homes or bring sites. The Council has two conffliction drivers here - one to increase the amount of recycling, but that comes with an increased environmental impact in terms of transport and landfill of the recyclate that cannot be recycled, for example, due to contamination.
Artists & crafts people should not expect to be subsidised from public funds. Not a priority in my opinion.

Need incentives to get people to build on brown field land. The local plan needs relaxing with regard to development on brown field in villages also. Need a balance between protection of countryside and growth of area....

transport and rural communities is mentioned, but as Eden is not the transport authority and the County has already removed most of bus services, I'm not sure what realistically is being proposed here?

Also Eden should be making greater efforts to develop cycleways along our roads for children to travel to school and adults to work. Our public transport is non-existent in many parts and so only way to travel is by car which many cannot afford to own or run.

Q7. The Council have committed to make the Council zero carbon and the District of Eden net zero carbon by 2030. Do you have any suggestions for action on the Zero Carbon Eden project?

The themes recurring most frequently were:

- transport,
- energy,
- waste and
- impact

These themes accounting for over half of the comments received.

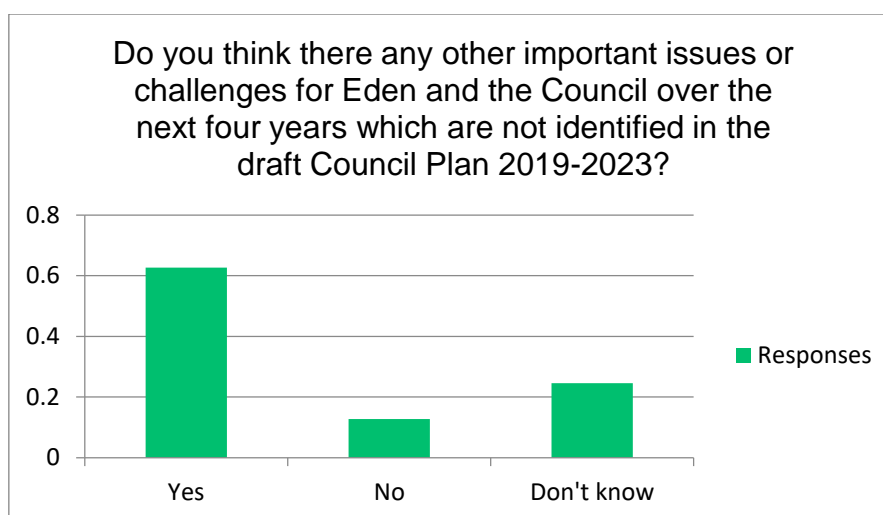
A sample of responses to this question can be seen below:

Improve cycle ways and footpaths between villages and towns. Encourage Ebikes.
Integrated transport systems to all towns and villages
Eden needs to improve its roads, i.e. A6, A66, rural roads, and provide safe cycle ways. If it wants to encourage people to walk and cycle instead of use their cars
Cheaper, frequent local transport and/or community electric car pools/sharing etc.
Make the town centre part pedestrian and have parking on the outskirts with a courtesy bus (even better if they were electric buses)
Making the Council carbon zero will be nigh on impossible and it's just ridiculous to say the whole District will be Carbon Zero. Can't wait to see how traffic on the M6 is addressed!
Improve and maintain Public Transport especially rural bus services so that there is a reduction in car use.
Improve public transport to reduce private car use.
many more electric car charging point
Get the whole district connected to mains gas
Promote fuel companies that are only using green (or are implementing plans to grow green sources) sources of energy such as Ecotricity.
make conditions for all new housing and commercial property with some element of south aspect to have photovoltaic cells for the entirety of that roofing
identify and encourage development of 'energy fields' - photovoltaic panels e.g. in folds on lower fells which would have minimal visual impact
Strong & secure EV charging infrastructure in towns and rural communities.
Subsidies farmers for zero carbon. Many farmers could have greener energy via solar panels or bio digesters. They can also provide cheaper energy for other local houses if possible.
Encourage the use of vehicles that run on batteries or hydrogen-fuel cells and not use any diesel or petrol.
Funding and assistance for community energy microgeneration.
Develop renewable energy. Provide funding for energy efficiency retrofits of domestic and commercial properties and
I think something must be done to reverse the current presumption against windfarms, and much more work put into supporting solar and hydroelectricity for local use.
Customer dialogue (both initial and ongoing) is required around this to help ensure that customers are 'on-board' with this, to identify any concerns that they may have around it (e.g. what does it mean for my business) and start to work out solutions together.

Commendable aspiration but where are we starting from. The community needs to know and understand how we can achieve this goal working together and how important our individual engagement is. To do this it needs to be measured / benchmarked.
Publicise information on recycling, home insulation, reducing car use etc.
The Council must make the effort to engage more with young people. They should be actively encouraged to make representation to Council, and should be encouraged to add their voice to any consultation.
The Bulky Waste Collection facility could be changed to avoid waste. Instead, items could be collected, refurbished and sold; right2work in South Lakes shows how it can be done by a social enterprise.
Reform the waste contract! We need to have a recycling center in Eden, rather than shipping recycling away racking up further carbon emissions. How about an electric fleet of waste vehicles? Plus separate food waste collection
Recycle organic waste to reduce landfills and generate clean energy.
Collect general household waste fortnightly - fewer journeys means less carbon, financial savings and encourages recycling.
And please tackle the plastic nightmare
Green waste collection
more provision of recycling bins everywhere esp. in streets. make it easier and cheaper for people to reduce their carbon
Waste reduction strategy
Further recycling and ease of this for all
Get on with it, no survey needed.
It is important to have agreed milestones and a transparent method for calculating progress towards these targets. These should be science based and not 'emotionally' driven as the plan needs to consider economic impact.
Shame the target is 2030 and not sooner
I need proof that this is required and hard facts with regard to the benefits
There are lots of mentions of plans and strategies and meetings - isn't there anything you could just start to do now? There doesn't feel like there's any sense of urgency.

Q8. Do you think there any other important issues or challenges for Eden and the Council over the next four years which are not identified in the draft Council Plan 2019-2023

Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	63%
No	13%
Don't know	25%



Q9. If you answered 'yes' to Q8, please explain what other important issues or challenges you think there are for Eden and/or the Council.

The majority of 108 responses received to this question were on the themes of transport, age (older and younger) and employment, accounting for over half of the responses received.

A sample of responses to this question can be seen below:

Transport, this is generally poor across Eden, i.e. bus service, frequency of train times, electric charge points
Public transport in rural areas.
There is no mention of a growing elderly population, yet there are cycle tracks mentioned for the more abled younger members. People in wheelchairs or mobility scooters cannot even use the pavements because people park on them. This is also hazardous at schools for people with pushchairs.
Breaking our dependency on personal vehicles for travel will be vital. Perhaps free day time parking could be provided if you car share into work. Ideally, public transport would be improved massively to make it the norm, for commuters, shopping trips into town and visitors.
In an area so heavily dependent on car use by most people, in order to shop, visit friends etc, some way of developing car sharing and car clubs seems essential. Where any form of public transport can be supported (I realise that isn't a district council responsibility) I hope EDC can act.
Safe cycle routes recycling and types of recyclable goods

Transport - rethinking roads, parking etc - doesn't seem to be as prominent as I thought it might be
Cycle routes along the A686 and A66 would connect outlying villages with Penrith and enable commuters to get to work in Penrith. The cycle track from Edenhall and Langwathby is a nonsense. It was developed by taking away part of the road which is now narrower and the cycle lane is on the edge of the tarmac amongst rubble etc. Also to get to Penriddock by cycle safely means using the C2C route which is miles long, 12 miles from Edenhall to Penriddock. Both the A686 and A66 have verges which could be transformational into separated cycle lanes
Needs of young and old people (not specifically mentioned)
social issues - how the council proposes to keep improving the area, so that services are expanded to help and accommodate those with Dementia?
youth unemployment
Area must become attractive for 18-25 year olds. Social scene and image needs to improve, so it can compete with major cities and university towns.
More work on tackling the reduction of working age population.
young people leaving for jobs elsewhere
encourage/work with employers, colleges etc to create opportunities, apprenticeships, training opportunities for young people.
The thousands of jobs mentioned in the doomed Masterplan May have been overly optimistic but how will the area attract new jobs?
Improving work opportunities that promote flexible working
Improving work opportunities in digital sectors

Q10. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the draft Council Plan 2019-2023?

Half of the responses received to this question were in relation to the themes of impact and engagement

A sample of responses to this question can be seen below:

Need to develop an action plan alongside the budget for 20/21.you refer to detailed milestones, they must be published for 20/21 alongside the budget and be measurable
Delighted by the direction the council is heading Keep up the good work
Too vague in content - time will tell.
How will you achieve carbon neutral with two Nat Parks and a world Heritage site plus the A66 and M6 bringing in tourists
High in aspirations, very low on detail
Thanks for this move in the right direction!
Whilst we appreciate that the plan is too an extent aspirational; we are keen to understand how the council intends to meet these goals.
It seems to be full of wordy mission statements, and nothing about how any of this is to be acheived!
Stick to specifics and avoid (largely meaningless) generalities
CPC note the content of the plan and have concerns that it lacks strategic vision/direction for the area.
make sure when it is confirmed that the actions are carried out and prove it is not a talking shop
This plan comes over as a bit of a wish list written by people who do not really know what they are talking about, but ensuring that they include a few topical buzz words or have copied some of what other Council's have described, without fully understanding what is meant.
This version is a vast improvement on the previous flimsy draft consulted on earlier in the year, which appeared to have been written by a school student on work placement. Good to see the environment get a look-in for a change too. Well done EDC!
More action
Please avoid grand gestures. Small multiple reversible projects. The master plan was horrific do the opposite. If we make mistakes, then let them be small ones.
It lacks details and just looks like an executive overview, needs a proper plan to show how it will be reviewed annually, it should not just be the Council's plan to achieve other partners should be committed to it, otherwise you can't deliver it.
Engaging with community groups and schools, via volunteers.
Engage with local business/consultants/community to help develop a coherent "vision" of a decarbonised future
Engagement with all the secondary education providers to support options for young people to remain in area for training and work. We can't afford to lose them!
Convene neighbourhood discussion sessions that that focus on action by and for the benefit of communities, including but not driven by businesses.
Does council have any plans for a citizens panel
Instead of just being a council plan get the people's views and ideas and it could be the people of Eden's plan.

