



Agenda

To all Members of the

ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Committee is to be held as follows:

Venue: Room 007a - Civic Office, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU

Date: Tuesday, 10th July, 2018

Time: 10.00 am

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1. Apologies for absence.	
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Jo Miller
Chief Executive

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MEMBERS OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE
(11)

Chair – Councillor Phil Cole

Vice-Chair – Councillor Nick Allen

Councillor Lani-Mae Ball	Councillor Mark Houlbrook
Councillor Susan Durant	Councillor David Hughes
Councillor Sean Gibbons	Councillor Ken Keegan
Councillor Pat Haith	Councillor Sue Wilkinson
Councillor Charlie Hogarth	

Agenda Item 4.

DONCASTER METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2018

A MEETING of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE was held in Room 008 - CIVIC OFFICE on TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2018, at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:

Chair - Councillor Phil Cole.
Vice-Chair - Councillor Nick Allen.

Councillors Sean Gibbons, Pat Haith, Majid Khan, Sue McGuinness, Kevin Rodgers and Sue Wilkinson.

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors David Hughes, Jane Nightingale and Tina Reid.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations reported at the meeting.

12 MINUTES OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21ST NOVEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair subject to Councillor Majid Khan's apologies being recorded for the meeting.

13 ELECTORAL SERVICES UPDATE ON KEY ISSUES

The Committee received a report informing Members of the up and coming election for a Mayor for the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority on the Thursday 3rd May 2018. The report provided a detailed update on the preparations undertaken so far for Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority Mayoral Election. The Electoral Services Manager outlined to members the preparations for the elections which were as follows:-

- Dave Smith, the Chief Executive of Sheffield City Region would be the Returning Officer for the election, with Jo Miller as the Council's Chief Executive acting as Local Returning Officer in Doncaster;
- The verification and count of all ballot papers would take place on Friday 4th May 2018 at Doncaster Racecourse at 9.00 am. Arrangements for recruiting staff were well underway for all positions on polling stations, postal vote opening and count.

- All polling stations had been booked and confirmed. However, there was a requirement to change four polling stations due to the Tour de Yorkshire coming through the Borough causing road closures with no alternative access into these polling stations at some point during polling day. There was also the need to change two other polling stations for reasons set out within the report. It was reported that the new polling stations would be highlighted on polling cards notifying those effected electors of a temporary change to their previous polling station on this occasion.
- It was also advised that Elected Members would be welcome to attend the count as observers.

A copy of the timetable of key dates was attached at Appendix A to the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

14 INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION - PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Electoral Services Manager presenting Members with an update on a number of key work streams being undertaken by the Electoral Services Team in relation to the Register of Electors and Annual Canvass.

It was reported that the final response to the 'Household Enquiry Form' was 118,017 (85.70%) properties, which was slightly up on the past two years. A full breakdown by return method in comparison to 2015 and 2016 was attached at Appendix A of the report.

Members were advised that a proactive approach was required throughout the year and not just during the canvass period in order to maintain an accurate and complete register, ensuring as far as possible that all eligible persons were on the register and that all non-eligible persons were removed. Details of the initiatives being currently undertaken were presented within paragraph 6 of the report.

It was noted that as of the 1st March 2018, the full electorate was 222,937 and a full breakdown by ward was attached at Appendix B of the report.

Members wished to offer their thanks to the Elections Team for their professionalism and the impressive return rate.

With regard to houses on new developments, it was asked whether the team sent out registration packs. It was reported that Electoral Services identified new homes but more often than not the houses were nowhere near completed or occupied. However, developers of new sites when contacted were willing to advise Electoral Services when houses became occupied. It was also noted that liaison with colleagues in Planning and Council Tax continued to take place which had improved registration.

Discussion took place in relation to the pilot of additional photo identification for electors when attending the polling stations. Members were advised that a small number of Councils had agreed to pilot this at the elections in May. It was highlighted that there were so many unknowns and questions around procedures. It was also noted that it was envisaged that there would be additional costs in relation to the

supply of ID cards. Members noted that this proposal was a long way off national introduction. However further discussion on this matter could be set aside at a future meeting of the Committee if required.

A query was made in relation to the electorate within Armthorpe being lower than that being reported within the By-election report. It was advised that a number of these had now been removed but at the time of the By-election, it was agreed that these remain on the register to ensure they were able to vote.

In response to a query regarding listed properties, it was advised that the number had risen by more than 2,000 since 2016. In relation to absentee landlords, if any member had been made aware of landlords that should not be listed on the register at a property, then they could forward the information to the elections team who would investigate the matter.

A question was raised with regard to applications made via the website and how the person knows when the application has been accepted. Members were advised email notification was given supplying the person with a reference number. It was highlighted that the reference number was not matching and a change to the system now facilitates the team to search for that individual. Once an elector's details are verified by the Department for Work and Pensions the Elections Team would confirm by letter that the application had been successful.

The Chair and Members wished to express their thanks and congratulate the Elections Team on the hard work carried out to date.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

15 BY-ELECTION UPDATE

The Committee received a report regarding the By-Election Update in Armthorpe. It was reported that due to the sad recent death of Cllr Tony Corden a vacancy occurred for a Ward Councillor within the Armthorpe Ward. A By-election was called by two local government electors to fill the vacancy by holding an election.