Consultation Event

The Council held a consultation event at Rheged on 1 October 2019. The programme was in three parts, with a breakfast networking event for Businesses, a community event in the afternoon and a session for parish and town councils in the evening.

The four questions to the delegates throughout the day were:

- 1) What do you feel the Council's priorities should be for the next four years?
- 2) What do you see as the main challenges to delivering the draft Council Plan?
- 3) Is there anything missing that you feel should be included in the updated Council Plan?
- 4) What are the key issues for your organisation in becoming carbon neutral?
- 5) 3 Key messages to feedback

A summary of the themes appearing with the highest frequency wit at the different sessions can be seen in the table below.

Business	Community	Parish and Town Council	Combined
Q1 What do you feel the Council's priorities should be for the next four years?			
Age (younger)	Sustainability	Engagement	Engagement
Employment	Engagement	Sustainability	Sustainability
Connectivity	Housing	Rural Communities	Transport
Sustainability	Transport	Transport	Housing
Q2 What do you see as the main challenges to delivering the draft Council Plan?			
Resources	Resources	Resources	Resources
Engagement	Culture	Regulation	Regulation
Culture	Regulations	Sustainability	Culture
		Culture	Engagement
			Collaboration
Q3 Is there anything missing that you feel should be included in the updated Council Plan?			
Impact	Engagement	Sustainability	Sustainability
Age (younger)	Sustainability	Transport	Impact
Business	Collaboration	Land Use	Engagement
	Impact	Engagement	Transport

Q4 What are the key issues for your organisation in becoming carbon neutral?			
Sustainability	Sustainability	Resources	Transport
Employment	Resources	Sustainability	Sustainability
Resources	Transport	Land Use	Resources
		Regulation	
Q5 Key messages to feedback			
Engagement	Impact	Engagement	Engagement

Following analysis of the themes which appear with the highest frequency, for question 3, identify issues which are missing from the draft plan, the following themes need to be incorporated in Council Plan:

What?

- Age (younger people, Older people)
- Business
- Employment and skills
- Rural Communities
- Transport

How?

- Collaboration and partnership
- Engagement
- Impact – delivery and accountability

The comments below are illustrative of the comments received against these most frequent themes.

Age

Working age population – attracting returnees and new people

Plan barely makes reference to attracting young talent

The Council Plan doesn't refer to the need to retain (or attract) younger people/people of working age.

Social issues - how the council proposes to keep improving the area, so that services are expanded to help and accommodate those with Dementia?

Where's the mention of ageing population?

Better support for chronically ill & disabled residents.

Improve consultation with young people.

Business

Support for businesses to be more sustainable

Cumbria needs to invest in capacity in overseas markets – take Cumbrian product/place to overseas. Build a demand led economy

Importance of food tourism and development opportunities.

Visitor economy and promotion is very important

Employment and Skills

Economic development and sustainable jobs

Knowledge base/skill sets

More on education, centre of excellence

Vibrant economies attract high level skills and retains them

Rural Communities

Rural strategy – action for sustainable communities

Mention value of community facilities/venues

Action about town centres needs to be widened to having a vibrant and modern district to attract people to live here

Social inclusion and inequality/rural and social isolation – needs to be clearer in the plan

Include villages, rural areas in point 5 of Healthy safe and secure

Rural needs need looking at – needs to be inclusive, smaller communities need more of a voice

Building more of community feel in the town, such as café and arts culture. Penrith is quiet on Sundays, no businesses are open, need to encourage this for the town

Transport

As villages lose or have lost shops and pubs and churches, we need to improve links to the hubs like Penrith, Appleby, Kirby Stephen, Shap through buses, bikes and trains

Connected – transport policy?

‘Cycle route in towns’ – what about linking the district – be bold!

Need to ensure that transport connectivity is included so that all can see benefits re villages, towns etc. to connect to cultural and creative offer, jobs, health centres etc.

Growing the economy, utilising the transport links of Penrith, whilst also improving them to ease congestion around Penrith.

Transport, this is generally poor across Eden, i.e. bus service, frequency of train times, electric charge points

Collaboration

Maximise the value of Eden’s voice on issues like transport, not in direct control

Growth strategy to drive the economy – do it individually or within the borderlands?

Further partner integration – joint goals/shared results

More emphasis on partnership working/ co-production

Engagement

Listen and engage community in solutions

Consider smaller rural communities and give them their own voice

Listening to business, community, customers to flesh out how to deliver Council Plan, don't just pay lip service to this...

Reinforce image on what the Council wants the place to become

Look @ making 'Brand Eden'

Impact

Set benchmark and targets when priorities agreed

More information will be available in January so communities can judge better and see progress

Must have policy commitment behind all of these actions

Who will be responsible for each heading and how will delivery happen?

A good start to a more positive approach

Delivery of the key objectives is paramount for credibility

Report No: CE15/19

Eden District Council

Executive

5 November 2019

Council

7 November 2019

One Eden Case for Change

Portfolio:	Leader
Report from:	Chief Executive
Wards:	All Wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of the One Eden Programme is to transform Eden District Council into an organisation which is sustainable and fit for the future. A Council that delivers services to meet customer's needs - residents, businesses and partners. Additionally, the Council will have a workforce with the skills and capacity to ensure that customers' needs are met and that the organisation is well managed and effective.
- 1.2 The programme would deliver savings through a rigorous review of the revenue budget, redesigning the way work is undertaken and reducing the size of the workforce.
- 1.3 The aim is to mitigate the impact of any changes to the Council on the workforce. In order for officers to progress the development of a detailed business case, including the options for delivering a whole organisation transformation, Council is being asked to provide a mandate for this by agreeing the case for change.

2 Recommendation

Executive

Council is recommended to agree:

- (1) the Case for Change; and
- (2) that a business case for the One Eden programme be submitted to Council in February 2020 and shall include the detailed financial implications of the One Eden programme.

Council

It be agreed that:

- (1) the Case for Change be agreed; and
- (2) a business case for the One Eden programme be submitted to Council in February 2020 and shall include the detailed financial implications of the One Eden programme.

3 Report Details

- 3.1. The Council's External Auditors, Grant Thornton, have formally recommended that the Council should:

'Identify recurrent savings or income generation opportunities (including quantifying the potential impact of the One Eden project) to respond to the challenges identified in the Medium Term Financial Plan'

- 3.2 The financial demographic and technological challenges facing all Councils are forcing them to re-think the way they deliver services leaving difficult choices about either:

- reducing levels of service;
- increasing charges;
- changing or reducing the ambitions they have for local communities; or
- innovating and changing all that they do and how they do it, known as whole organisation transformation.

- 3.3 The One Eden programme would deliver savings through a rigorous review of the revenue budget, redesigning the way work is undertaken and consequently reducing the size of the workforce.

Customer Focus

- 3.4 Customer demand is changing. Councils are now face growing demand from residents and government to embrace digital technology. Recent staff engagement has highlighted the need to maintain one to one contact, by phone and face to face, for some customers. It has also highlighted that customers' expectations are increasing and expect to be able to make contact with the Council at any time through email and online, and a rapid response is demanded. The most cost effective way to deliver services is to transact online.
- 3.5 The Council has developed a set of values and these will ensure that the future Council has greater focus on the customer and continues to deliver services that are accessible to all.

Our Values

Customer Focus

- We ensure that customers are at the heart of everything we do, providing responsive services and treating customers with respect.
- We communicate clearly and concisely, tailoring the content and style to suit audience and promote free-flowing communication.
- We are clear on our purpose and what we are best placed to deliver, facilitate and enable on behalf of communities, partners, staff and businesses.
- We act as advocates and champion the causes that matter in Eden.

One Team

- We operate and recognise ourselves as One Team, representing Eden District Council's best interests and focused on delivering the Council's corporate priorities.
- We value everyone's role in the organisation.
- We encourage cooperation, teamwork and collaboration across our services and outside the organisation, building networks, sharing knowledge, and trusting each other to get the job done.
- We support colleagues and assist each other to deliver the Council's goals.
- We promote Better Health for all in the workplace

Planning Ahead

- We lead through taking a long-term view, engaging with people and developing plans based on quality information.
- We are forward-looking and use data and knowledge to help us anticipate demand and deliver dynamically.
- We make evidenced based decisions, ensuring that everything we do is requirements led.
- We consider key factors in our plans and decisions including value for money, sustainability, equalities, and rural issues.

Continuous Improvement

- We are creative and innovative in the way we problem solve and are empowered to deliver.
- We design services which are fit for purpose, doing the right things well and prioritising where we can make the biggest positive impact on people's lives.
- We are ambitious and strive to improve our performance, do more and demonstrate a pride for Eden in all we do.
- We have a positive 'can do' approach and aim to be flexible.

Delivering Ambition – Council Plan

- 3.6 The Council has been asked to agree to a new Council Plan for 2019-2023. In order to deliver the ambition for Eden and future generations, the Council will need to transform the whole organisation and the way it invests and utilises its resources.
- 3.7 The Council Plan for 2015-2019 included a 'Quality Council' priority with the following objective:
- Ensure resilient finances through sound financial management and innovative income generating activities;
 - Ensuring any projected deficit is funded without having to withdraw more from our reserves than we have agreed in our 'Council's Reserves Policy' when setting the budget for each year; and

- Investigate the feasibility of a range of projects which could potentially generate additional income for the Council.
- 3.8 It is clear from the Medium Term Financial Plan agreed by Council in February 2019 as updated by the current financial position and the projections through to 2023, that this approach will not deliver the balanced financial position required by the Council.
- 3.9 The proposed Council Plan for 2019-2023 includes a 'Sustainable' priority and the following objective for achievement by March 2023:
- To have achieved financial viability by transforming the Council. This will deliver a new operating model focusing on customers, digital, office accommodation, workforce skills and income development.
- 3.10 The Council Plan also highlights environmental as well as financial sustainability with the aim of achieving net zero carbon by 2030 to which the One Eden programme can contribute by improving the Council's own environmental performance.
- 3.11 The Council Plan, if agreed by Council, would be supported by a number of enabling strategies and programmes of work including:
- | What? | How? |
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Financial Strategy

- 3.12 The Council is projected to have at least a £1.7m revenue budget deficit by 2022/23, by which time reserves will be depleted. Whilst £1.16m of this is related to the reduction in levels of government grant received by the Council, there remains a significant structural overspend on the operating budget for the Council. The Council continues to be under a duty to deliver Value for Money.
- 3.13 The Council is currently operating with a budget which is significantly larger than the benchmark for comparative local authorities. This position is not sustainable and this gap is represented by the savings requirement of at least £1.7m. Eden's base budget for 2020-21 is £9.5m and the benchmark for similar Councils is £7.5m. Salaries currently represent 65% of the budget and so it is reasonable to anticipate that a significant proportion of the savings target will need to be achieved through reduction in the number of staff currently employed by the Council. The impact of any reduction in posts from the establishment can be mitigated by the careful management of vacant posts and by filling any vacancies that arise with temporary appointments.
- 3.14 Actions to ensure that the Council operates in line with the principles of good be taken as part of the One Eden programme to support the delivery of the

savings required to achieve a balanced budget without using reserves are as follows:

- Good Housekeeping - review all revenue budgets (income and expenditure) budgets - Root and Branch;
- Review options for delivering income generating services;
- Develop the capital programme to address priorities utilising prudential borrowing and effective asset management;
- Improve project management and delivery;
- Clarity and transparency about the purpose of and delivery by 'Heart of Cumbria';
- Reviewing the risk appetite of the Council including the approach to treasury management;
- Recommending an increase in Council Tax to the maximum permitted amount. Based upon a current government consultation, the maximum permitted increase, in the absence of a referendum, is likely to be set at 1.99%;
- Asset management review; and
- Close management of vacant posts

3.15 The more rigorous the delivery of the activities above, the greater the proportion of the savings that can be achieved from reviewing the base budget. This would have a positive effect on the level of savings required for the reduction in headcount from the Council staff establishment.

One Eden Programme

3.16 The purpose of the One Eden Programme is to transform Eden District Council into an organisation which is sustainable and fit for the future. A Council that delivers services to meet customer's needs - residents, businesses and partners. Additionally the Council will have a workforce with the skills and capacity to ensure that customers' needs are met and that the organisation is well managed as well as efficient.

3.17 The One Eden Programme will bring together a range of existing but unaligned projects including:

- Accommodation;
- Digital Programme;
- Commercial Plan Review;
- Workforce Development;
- Performance Management; and
- Communications and Engagement

3.18 The One Eden programme will deliver a wide range of benefits including:

- A Council re-modelled around customer outcomes;
- Reduced demand through increased self-service opportunities;

- Increased capacity for delivering better outcomes for customers with complex needs;
- Providing face to face contact for those customers who prefer this;
- Enabling specialists to focus on complex work;
- The development of locality working across the district;
- Staff development and progression;
- Increased resilience in teams;
- Removal of unnecessary process; and
- Removal of service based silos

Accommodation

- 3.19 The Council has agreed to the principle of having its main base of operation on a single site. The feasibility work undertaken to date suggests that a revenue saving from the reduced running costs can be achieved. These will be in the region of £100k.

Digital Project

- 3.20 Eden District Council embarked on the journey to create a Council wide digital platform in July 2016 delivering the following:

- Website;
- Customer Relationship Management and Online Forms;
- Online Customer Account;
- Single View of the customer;
- Mobile working;
- System Wide Dashboards and Reporting;
- Integration with Revenues and Benefits;
- Integration with existing or replacement systems for a range of services

- 3.21 The functionality and integration to be delivered through this programme will be required to support any new operating model with reduced headcount and new ways of working.

Review of the Commercial Plan

- 3.22 The Council has a Commercial Plan and this needs reviewing to ensure the viability of any opportunities to generate income are assessed and that effective programme management is put in place to drive delivery. The target for generating additional revenue to contribute to the savings requirement. Options to be explored include:

- Generating revenue income from capital investment;
- Reviewing the fees and charging regime;
- Providing services to new customers;
- Selling specialist services; and

- **Review of Contracts**

- 3.23 An outcome of the review of the Commercial Plan will be to set a target for the net revenue increase that can be achieved by 2022.
- 3.24 The agreement by Council of a mandate to work towards a business case for the One Eden Programme will support further staff engagement in the process, maintaining morale and ensuring staff have the training to enable them to deliver any new ways of working.
- 3.25 Transformation of the Council will support the delivery of the Council's priorities, failure to support the principle of a whole organisation transformation will jeopardise the ability of the Council to deliver services and priorities.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The proposals within this report would support the Sustainability priority, should the Council Plan for 2019 to 2023 be agreed.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place with staff and members in various workshops and presentations regarding the emerging proposals for One Eden.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 The Medium Term Financial Plan as agreed by Council in February 2019 identified a shortfall of £1.7m. Early indications arising from the financial modelling undertaken in preparing the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan for consideration in February 2020 are that the deficit will have increased.

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 All legal requirements will be followed in developing and implementing the One Eden programme.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 There will be Human Resources implications arising out of the need to make savings but it is too early to quantify them.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	There are no immediate issues relating to Equality and diversity arising from these proposals.
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	Without a viable Council it will not be possible for the Council to deliver or collaborate on these issues.
Crime and Disorder	There are no direct implications.

Children and Safeguarding	There are no direct implications.
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6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
Business continuity will not be achieved with the current structure and utilisation of resources. The risk of service failure becomes acute by December 2022 if no remedial action is taken	Severe financial consequences and depletion of Council resources. Jeopardising the ability of the Council to deliver services and priorities.	The proposals within this report mitigate that risk.
Compulsory redundancies being required if a decision is not made to undertake a transformation programme before April 2020.	Lowering of staff morale and staffing decisions not being made in a planned and strategic way.	The proposals within this report mitigate that risk.
The Commercial Plan may not deliver the level of revenue.	Additional required from other elements of the programme with the consequence of increased reductions on the number of posts to be removed from the establishment.	The proposals within this report mitigate that risk.

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options are suggested.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 To enable members to give officers sufficient support for the case for change and to enable further detailed work to be carried out with a view to providing more detailed proposals to members in February 2020.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	24 October 2019
Relevant Director	24 October 2019

Background Papers: **Council Plan 2019 – 2023 (draft)**
 Council Plan 2015 – 2019

Appendices: **None**

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**Eden District Council
Council**

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Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Portfolio:	Resources
Report from:	Director of Corporate Services
Wards:	All Wards
OPEN PUBLIC ITEM	

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To advise Members of the outcome of the review of polling districts recently carried out by the Director of Corporate Services, in his capacity as the Returning Officer.

2 Recommendation

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Polling Station for Greystoke (Little Blencowe) Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Greystoke Village Hall;
- (2) the Polling Station for Calthwaite Polling District, be changed from Calthwaite School to All Saints Church, Calthwaite;
- (3) the Polling Station for Plumpton Polling District, be changed from Plumpton School to the Pot Place, Plumpton;
- (4) The Polling Station for Ainstable Polling District, be changed from the Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom to the Ainstable Church Institute;
- (5) The Polling Station for Little Strickland Polling District, be changed from Lowther Parish Hall to Great Strickland Institute;
- (6) The Polling Station for Penrith East Polling District be changed from Whelpdale Room, Mansion House, to the Parish Rooms, Penrith;
- (7) The Polling Station for the Laithes ward of the Parish of Skelton Polling District, be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Skelton Memorial Hall; and
- (8) Electors for the Hunsonby Polling District be temporarily re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall, pending completion of renovation works to Hunsonby Community Centre.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the Council is required to complete a compulsory review of the polling districts

and polling places that fall within its area once every 5 years. The review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 with a public consultation forming part of that review.

- 3.2 The last such review in Eden, was undertaken in October 2014 from which the results were agreed by full Council in December 2014.
- 3.3 The purpose of the review is to ensure that:
- facilities for voting are practicable;
 - facilities for voting meet the need for disabled access; and
 - polling places are within the polling district, unless special circumstances exist to justify them being located outside of it.
- 3.4 The review offers an opportunity to take account of known future changes, for example, where buildings have ceased or will cease to be capable of being used as polling stations and to take account of more suitable buildings that may have become available.
- 3.5 The timetable for the consultation has been as follows:
- 12 August 2019 – proposals published and the consultation was commenced;
 - 30 September 2019 - consultation ended.
- 3.6 Polling Districts are the sub divisions of the Penrith and the Border parliamentary constituency (within the Eden District). Polling places are the locations within which a polling station is located. Sometimes there is more than one polling station in a polling place. A polling station is the actual area where the voting takes place by virtue of being the room or area where electors cast their vote.
- 3.7 The following factors are relevant in considering the suitability of buildings for use as polling places:
- Location and accessibility to electors within the polling district;
 - Size of the location and whether it can accommodate more than one polling station if required;
 - Is the building readily available in the event of unscheduled elections or those called at short notice;
 - Is there sufficient parking, heating, lighting and toilet facilities;
 - Schools should be avoided if possible, as their use will necessitate the closure of the school (not least due to safeguarding issues). Subject to this, public buildings should be favoured;
 - In the absence of suitable publicly owned buildings, churches, clubs and other private sector buildings conveniently located and accessible to electors can be considered; and
 - If necessary a mobile building could be used. Due to cost and logistics in terms of heating lighting security, comfort and costs this option should be treated as a last resort;

- any selected polling stations must be suitable for use throughout the year.

3.8 In November 2018, the Returning Officer reported to Council about proposed interim modifications to polling places and polling stations, in part consequential upon the Community Governance Review which changed the governance arrangements for various Parishes, and in part due to the non-availability of certain polling places and stations. Members noted the update and agreed to make (amongst other matters) certain interim changes to polling arrangements:

- the electors of the Penrith East polling station were re-designated to Penrith Parish Rooms from the Whelpdale Room at Mansion House;
- the electors of the Hunsonby polling station were re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall, from the Hunsonby Community Centre;
- the electors of the Stainton Village Hall polling station, were re-designated to Stainton Methodist Church.