Members were advised that the election took place on Thursday 15th February 2018, there were two nominations received and Frank John Tyas was elected as a Councillor for Armthorpe with the results being as follows:-

Tyas, Frank John (Labour Party) 1431 votes
Williams, Martin (Independent) 466 votes

Members were presented with the breakdown of the votes which were also outlined within paragraph 5 of the report. It was also advised that a vacancy had also been advertised and called by ten electors for Bawtry Town Council. However, there was only one nomination received, therefore the election was uncontested and the candidate (Paul Muxlow) (Independent) was automatically elected.

Discussion took place in relation to Parish Council elections being all postal votes. It was advised that although this had not been investigated, it was envisaged that there would need to be more planning in place for an all postal election and furthermore the

cost of the election would be more expensive which would be 100% cost to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Prior to the closure of the meeting, Scott Fawcus, Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services wished to share with Members that Trina Barber, Elections Services Manager had now completed all her election qualifications. The Chair and Members congratulated Trina and wished her well for the future.

CHAIR: _____

DATE: _____



Doncaster Council

Report

10th July 2018

**To the Chair and Members of the
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

ELECTION RESULTS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides Members with a detailed update and the results of the Combined Authority Mayoral Election held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 and the Town By-Election and Edlington Neighbourhood Planning Referendum held on Thursday 14th June 2018.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Having accessible and well organised elections is key to public engagement in the democratic process. Elections are the cornerstone of our democratic process and are important to all of our residents. Elections give the electorate the opportunity to hold politicians to account and shape the future direction of national and local government.

BACKGROUND

5. Elections are a significant project, which are delivered by a small core team supported by hundreds of individuals both internally across the Council and externally, who undertake various duties such as postal vote opening, working at polling stations and the counting of votes.

Combined Authority Mayoral Election – 3rd May 2018

6. In 2014 the Sheffield City Region Combined Authority was established. Led by the nine council leaders, this brought together the four 'constituent' South Yorkshire authorities with Bassetlaw, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales and North East Derbyshire as 'non-constituent' members. The Combined Authority Mayor will work with these leaders to deliver the area's economic development, regeneration and transport priorities to drive the growth of the economy. This was the first time the Combined Authority elected a Mayor for the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority. The successful candidate is elected for a four-year term, with the next election due to take place in 2022.

Like our elected Mayor the supplementary voting system was used which means electors had two votes in this election – one for their first choice candidate and one, if they wish to use it, for their second choice candidate.

The Terms of Reference of this Committee provide an overview of Electoral Services issues. Set out below are the detailed results and turnout in relation to this election for the Doncaster area:

There was an electorate of 223,261 of which 59,050 were postal voters. On polling day 16,626 (10.12%) electors cast their vote in the 159 polling stations across Doncaster and 28,148 (47.67%) voted by post. (A further 521 postal vote packs were rejected due to the personal identifiers not matching). A total of 44,774 ballot papers were verified giving a total turnout of 20.05% for the Doncaster area. The total turnout for all four South Yorkshire Authorities was 260,260 (25.82%).

Due to no candidate receiving more than 50% of the first preference votes, the count went to the second stage and the results were all combined with the other four Authorities and Dan Jarvis was elected as the first Combined Authority Mayor.

A full breakdown of the results and turnout can be found at **Appendix A** of this report, along with a breakdown of Doncaster's totals. For a further breakdown by each authority please visit the Sheffield City Region web page at: <https://sheffieldcityregion.org.uk/2018/05/04/mayoral-election-results/>

Local Government Election – Town ward – 14th June 2018

7. Due to the resignation of a sitting Councillor a vacancy occurred for a Ward Councillor in the Town ward. A By-Election was called by two local government electors to fill the vacancy by holding an election. This report provides a detailed update to Members on the election and results.

There was an eligible electorate of 12,883 electors of which 2,793 had Postal Votes issued and 1,304 (46.69%) were returned and personal identifiers correctly verified. A further 17 postal votes were rejected and those electors will be notified accordingly. As well as those Postal Votes issued there were ten polling stations on polling day which 1022 (10.13%) electors visited to vote.

In total 2,326 electors cast their vote, of which 8 were rejected for voting for more than one candidate and 1 for being unmarked or void for uncertainty, marking a turnout of 18.05%.

There were six candidates and Tosh McDonald was elected as a Councillor for the Town ward; a full breakdown of the results can be found at **Appendix B** of this report.

Edlington Neighbourhood Planning Referendum – 14th June 2018

8. The Council's third Neighbourhood Planning Referendum election took place in Edlington on Thursday 14th June 2018. The purpose of this report is to provide an evaluation of the referendum.

There was an eligible electorate of 5,499 electors of which 1,461 had Postal Votes issued and 510 (34.91%) were returned and personal identifiers correctly verified. A further 7 postal votes were rejected and those electors will be notified accordingly. As well as those Postal Votes issued there were three polling stations on polling day which 105 (2.6%) electors visited to vote.