3.9 Stainton Village Hall polling station is now available again for use. The Whelpdale Room at Mansion House is not available as a polling station anymore, as it being used as office space. The Returning Officer set out his proposals as part of the consultation process and these are attached as Appendix 1 to this report. The changes of significance within the consultation proposals can be summarised as follows:

- (i) The Polling Station for the Greystoke (Little Blencowe) Polling District is proposed to be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Greystoke Village Hall. Previously, electors were being sent to vote outside of their District ward. Greystoke Village Hall has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
- (ii) The Polling Station for the Calthwaite Polling District is proposed to be changed from Calthwaite School to Cottage Wood Centre. Calthwaite school was the penultimate school within Eden to be used as a polling station. Schools should not be used as a polling station due to safeguarding issues which require the closure of the school on Election Day. The reason for this proposal was that Cottage Wood Centre has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and the proposal would formalise matters.

It should be noted that taking account of the consultation responses the Returning Officer has revised his opinion and the recommendation within this report is that All Saints Church, Calthwaite would be a more convenient location for a polling station to be situated.

- (iii) The Polling Station for the Plumpton Polling District is proposed to be changed from Plumpton School to the Pot Place Plumpton. Plumpton School was the last school to be used by the Council as a polling station. The Pot Place has been used satisfactorily for recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.

- (iv) The Polling Station for the Ainstable Polling District is proposed to be changed from Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom to Ainstable Church Institute. It has been used as such at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (v) The Polling Station for the Little Strickland Polling District is proposed to be changed from Lowther Parish Hall to Great Strickland Institute. Previously, electors were being set to vote outside of their District ward. It has been used as such at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (vi) The Polling Station for the Penrith East Polling District is proposed to be changed from Whelpdale Room, Mansion House to Parish Rooms Penrith. The Whelpdale room is now being used as an office by the Council and is no longer available for election use. The Penrith Parish Rooms have been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
 - (vii) The Polling Station for the Laithes ward of the Parish of Skelton Polling District is proposed to be changed from Blencowe Village Hall to Skelton Memorial Hall. Previously, electors were being sent to vote outside of their District ward. Skelton Memorial Hall has been used satisfactorily at recent elections and this proposal would therefore formalise matters.
- 3.10 In August 2019, consultation letters were sent to all district councillors and parish council clerks asking for views on any aspect of polling districts and/or polling places which are currently used. A notice was published on the Council website inviting representations and comments from interested persons. Representations were also sought from persons and groups who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. A map was available for inspection on the Council website, showing the district ward boundaries and parish council boundaries.
- 3.11 The review commenced on 12 August 2019 and the consultation period ended on 30 September 2019. Comments were invited regarding the polling stations that were currently used and inviting any suggested alternatives. The comments received from polling station inspectors were also considered during the review.
- 3.12 The recommendations of the Returning Officer which were consulted upon are set out herein (enclosed Appendix 1). The polling stations inspectors' reports (enclosed as Appendix 2) have highlighted that the arrangements and circumstances at the certain polling stations needed to be considered. All the polling stations have been inspected as part of this review. Alternative locations have been considered and inspected in some cases where that was considered appropriate.
- 3.13 The representations from Parishes are appended to this report as Appendix 3. The representations made by Members of Eden District Council are appended to this report as Appendix 4. The representations from a member of the public are appended to this report as Appendix 5. The representations on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council's Returning Officer are appended as Appendix 6.

Finally the representations from one County Councillor are appended as Appendix 7. The relevant points from the responses in relation to any change of venue or other relevant issues are incorporated. In the main, the responses favoured the current arrangements. Some did however provide suggestions to improve disabled access.

- 3.14 Taking account of the consultation responses the Returning Officer's recommendations to Council differ from those set out in his recommendations which were consulted upon in one respect. The Polling Station for the Calthwaite Polling District is proposed to be changed from Calthwaite School to All Saints Church, Calthwaite instead of the originally recommended Cottage Wood Centre. An Inspection report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite which took place after the consultation process (enclosed as Appendix 8) has shown it to be an appropriate location for a polling station.
- 3.15 During the consultation process, it became clear that Hunsonby polling station would in fact not be available until September 2020 due to on-going renovation works. Whilst it is recommended that the Polling Station for the Hunsonby Polling District should remain as the Hunsonby Community Centre, it is recommended that pending the completion of renovation works to Hunsonby Community Centre voters should be temporarily re-designated to Langwathby Village Hall. It should be noted that this is in line with the interim arrangements that were approved by Council in November 2018.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Decent Homes for All;
- Strong Economy, Rich Environment;
- Thriving Communities; and
- Quality Council

- 4.2 This report meets the corporate priority of Quality Council.

5 Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation was undertaken as set out within the report and additionally a report on this matter was taken to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board on 19 September 2019.
- 5.2 One response that could not be taken forward was a request for a polling station for Howtown/Martindale. There is no suitable premises and the relevant electorate would be too small to justify such a facility.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2015-19 as agreed at Council on 17 September 2015.
- 6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources

6.2 Legal

- 6.2.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. This current review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020. Subsequent reviews must be started over a similar timescale every subsequent five years.

6.3 Human Resources

- 6.3.1 The workload arising from the proposals within this report can be dealt with within existing resources.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

Consideration:	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and Diversity	<p>Equalities implications have been considered in the consultation methods arising from the review of polling arrangements.</p> <p>Newton Reigny is far from ideal due to difficulties of access for people with mobility problems, and particularly wheelchair users. Ultimately Presiding Officers can assist voters who have difficulty in accessing the premises.</p> <p>Lazonby Village Hall is configured so that there is easy access for wheelchair users through the larger hall. The intention is to book the whole building so that there is no risk of impediment to access by voters using wheelchairs by virtue of booked activities in the main hall.</p>
Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact	The social cohesion aspects of local communities have been considered during the Review.
Crime and Disorder	The proposals within the report do not have any significant implications in terms of crime and disorder.
Children and Safeguarding	The proposals within this report do not have any significant implications in terms of children and safeguarding.

6.5 Risk Management

Risk	Consequence	Controls Required
That polling stations are not reviewed either in response to immediate changes in circumstances or periodically.	Polling arrangements would cease to be fit for purpose.	Consideration given to the recommendations within the report.

7 Other Options Considered

- 7.1 Whilst no other options are set out, members may decide to require different arrangements in relation to particular polling stations.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

- 8.1 To enable polling arrangements to meet the needs of electors and ensure that the Council provides elections that a run in an efficient and effective way.

Tracking Information

Governance Check	Date Considered
Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy)	
Monitoring Officer (or Deputy)	27 October 2019
Relevant Director	29 October 2019

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

- Appendix 1 – Returning Officer’s Proposals**
- Appendix 2 – Polling Station Inspectors’ Report**
- Appendix 3 – Representations from Parishes**
- Appendix 4 – Representations from Members of Eden District Council**
- Appendix 5 – Representations from a member of the public**
- Appendix 6 – Representations on behalf of Allerdale Borough Council’s Returning Officer**
- Appendix 7 – Representations from a County Councillor**
- Appendix 8 - Inspection report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite**

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Schedule of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

Returning Officer Proposals

Penrith and the Border Constituency

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Alston	1066	GC	The Alston ward of the Parish of Alston	Alston	Alston Town Hall	Yes
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Garrigill	220	GD	The Garrigill ward of the Parish of Alston Moor	Garrigill	Garrigill Village Hall	Yes
Alston Moor	Alston and East Fellside	Nenthead	352	GF	Part of the Nenthead ward of the Parish of Alston Moor including Nenthead and Overwater	Nenthead	Nenthead Village Hall	Yes
Appleby (Appleby)	Appleby	Appleby (Appleby)	1010	FA	The Appleby ward of the Parish of Appleby including Banks Lane, Banks Terrace, Banks View, Barrowmoor Road, Boroughgate, Bridge Street, Caesars View, Castle Park View, Chapel Street, Colby Lane, Doomgate, Glebe Close, Glebe Crescent, Glebe Road, High Wiend, Holme Court, Holme Street, Low Wiend, Margarets Way, Murton Close, Murton View, Overwood Place, Parkin Hill, Rampkin Pastures, Scattergate, Scattergate Close, Scattergate Crescent,	Appleby-in-Westmorland	Appleby Market Hall	Yes

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
					Scattergate Green, Shaws Wiend and St Annes Hospital and some postal addresses in Colby.			
Appleby (Bongate)	Appleby	Bongate	1504	FB	The Bongate ward of the Parish of Appleby including Back Lane, Battlebarrow, Beechcroft Mews, Belgravia, Belle Vue Road, Bongate, Bongate Cross, Castle View Road, Clifford Street, Cross Croft, Drawbriggs Court, Drawbriggs Lane, Drawbriggs Mount, Eden Terrace, Eden View, Friary Cottages, Friary Fields, Friary Park, Gallows Lane, Garbridge Court, Garbridge Lane, Garth Heads Rise, Garth Heads Road, Hothfield Court, Hothfield Drive, Howgate Foot, Kingstone Cottages, Long Marton Road, Meadow Close, Meadow Court, Midfield Mews, Middle Close, Mill Hill, Pembroke Street, Rivington Park, Roman Road, Romany Way, Salkeld Croft, The Sands, School Brow, St Michaels Lane, Station Road, Thanet Terrace, Westmorland Place and Westmorland Rise.	Appleby-in-Westmorland	Appleby Market Hall	Yes
Askham	Eden Lakes	Askham	259	HB	The Parish of Askham including the villages of Askham and Helton.	Askham	Askham Community Centre	Yes

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Askham	Eden Lakes	Bampton	248	HC	The Parish of Bampton including Bampton, Burn Banks, Butterwick, Helton and Knipe.	Bampton	Bampton Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available
Askham	Eden Lakes	Barton	157	HD	The Parish of Barton including Barton, Pooley Bridge and some postal addresses in Dalemmain and Howtown.	Pooley Bridge	Pooley Bridge Memorial Hall	Yes – through side door
Askham	Eden Lakes	Lowther	343	HJ	The Parish of Lowther including Hackthorpe, Lowther, Lowther Newtown, Lowther Village, Melkinthorpe and Whale.	Lowther	Lowther Parish Hall	Yes - ramp available for wheelchairs
Askham	Eden Lakes	Martindale	41	HK	The Parish of Martindale including the village of Martindale and some postal addresses in Howtown.	Pooley Bridge	Pooley Bridge Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Brough	609	OA	The Parish of Brough including the villages of Brough and Church Brough.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Brough Sowerby	124	OB	The Parish of Brough Sowerby including the village of Brough Sowerby and some postal addresses in South Stainmore.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Helbeck	7	OE	The Parish of Helbeck.	Brough	Brough Memorial Hall	Yes
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Musgrave	126	OI	The Parish of Musgrave including Bleatarn, Flitholme, Great Musgrave and Little Musgrave.	Musgrave	Great Musgrave Institute	No

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Brough	Kirkby Stephen	Stainmore (North)	245	ON	The Parish of Stainmore including North Stainmore and some postal addresses in Brough, Barras, Sth Stainmore.	Stainmore	North Stainmore Parish Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Asby	269	HA	The Parish of Asby including Great Asby, Little Asby and some postal addresses in Newbggin-on-Lune and Orton.	Asby	Asby Village Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Bolton	366	HE	The Parish of Bolton including Bolton and some postal addresses in Cliburn, Colby and Temple Sowerby.	Bolton	Bolton Memorial Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	Crosby Ravensworth	432	HF	The Parish of Crosby Ravensworth including the villages of Crosby Ravensworth, Maulds Meaburn, Reagill and some postal addresses in King's Meaburn, Newby, Orton and Shap.	Crosby Ravensworth	Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall	Yes
Crosby Ravensworth	Eden Lakes	King's Meaburn	128	HI	The Parish of King's Meaburn.	King's Meaburn	King's Meaburn Village Hall	Yes
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Dacre	89	MD	The Dacre portion of the Parish of Dacre including Dacre, Soulby and some postal addresses in Pooley Bridge.	Dacre	Dacre Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Great Blencowe	39	ME	The Great Blencowe portion of the Parish of Dacre.	Blencowe	Blencowe Village Hall	Yes
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Newbiggin	324	MF	The Newbiggin portion of the Parish of Dacre including Newbiggin, Fort Putnam, Pallet	Newbiggin	Newbiggin Village Hall	Yes

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
					Hill and some postal addresses in Blencowe and Greystoke Ghyll.			
Dacre	Penrith Rural	Stainton	725	MG	The Stainton portion of the Parish of Dacre including Redhills, Stainton and some postal addresses in Dacre, Dalemmain and Skirsgill.	Stainton	Stainton Village Hall	Yes
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Clifton	519	MC	The Parish of Clifton including the villages of Clifton and Clifton Dykes and some postal addresses in Eamont Bridge and Melkinthorpe.	Clifton	Clifton Village Hall	1 small step
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Sockbridge and Tirril	338	MO	The Parish of Sockbridge and Tirril including the villages of Sockbridge and Tirril and some postal addresses in Yanwath.	Tirril	Tirril Reading Room	Yes
Eamont	Penrith Rural	Yanwath and Eamont Bridge	403	MR	The Parish of Yanwath and Eamont Bridge.	Eamont Bridge	Eamont Bridge Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke	452	JD	The Greystoke ward of the Parish of Greystoke including some postal addresses in Berrier.	Greystoke	Greystoke Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke (Johnby)	59	JE	The Johnby ward of the Parish of Greystoke including Johnby and some postal addresses in Hutton Roof and Skelton.	Greystoke	Greystoke Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke*	Greystoke and Hesket	Greystoke (Little Blencowe)	49	JF	The Little Blencowe ward of the Parish of Greystoke.	Blencowe	Designated: Blencowe Village Hall	Yes

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							Proposed change to: Greystoke Village Hall	
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Mungrisdale	216	JM	Some postal addresses in the Parish of Mungrisdale including Bowscale, Mosedale, Mungrisdale and some postal addresses in Hesket Newmarket, Hutton Roof, Berrier and Troutbeck.	Mungrisdale	Mungrisdale Recreation Room	Yes – ramp also available
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Mungrisdale North	33	JN	The Northern portion of the Parish of Mungrisdale including Haltcliffe Bridge and some postal addresses in Hesket Newmarket and Hutton Roof.	Millhouse	Millhouse Village Hall	Yes
Greystoke	Greystoke and Hesket	Threlkeld	340	JT	The Parish of Threlkeld.	Threlkeld	Threlkeld Village Hall	Yes – via rear entrance only
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Blencarn and Kirkland	129	GG	The Blencarn and Kirkland ward of the Parish of Culgaith.	Blencarn	Blencarn Recreation Room	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Culgaith	430	GH	The Culgaith ward of the Parish of Culgaith including the village of Culgaith and some postal addresses in Blencarn and Newbiggin.	Culgaith	Culgaith Victoria Institute	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Skirwith	168	GI	The Skirwith ward of the Parish of Culgaith including the village of Skirwith and some postal addresses in Langwathby.	Skirwith	Skirwith Village Hall	Yes, but poor approach to the hall

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Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Melmerby	186	GR	The Melmerby ward of the Parish of Ousby.	Melmerby	Melmerby Village Hall	Yes
Hartside	Alston and East Fellside	Ousby	199	GS	The Ousby ward of the Parish of Ousby including the village of Ousby and some postal addresses in Melmerby.	Ousby	Ousby Community Centre	Yes
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Catterlen	353	JC	The Parish of Catterlen including Newton Reigny, Catterlen and some postal addresses in Bowscar and Laithes.	Newton Reigny	Newton Reigny Memorial Hall	Poor
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Armathwaite	371	JG	The Armathwaite portion of the Armathwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Armathwaite and some postal addresses in Aiketgate.	Armathwaite	Armathwaite Old School Hall	Yes with ramp
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Hesket	570	JH	The Hesket portion of the Armathwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including Low Hesket, High Hesket and some postal addresses in Carleton and Cotehill.	Low Hesket	Low Hesket Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchairs
Hesket*	Greystoke and Hesket	Calthwaite	388	JI	The Calthwaite portion of the Calthwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket and some postal addresses in Plumpton Foot.	Calthwaite	Designated: Calthwaite School Proposed change to: Cottage Wood Centre	Certain parts of Calthwaite School has disabled access. Cottage Wood Centre is accessible.

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
Hesket*	Greystoke and Hesket	Plumpton	376	JJ	The Plumpton portion of the Calthwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Plumpton and some postal addresses in Bowscar and Catterlen.	Plumpton	Designated: Plumpton School Proposed change to: The Pot Place, Plumpton	Yes
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Ivegill	77	JK	The Ivegill portion of the Southwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket.	Ivegill	Ivegill Village Hall	Yes – ramp for wheelchairs
Hesket	Greystoke and Hesket	Southwaite	379	JL	The Southwaite portion of the Southwaite ward of the Parish of Hesket including the village of Southwaite and some postal addresses in Carleton, Ivegill and Wreay.	Low Hesket	Low Hesket Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Hartley	108	OD	The Parish of Hartley including the village of Hartley and some postal addresses in Winton.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Kaber	79	OF	The Parish of Kaber including Rookby and Kaber.	Kaber	Kaber Village Hall	Yes
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	1453	OG	The Parish of Kirkby Stephen.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Mallerstang	86	OH	The Parish of Mallerstang including Aisgill Moor, Mallerstang, Outhgill and Shoregill.	Mallerstang	The Lodge, The Green, Outhgill	Yes

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Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Nateby	99	OJ	The Parish of Nateby.	Nateby	The Black Bull Inn, Nateby	Yes
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Wharton	28	OR	The Parish of Wharton.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchairs
Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen	Winton	182	OS	The Parish of Winton.	Winton	Winton Village Hall	Yes
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Brougham	212	MA	The Parish of Brougham including the village of Brougham and some postal addresses in Cliburn, Clifton Dykes, Melkinthorpe and Temple Sowerby.	Brougham	Brougham Chapel	Yes ramp available
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Kirkby Thore	567	MI	The Parish of Kirkby Thore.	Kirkby Thore	Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall	Yes
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Newbiggin	75	ML	The Parish of Newbiggin including the village of Newbiggin and some postal addresses in Kirkby Thore.	Newbiggin	Newbiggin Reading Room	No, but planning on undertaking renovations soon
Kirkby Thore	Penrith Rural	Temple Sowerby	330	MP	The Parish of Temple Sowerby including the village of Temple Sowerby and some postal addresses in Kirkby Thore.	Temple Sowerby	Temple Sowerby Village Hall	1 small step Lift due to be installed in the next year.
Kirkoswald*	Alston and East Fellside	Ainstable	324	GA	The Ainstable ward of the Parish of Ainstable including the village of Ainstable, the communities of Ruckcroft and Staffield and some postal addresses in Armathwaite.	Ainstable	Designated: Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom	Ainstable Methodist Chapel Schoolroom has a small step into the building,

District Ward	County Electoral Division	Polling District	Number of Electors	Polling District Letters	Polling District Description	Polling Place	Polling Station	Disabled Access
							Proposed change to: Ainstable Church Institute	accessible inside. Ainstable Church Institute is accessible.
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Croglin	135	GB	The Croglin ward of the Parish of Ainstable including the villages of Croglin and Newbiggin (Heads Nook) and some postal addresses in Ainstable, Armathwaite.	Croglin	Croglin Reading Room and Hall	Yes
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Kirkoswald	485	GM	The Kirkoswald ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald.	Kirkoswald	Kirkoswald Church Institute	Ramp Available
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Renwick	196	GN	The Renwick portion of the Renwick ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald.	Renwick	Renwick Methodist Schoolroom	Yes at rear entrance
Kirkoswald	Alston and East Fellside	Scarrowmanwick	20	GO	The Scarrowmanwick portion of the Renwick ward of the Parish of Kirkoswald including Scarrowmanwick and some postal addresses in Armathwaite and Croglin.	Renwick	Croglin Reading Room and Hall	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Gamblesby	165	GJ	The Gamblesby ward of the Parish of Glassonby including the villages of Gamblesby and Unthank and some postal addresses in Alston and Renwick.	Gamblesby	Gamblesby Methodist School Room	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Glassonby	111	GK	The Glassonby ward of the Parish of Glassonby including the village of Glassonby and	Gamblesby	Gamblesby Methodist School Room	Yes

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					some postal addresses in Little Salkeld.			
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Hunsonby	357	GL	The Parish of Hunsonby including the villages of Hunsonby, Winskill and Little Salkeld and some postal addresses in Langwathby and Ousby.	Hunsonby	Hunsonby Community Centre	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Edenhall	154	GP	The Edenhall ward of the Parish of Langwathby.	Langwathby	Langwathby Village Hall	Yes
Langwathby	Alston and East Fellside	Langwathby	473	GQ	The Langwathby ward of the Parish of Langwathby.	Langwathby	Langwathby Village Hall	Yes
Lazonby	Penrith North	Great Salkeld	355	LA	The Parish of Great Salkeld including the village of Great Salkeld, the communities of North Dykes, South Dykes and Salkeld Dykes and some postal addresses in Lazonby and Plumpton.	Great Salkeld	Great Salkeld Village Hall	Yes
Lazonby	Penrith North	Lazonby	880	LC	Parish of Lazonby including the village of Lazonby, Baron Wood, Low Plains, and some postal addresses in Armathwaite ,Plumpton, Armathwaite, Calthwaite, and High Hesket.	Lazonby	Lazonby Village Hall	Yes , ramp available for wheelchairs.
Long Marton	Appleby	Crackenthorpe	87	FF	The Parish of Crackenthorpe.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes
Long Marton	Appleby	Dufton	156	FG	The Parish of Dufton including the village of Dufton, the	Dufton	Dufton Village Hall	Yes

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					communities of Flakebridge and Keisley and some postal addresses in Harwood-in-Teesdale and Murton.			
Long Marton	Appleby	Brampton	152	FH	The Brampton ward of the Parish of Long Marton including the village of Brampton, the community of Croft Ends and some postal addresses in Appleby and Long Marton.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Knock	96	FI	The Knock ward of the Parish of Long Marton, and the communities of Silverband and Close Houses.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Long Marton	354	FJ	The Long Marton ward of the Parish of Long Marton including the village of Long Marton and some postal addresses in Knock and Kirkby Thore.	Long Marton	Long Marton Institute	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs
Long Marton	Appleby	Milburn	143	FK	The Parish of Milburn including the village of Milburn and some postal addresses in Knock.	Milburn	Milburn Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Cliburn	200	MB	The Parish of Cliburn.	Cliburn	Cliburn Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Great Strickland	211	MH	Great Strickland including the village of Great Strickland and some postal addresses in Melkinthorpe, Morland and Newby.	Great Strickland	Great Strickland Parish Institute	Yes

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Morland*	Penrith Rural	Little Strickland	77	MJ	Little Strickland including the village of Little Strickland and some postal addresses in Great Strickland and Thrimby.	Lowther	Designated: Lowther Parish Hall Proposed Change to: Great Strickland Institute	Lowther Parish Hall has a ramp for wheelchairs. Great Strickland Institute is accessible.
Morland	Penrith Rural	Morland	354	MK	The Parish of Morland including the village of Morland and some postal addresses in Cliburn.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Newby	135	MM	The Parish of Newby including the village of Newby, the community of Towcett and some postal addresses in Morland.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Morland	Penrith Rural	Sleagill	88	MN	The Parish of Sleagill including the village of Sleagill and some postal addresses in Newby.	Morland	Morland Village Hall	Yes
Orton with Tebay	Kirkby Stephen	Orton	486	OK	The Parish of Orton including the village of Orton, the communities of Bretherdale, Kelleth, Longdale, Raisebeck, Scout Green and Sunbiggin and some postal addresses in Gaisgill, Greenholme, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Shap and Tebay.	Orton	Orton Market Hall	Yes
Orton with Tebay	Kirkby Stephen	Tebay	640	OP	The Parish of Tebay including the village of Tebay, the communities of Old Tebay and Roundthwaite and some postal	Tebay	Tebay Sports Social Club	Yes – also ramp for wheelchairs

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					addresses in Gaisgill and Greenholme.			
Penrith Carleton	Penrith East	Penrith Carleton	1392	KA	The Penrith Carleton Ward of the District of Eden including Alder Road, Apple Tree Gardens, Aspen Gardens, Azalea Close, Beech Close, Beech Gardens, Birch Crescent, Brooklands Grange, Carleton, Carleton Hall Gardens, Carleton Hall Road, Carleton Hall Walk, Carleton Village, Cedar Close, Cherry Gardens, Chestnut Close, Cypress Way, Frenchfield Gardens, Frenchfield Way, Harthwaite Gardens, Hawthorn Drive, Helmsley Close, High Carleton, Holly Close, Jasmine Close, Juniper Way, Laburnum Way, Larch Close, Maple Drive, Oak Road, Pear Tree Way, Rimington Way, Sycamore Drive, Willow Close, Winters Park and certain properties with a Brougham postal address.	Penrith	Penrith Rugby Club, Winters Park	Yes
Penrith East*	Penrith East	Penrith East	2333	KB	The Penrith East Ward of the District of Eden including Askham Crescent, Barco Avenue, Barco Hill, Barco Hill Grove, Barco Terrace, Barton View, Beacon Edge, Benson Row, Bishops Yard, Brent Gardens, Brent Road, Brentfield Court, Brentfield	Penrith	Designated: Whelpdale Room, Mansion House Proposed change to:	Yes

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					Way, Carleton Derrick Drive, Carleton Fields, Carleton Meadows, Carleton Road (eastern side), Carleton Terrace, Chancery Lane, Coldsprings Court, Coldsprings Park, Crown Terrace, Eden Mount, Fell Lane, Folly Lane, Friargate, Friars Close, Friars Rise, Friars Road, Friars Terrace, Friars Walk, Hallin Croft, Horsley Terrace, Hutton Court, Hutton Gardens, Hutton Hill, Eastern side of King Street, Meadow Croft, Merlin Court, Milner Mount, Old London Road, Park Close, The Parklands, Parklands Crescent, Parklands View, Parklands Way, Pennine Way, Riggsdale, Roman Road, Northern side of Roper Street, Rowan Court, Southern side of Sandgate, Scaws Drive, St Andrew's Place, Eastern side of Victoria Road (as far as Roper Street), Welsh Yard and Whelpdale House.		Parish Rooms, Penrith	
Penrith North	Penrith North	Penrith North	3137	LD	The Urban portion of the Penrith North Ward of the District of Eden including the Eastern side of Albert Street, Anchor Close, Arthur Street, Arthur Terrace, Bath Terrace, Beacon Close, Beacon Edge, Beacon Park, Beacon Square, Beacon Street, Canny Croft,	Penrith	Methodist Church Hall, Wordsworth Street, Penrith	Yes

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					Corney Place, Eastern side of Corney Square, Croft Avenue, Croft Avenue, Croft Terrace, Cross Lane, Drovers Lane, Drovers Mews, Drovers Terrace, Fairhill Close, Fairhill Road. Northern side of Fell Lane, Field House Gardens, Graham Street, Grisenthwaite Yard, Hunter Lane, Inglewood Road, Lonsdale Terrace, Lowther Street, Lowther Terrace, MacAdam Gardens, MacAdam Way, Meeting House Lane, Milton Street, Monks Close, Monnington Way, Nicholson Lane, Pembroke Place, Pennyhill Park, Petteril Road, Plimsoll Close, Poplar Place, Portland Place, Raiselands Croft, Robinson Street, Salkeld Road, Sandcroft, Northern side of Sandgate, Sandgate Court, Eastern side of Scotland Road, Scott Yard, St Catherines Court, Eastern side of Stricklandgate, Eastern side of Thacka Lane, Walker Rise, White Ox Way, William Street, Wordsworth Street and Wordsworth Terrace.			
Penrith North	Penrith North	Penrith North (Rural)	239	LE	The Rural portion of the Penrith North Ward of the District of Eden including Balmers Farm, Bowscar, Bowscar Road, Green Lane, Greengill,	Penrith	Methodist Church Hall, Wordsworth Street, Penrith	Yes

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					Lakeland View, Maidenhill, Milestone, Roundthorn, Roundthorn Cottages, Stagstones and Stagstones Mansion.			
Penrith Pategill	Penrith East	Penrith Pategill	1041	KC	The Pategill Ward of the District of Eden including Barkhouse Close, Eastern side of Bridge Land, Brooklands View, Carleton Drive, Carleton Place, Carleton Road, Cumberland Place, that portion of Eamont Bridge to the North of the river Eamont and to the East of the A6 road, Eamont Mews, Glasson Court, Hargreaves Court, Irving Court, Jubilee Close, Lonsdale Court, Mary Langley Way, Pategill Court, Pategill Farm, Pategill Hamlet, Pategill Park, Pategill Road, Pategill Square, Pategill Walk, Prince Charles Close, Southern side of Roper Street, Sim Court, Tynefield Court, Tynefield Drive, Victoria Road, Whitehouse Gardens, Windsor Court and part of Winters Park (BUPA Care Home only).	Penrith	Sim Court Residents Lounge, Pategill	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Penrith South	Penrith West	Penrith South	2000	NA	The Urban portion of the Penrith South Ward of the District of Eden including Angel Lane, Arnison Court, Blencathra Court, Western side of Bridge Lane, Castle Court, Castle Drive, Castle Foundry,	Penrith	Penrith Cricket Club, Wetheriggs Lane	One shallow step but ramp available

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					Castle Hill Road, Castle Terrace, Southern side of Castlegate, Central Buildings, Clifford Close, Clifford Court, Clifford Road, Southern side of Cornmarket, The Crescent, Crown Square, Fallowfield Court, Great Dockray, Harker Yard, Helvellyn Court, Holme Riggs Avenue, Huntley Avenue, Huntley Court, Eastern side of King Street, Langton Court, Market Square, Mayburgh Avenue, Netherend Road, Neville Avenue, Pearson Court, Porthouse Road, Princes Court, part of Redhills to the East of the railway line and North of the A66, Robinson Yard, Rowcliffe Lane, Rydal Court, Rydal Crescent, Skirsgill Close, Skirsgill Gardens, Skirsgill Park, Southend Road, Southend Terrace, Thirlmere Park, Tyne Close Avenue, Tyne Close Terrace, Western side of Victoria Road, Warwick Place, West Lane, Wetheriggs Lane, Wetheriggs Rise, Woodlands.			
Penrith South	Penrith West	Penrith South (Rural)	58	NB	The Rural portion of the Penrith South Ward of the District of Eden including that part of Eamont Bridge to the North of the river Eamont and to the West of the A6 road, Highbank	Penrith	Penrith Cricket Club, Wetheriggs Lane	One shallow step but ramp available

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					Court, Kempley Foot, Kemplay Foot Farm and Skirsgill Lane.			
Penrith West	Penrith West	Penrith West Part I	1548	NC	The Castletown portion of the Penrith West Ward of the District of Eden including Alexandra Road, Balmoral Close, Berkeley Court, Bridge Street, Brougham Street, Castle View, Castletown Court, Castletown Drive, Cookson Court, Cross Street, Mardale Road, Greystoke Close, Greystoke Park Avenue, Greystoke Park Close, Greystoke Park Road, Greystoke Road, Haweswater Close, Hillcrest, Holyoake Terrace, Howard Street, Howard Terrace, James Street, Lingstubbs, Mardale Close, Eastern side of Mile Lane, Mill Street, Mill Terrace, Musgrave Street, Newlands Place, Newlands Terrace, Newton Road, Norfolk Place, Norfolk Road, Skiddaw View, Union Lane, Union Terrace, Windsor Drove, York Street.	Penrith	Castletown Community Centre	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Penrith West	Penrith West	Penrith West Part II	777	ND	The Eastern portion of the Penrith West Ward of the District of Eden including Albert Court, Western side of Albert Street, Auction Mart Court, Auction Mart Lane, Beatham Court, Bluebell Court, Bluebell Lane, Brook Street, Brunswick	Penrith	The Salvation Army, Hunter Lane, Penrith	Yes, although for motorised wheelchairs or scooters the turn in to the room is very tight

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					Road, Brunswick Square, Brunswick Terrace, Burrowgate, Northern side of Castlegate, Western side of Corney Square, Northern side of Cornmarket, Cromwell Court, Devonshire Street, Duke Street, Elm Terrace, Elm Court, Elm Grove, Elm Villas, Foster Street, Garden Close, Gibson Yard, Griffin Yard, Grove Court, Hanover Court, Harrison Street, Lark Field, Lark Lane, Little Dockray, Lowther Court, Lowther House, Market Court, Eastern side of Middlegate, New Buildings, Poets Walk, Queen Street, Robinson Street, White Hart Yard, Northern side of Sandgate, Western side of Scotland Road, St Andrews View, Strickland Court, Western side of Strickland Gate, Strickland Terrace, Western side of Thacka Lane, Three Crowns Yard, Watson Terrace, Weights Yard, Wilson Row.			
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Crosby Garrett	110	OC	The Parish of Crosby Garrett.	Crosby Garrett	Crosby Garrett Village Hall	Yes, at side entrance. Internal fixed ramps.
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Ravenstonedale	464	OL	The Parish of Ravenstonedale including Newbiggin-on-Lune and Ravenstonedale and some	The Parish of Ravenstonedale	Newbiggin-on-Lune Public hall	Yes – ramp available

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					postal addresses at Cautley, Sedbergh.			
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Soulby	167	OM	The Parish of Soulby.	Soulby	Soulby Methodist Chapel Room	Yes – ramp available
Ravenstonedale	Kirkby Stephen	Waitby	60	OQ	The Parish of Waitby including Waitby and Smardale.	Kirkby Stephen	Kirkby Stephen Centenary Chapel Schoolroom	Yes – permanent ramp for wheelchair access
Shap	Eden Lakes	Shap Rural	99	HQ	The Shap Rural Ward of the Parish of Shap including Rosgill and postal addresses in Bampton, Hardendale, Shap, Wickersgill and Wet Sleddale.	Shap	Shap Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Shap	Eden Lakes	Shap	1012	HR	The Shap Ward of the Parish of Shap including the villages of Keld and Shap.	Shap	Shap Memorial Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Millhouse	161	JA	The Millhouse portion of the Parish of Castle Sowerby including Hower Hill, Millhouse, Southernby and some postal addresses in Dalston, Hutton Roof and Hesketh Newmarket.	The Parish of Castle Sowerby	Millhouse Public Room	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Sowerby Row	123	JB	The Sowerby Row portion of the Parish of Castle Sowerby including Raughton Head, Sebergham, Sowerby Row and some postal addresses in High Bridge, Dalston.	The Parish of Castle Sowerby	Millhouse Public Room	Yes

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Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Hutton-in-the-Forest	136	JO	The Hutton-in-the-Forest Ward of the Parish of Skelton including Hutton End, Hutton Row, Hutton-in-the-Forest and some postal addresses in Calthwaite, Plumpton and Skelton.	Hutton End	Hutton End Village Hall	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Ivegill	258	JP	The Ivegill Ward of the Parish of Skelton including parts of Ivegill and Low Braithwaite and postal addresses at Broadfield, Calthwaite, Dalston and Southwaite.	Ivegill	Ivegill Village Hall	Yes – also a ramp for wheelchair access
Skelton*	Greystoke and Hesketh	Laithes	44	JQ	The Laithes Ward of the Parish of Skelton.	Blencowe	Designated: Blencowe Village Hall Proposed change to: Skelton Memorial Hall	Yes
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Lamonby	91	JR	The Lamonby Ward of the Parish of Skelton including Lamonby and some postal addresses in Skelton.	Skelton	Skelton Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Skelton	Greystoke and Hesketh	Skelton	376	JS	The Skelton Ward of the Parish of Skelton including the villages of Skelton and Ellonby and some postal addresses in Ellonby, Hutton-in-the-Forest and Laithes.	Skelton	Skelton Village Hall	Yes – ramp available for wheelchairs
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Motherby	63	HG	The Motherby Ward of the Parish of Greystoke.	Penruddock	Penruddock Village Hall	Yes

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Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Hutton	275	HH	The Parish of Hutton including Hutton John, Penruddock and some postal addresses in Motherby, Troutbeck, Berrier and Greystoke.	Penruddock	Penruddock Village Hall	Yes
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Matterdale	196	HL	Parish of Matterdale including Dockray, Matterdale, Matterdale End, Sparket Hutton John, Thackthwaite Ulcatrow Troutbeck and some postal addresses in Penruddock Dacre and Watermillock.	Matterdale	Church Meeting Room, Matterdale	Yes
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Watermillock	151	HO	The Watermillock portion of the Parish of Matterdale.	Watermillock	Watermillock Parish Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Ullswater	Eden Lakes	Patterdale	368	HP	The Parish of Patterdale including the villages of Glenridding, Hartsop and Patterdale.	Glenridding	Glenridding Public Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Warcop	Appleby	Colby	116	FC	The Colby Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside.	Colby	Colby Village Hall	Yes – ramp also available for wheelchairs
Warcop	Appleby	Hoff	154	FD	The Hoff Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside including Burrells, Drybeck, Hoff and some postal addresses in Great Asby.	Ormside	Ormside Village Hall	Ramp to front door, one step to main hall but ramp available
Warcop	Appleby	Ormside	120	FE	The Ormside Ward of the Parish of Bandleyside including Great Ormside, Heights and Ormside and some postal addresses in Great Asby.	Ormside	Ormside Village Hall	Ramp to front door, one step to main hall but ramp available

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Warcop	Appleby	Murton	285	FL	The Parish of Murton including Brackenber, Flakebridge, Hilton, Langton, Murton and some postal addresses in Appleby and Coupland Beck.	Murton	Murton Institute	Yes
Warcop	Appleby	Warcop	405	FM	The Parish of Warcop including Bleatarn, Coupland Beck, Sandford, Warcop and some postal addresses in Appleby and Little Musgrave.	Warcop	Warcop Parish Hall	Yes

* updated 15 August 2019

Polling Station Inspectors Report

Station Name

Brougham Chapel

The chapel has no toilet, we have been hiring a port-a-loo for elections since the 2014 review. No kitchen facilities are available on site either. Disabled access is difficult, along a dirt path from the parking area and then a gravel path through the church grounds. The chapel committee are very anxious that the chapel remain the polling station.

We visited Brougham Hall where a room could be hired for elections. Toilet and kitchen facilities are available on site. Both suggested rooms have a step at the entrance, but a ramp is available. The entrance to the rooms is narrow though and larger wheelchairs would struggle. The paths and walkways around the site are a mixture of gravel, flags and cobbles. There is a side entrance and parking area which would help avoid most of the cobbles, but the access is still far from ideal for disabled electors. Much more signage would be necessary on site to guide the voters to the proposed rooms which are at the rear of the complex.

The electorate in Brougham is 221.

Skirwith Village Hall

The hall itself is adequate and fit for purpose but the access to the hall is difficult for disabled. The surface is tarmac and smooth, but steep and curved on the approach. There is no parking available next to the hall itself. Most electors walk to the hall as it is centrally located in the village or there is parking available about 50 metres away outside the church. Enquiries were made regarding alternatives within the village but there are none. The closest polling station would be Culgaith, about 3 miles away. The current electorate in Skirwith is 178 and in Culgaith it is 418.

Gamblesby and Glassonby combined Polling place

These two parishes have shared a Polling Place since 2011 when the Glassonby Methodist Sunday School closed down. The electorate is 117 in Glassonby and 173 in Gamblesby.

Currently the Methodist School room in Gamblesby is the combined polling place. It was proposed in the 2015 Polling Place Report to Council that we move the polling place to the village hall (which is a larger venue, with better facilities and access but located slightly outside the village). This proposed move was rejected by councillors at council though. Renovations to the School Room have recently been completed. These renovations included new kitchen facilities, disabled access and disabled toilets.

Hunsonby Community Centre

We have been told that the ongoing refurbishment works are due to be finished in time for the May elections in 2020. We have made enquiries, there is no alternative option in Hunsonby. The closest and most practical option is Langwathby, which falls within the same district ward. Langwathby is already a combined polling station with Edenhall electors coming there to vote. The electorate is 349 in Hunsonby, 487 in Langwathby and 164 in Edenhall.

We visited Langwathby Village Hall. There are roof repairs planned, but they are unlikely to happen before May 2020 as no fundraising has taken place and they await the engineer's report. The hall has two large side rooms, both with their own entrance which could house separate polling stations, or, both polling stations could be sited in the main large central hall. There is good disabled access to all rooms in the hall, plenty of parking, facilities are excellent. Extra signage would be required to direct voters to their respective polling stations.

Newton Reigny Memorial Hall

There have been multiple complaints of no disabled access over the years. We have been informed that plans are in progress to create disabled access and lift system to all levels at the Memorial Hall. The booking contact will let us know the timescales when available.

In 2014 no alternative venues could be found. Now the Sun Inn has re-opened and has rooms for hire and would be a suitable alternative if the works are not completed in time. Please note though that the Sun Inn is currently for sale.

The Sun Inn has good parking and lighting outside the building is adequate. There is access to the available room via a side entrance with a large step. There is however a front entrance suitable for disabled access which would take voters through the main bar to the polling room. The facilities are good and the Inn is central to the village. The electorate for Newton Reigny is 348.

Newbiggin Reading Room, Kirkby Thore

The presiding officer noted in June 2017 that there was restricted disabled access to the Reading Room, with a step and narrow doors. There is no alternative option in Newbiggin. The other option would be to send electors to vote in Temple Sowerby.

The Reading Room is centrally located within the village. This room is adequate, recently renovated and with good facilities. There is no parking outside and there is a slight lip on the doorframe and the doorway itself is too narrow to accommodate a wheelchair. They have a portable ramp which is put up on polling days. Currently however there are no wheelchair users in the village and there have been no complaints from electors. The nearest polling station (that isn't cross boundary) is Temple Sowerby, which is approximately 2 miles away. The electorate in Newbiggin is 73.

Plumpton School

Currently, this is the only school on our list of polling places. There have been complaints in the past by the school when it has had to shut for elections.

We visited Plumpton Church, which is part of the St Andrews group of churches. It is located right next to the school in the centre of the village. The issue with the church is that there are no toilets (so a port-a-loo would be required) and no kitchen facilities. There is, however, good access to the church via a large gate with a wide flat gravelled path. There is a step up into the church, a ramp is available and disabled access is not a big issue in the village. There is some car parking in the lane leading to the church and in the village. Lighting is sufficient with lights on the entrance gate and on the external door of the church.

We also visited The Pot Place in Plumpton. The only issue with this site is that it is approximately one mile from the centre of the village. There is a footpath running all the way from the village apart from a very short distance under the bridge where this turns into a grass verge before turning into the entrance of the Pot Place. The suggested room is a separate prefab building called the Old Schoolroom. Access to the old schoolroom is good on both sides and suitable for disabled access via a ramp. The room is large and has good facilities, with access to the café next door. Parking and lighting are excellent. Extra signage to direct voters would be required.

The electorate for Plumpton is 392.

On one occasion, Cottage Wood centre was used instead (but as a shared venue with Calthwaite). For the two recent elections in May 2019, we used the Pot Place. It went very well and there were no complaints received. Proposal: Make the Pot Place the designated polling station for Plumpton.

Parish Rooms, Penrith

This has been used as a temporary polling station since the Whelpdale room at Mansion House was converted to an office. It has worked well and the only complaint has been that there is no parking directly outside the building. Proposal: Make the Parish Rooms the designated polling station for Penrith East.

Stainton Village Hall

The hall has recently been rebuilt. We used the Stainton Methodist church for the recent elections and it was an excellent temporary solution, but now the Village Hall is available again we will revert to using that as our polling station.

Kirkoswald Church Institute

There are plans underway for renovations of this building including new toilet facilities, new roof and re-decoration. The proposed works do not have any timescales in place yet, though likely to begin in 2019. Mrs Little proposed the Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel as an alternative should one be needed. The Methodist Chapel has excellent facilities and ample parking.

Access is directly from the main road via a steep step but there is a wide path from there leading to good disabled access into the chapel.

North Stainmore Parish Hall

Presiding officers repeatedly have noted the outside light is not working. Mrs Martindale says an electrician is going to install a new, more accessible light at the hall.

Representations from Parishes

Lowther Parish Council

Lowther Parish Council confirm that they support that Lowther Parish Hall continue to be used as a polling station.

Penrith Parish Council

Thank you for your consultation letter regarding polling places within our area. Please can I confirm that Penrith Parish Council has no comments regarding the polling places as all are accessible and suitable.

Newbiggin Parish Meeting

Newbiggin Parish Meeting thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the above as outlined in your letter dated 9 August 2019.

The Parish Meeting is fully supportive of the proposal to retain the Polling District of Newbiggin within the Kirkby Thore District Ward and is also fully supportive of the proposal to have Newbiggin as the Polling Place with Newbiggin Reading Room as the Polling Station.

These proposals make complete sense as Newbiggin has for many years been recognised as a Polling District within the Kirkby Thore Ward and the use of the Reading Room as the Polling Station is particularly apposite as the majority of the electorate in the Polling District live in the village itself. This means that it is within walking distance for most and addresses the problem for those without access to any form of transport. My experience is that having the ability to vote locally encourages voting and I am aware that many prefer to walk as this is more eco-friendly and obviates the need to find a parking place. Its use also promotes the Reading Room as a focal point within the village community.

Previous use as a Polling Station proves that it is fit for purpose and whilst access for the disabled is not ideal it is possible when assistance is provided although wheelchair access could prove difficult. The Reading Room Committee is aware that this is an issue which needs to be addressed and is looking to improve access for the disabled as noted by the Returning Officer in the Schedule of Proposals. The Reading Room Committee supports its use as the Polling Station.

Alston Moor Parish Council

I am writing to confirm that Alston Moor Parish Council considered your letter about the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in our area. The council does not see any need to make changes to either the districts or the polling places.

They have taken into consideration the fact that for Alston there may be no other more suitable location, and would not wish to have the school premises closed for the day. There is also a desire to encourage the use of the community halls.

Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council

Your recent correspondence was reported at the latest meeting of Sockbridge & Tirril Parish Council on Wednesday the 4th of September 2019.

The parish council concluded that they were very much in support of the use of Tirril Reading Rooms as the local Polling Station. There were no specific access issues raised.

Kirkby Thore Parish Council

Your recent correspondence was reported at the latest meeting of Kirkby Thore Parish Council on Monday the 2nd of September 2019. The parish council concluded that they were very much in support of the use of Kirkby Thore Memorial Hall as the local Polling Station for Kirkby Thore.

There were no specific access issues raised. The management committee of the hall are actively trying to improve the facility and hope to raise further funds to improve the lighting up the side of the building at the access ramp.

Lazonby Parish Council

I am replying to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places on behalf of Lazonby Parish Council.

While there are no other suitable locations for a polling station in the parish of Lazonby to suggest, and the Village Hall is thought to be more than adequate for the job, it is advised that when booking the Village Hall that the Main Hall is booked primarily, and if possible the Jubilee Room too. This is due to the disable access to the Jubilee Room being through the Main Hall. If the Jubilee Room is booked for a polling station and the main hall is booked to another group then this makes it hard for disabled people to access the polling station.

Milburn Parish Council

Following our Parish Council meeting last night, the Councillors for Milburn discussed the polling districts and polling places and agreed that in the case of Milburn, all was satisfactory.

Matterdale Parish Council

Matterdale Parish Council are happy with the existing arrangements for Matterdale and Watermillock

Hesket Parish Council

Following receipt of the Polling Station review. Hesket Parish Council would like to submit that they have no objections to the relocation of the polling station at Plumpton Village.

With regard to the proposals at Calthwaite village, the Parish Council feels that these would not be appropriate. Cottage Wood Centre is located some distance from the village, and only practically accessible by vehicle. It was felt that this would not serve the village well in terms of accessibility and would ask that the proposals be reconsidered. One suggested venue was All Saint's Church, Calthwaite.

Representations from Members of Eden District Council

Councillor Joan Raine

As far as I know all the polling stations in my ward are fine and fit for purpose,

As there is no Parish council at Gt Asby will send the letter to the former chairman of the parish council as he is still the chairman of the village hall/polling station.

The booking secretary of Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall is not impressed with the way the election officers stick posters up on the painted walls and the lack of consideration when they remove them by pulling the paint off.

There was talk of asking EDC for funds for re-decorating, however she did stress that the posters could be displayed on the windows and anyone else who books the hall do actually use the windows for posters.

The booking secretary also stated it's time the set reimbursement was increased as the doors are open for virtually 16 hours with no extra payment for heating, stating the election actually costs the hall money.

Councillor Mike Tonkin

I am not aware of any issues about polling stations in the Morland ward.

Councillor Elaine Martin

I would like Newton Reigny Village Hall to be included in the review.

It is not accessible for all, there is no disabled access and very steep staircase for the elderly to have to climb.

Also Plumpton was moved this time from the school at short notice to the Pot Place, this seem to work well and kept the polling station in the village meaning people could still walk if they wished to.

The polling station at Calthwaite has seen a fall in people voting since it was taken out of the village, this one also used to be at the school, but rightly so they don't want to close for the day. It is now more than a mile from Calthwaite and for those people that don't drive and don't have access to transport tend not to vote as it is too far away to walk.

Councillor Mary Robinson

Ainstable has just been consulted on this and the polling station is down as the Methodist Chapel. The church institute is normally the polling station which has level disabled access, is this a mistake?

Councillor Rob Orchard

I believe Karen that the current arrangements in the Hartside constituency are adequate and work well. I would mention one slight anomaly which is that Hartside doesn't currently fall within the Constituency boundary of Hartside Ward!

Representations from a Member of the Public

Valerie Kendall

Having spent some time telling at Penrith Cricket Club during the Penrith South by-election on Thursday 5 September my comment is that it seems to be a very good polling station. I would suggest that it is retained.

**Representations from Allerdale Borough Council's
Returning Officer**

I can confirm that our Returning Officer has no comments to make on your review.

Representations from a County Councillor

County Councillor Neil Hughes

In response to the attached invitation to comment my initial thought is that Howtown/Martindale ought to get a polling stn of their own again!

Inspection Report on All Saints Church, Calthwaite

I visited 21/10/19. Mrs Pat Ivinson (the Church Warden 01768 885205) showed me around. The church committee are having a meeting on Thursday 24/10 to decide if they wish to be a polling station. She thought they would be happy to do so but will call me Friday to confirm.

Access

Level path from the road at the front and the car park at the back. Slight lip at the outer door and the inner door, but no steps anywhere so no ramps needed.

Parking

You can park on the road at the front but there is a sizeable dedicated gravel car park at the back of the church also.

Kitchen Facilities

There is a newly installed kitchen on site including fridge, stove, oven, kettle and a hot water tank.

Outside lighting

Yes, to the rear, front and car park.

Heating

5 convection heaters available for use.

Toilets

No toilets in the church. They use the toilets on the football pitch next door – approximately 20 metres away from the church.

I think the facilities here are adequate and comparable to many of our other polling stations. The toilet situation is the only negative but again, we have a similar situation at Brougham Chapel. All Saints Church is more central to the village than Cottage Wood and clearly would be much more convenient for electors.