In total 615 electors cast their vote, of which 1 was rejected for voting for more than one answer and 3 for being unmarked, marking a turnout of 11.18%.

The outcome of the Referendum was in favour of using the Neighbourhood Plan for Edlington to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area. A full breakdown of the results can be found at **Appendix C** of this report.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. Elections are a statutory function and must be carried out in accordance with statutory requirements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. This report is primarily for information only.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

- 11.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for</p>	

	<p>Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	
	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths 	<p>The Council has statutory duties to support elections</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	
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RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

12. Ensuring the necessary arrangements are in place to deliver well-run elections improves our reputation and meeting the Electoral Commission's Performance Standards.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SRF Date 20/6/18]

13. The arrangements detailed in this report are designed to ensure compliance with a range of statutory duties including:
- The Combined Authorities (Mayoral Elections) Orders 2016, 2017 & 2018
 - Local Elections (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006
 - Representation of the People Acts 1983, 1985 and 2000
 - Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013
 - The Neighbourhood Planning (Referendums) Regulations 2012

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PH Date 20/6/18]

14. The costs associated with the Combined Authority Mayoral Election are claimed back from Sheffield City Region.

The costs associated with the Town ward by-election are at a cost to the Council which is expected to be around £10,000.

The Council's Planning Department pay for the costs associated with a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum, which is then claimed back from Government.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

15. N/A

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

16. N/A

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

17. N/A

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials TB Date 19/06/18]

18. The Council has a duty to ensure Elections and Referendums are well managed to allow all eligible electors to freely vote by secret ballot ensuring freedom of expression and political debate by exercising their vote.

CONSULTATION

19. N/A

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. Previous EDSC reports.

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Election of the Mayor for the Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield Combined Authority on Thursday 3rd May 2018

TOTAL RESULT

The total number of FIRST preference votes given for each candidate was as follows:		
Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ALLEN , David Stewart	English Democrats – “A Parliament for England!”	14,547
BOWER , Michael Andrew	The Yorkshire Party	22,318
JARVIS , Dan	Labour and Co-operative Party	122,635
JUDAH , Naveen	South Yorkshire Save Our NHS	10,837
KITCHING , Hannah Ruth	Liberal Democrats	27,146
MURPHY , Robert	Green Party Candidate	20,339
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	The Conservative Party Candidate	37,738
The number of ballot papers rejected at the first preference count was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark		3
B giving more than one candidate a first preference vote		1,696
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified		12
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote		3,002
Total		4,713

The total number of SECOND preference votes given for each of the remaining candidates was as follows:		
Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
JARVIS , Dan	Labour and Co-operative Party	21,519
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	The Conservative Party Candidate	12,881
The number of ballot papers rejected at the second preference count was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark		0
B giving more than one candidate a second preference vote		68
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified		0
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty as to the second preference vote		7,044
Total		7,112

The total number of FIRST and SECOND preference votes given for each of the remaining candidates was as follows:			
Name of Candidate	First Preference	Second Preference	Number of Votes*
JARVIS , Dan	122,635	21,519	144,154
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	37,738	12,881	50,619

Electorate: 1,007,985

Ballot Papers Issued: 260,260

Turnout: 25.82%

Doncaster's Results

The number of FIRST preference votes given for each candidate was as follows:		
Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ALLEN , David Stewart	English Democrats – “A Parliament for England!”	5,713
BOWER , Michael Andrew	The Yorkshire Party	6,156
JARVIS , Dan	Labour and Co-operative Party	19,653
JUDAH , Naveen	South Yorkshire Save Our NHS	1,980
KITCHING , Hannah Ruth	Liberal Democrats	1,755
MURPHY , Robert	Green Party Candidate	1,280
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	The Conservative Party Candidate	7,747
The number of ballot papers rejected at the first preference count was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark		1
B giving more than one candidate a first preference vote		309
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified		0
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty as to the first preference vote		180
Total		490

The number of SECOND preference votes given for each of the remaining candidates was as follows:		
Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
JARVIS , Dan	Labour and Co-operative Party	3,046
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	The Conservative Party Candidate	2,185
The number of ballot papers rejected at the second preference count was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark		0
B giving more than one candidate a second preference vote		1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified		0
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty as to the second preference vote		1,315
Total		1,316

The total number of FIRST and SECOND preference votes given for each of the remaining candidates was as follows:			
Name of Candidate	First Preference	Second Preference	Number of Votes*
JARVIS , Dan	19,653	3,046	22,699
WALKER , Ian Geoffrey	7,747	2,185	9,932

Electorate: 223,261

Ballot Papers Issued: 44,774

Turnout: 20.05%

RESULTS

**Election of Borough a Councillor for
Town ward
on Thursday 14th June 2018**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BUCKLEY, Julie	Green Party	294
GREENHALGH, Carol	The Conservative Party Candidate	260
MCDONALD, Tosh	Labour Party	1084 Elected
PENDRY, Gareth	Independent	43
SMITH, Ian Michael	Liberal Democrats	66
WHITWOOD, Chris	The Yorkshire Party	570

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	8
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	1
Total	9

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 12,883

Ballot Papers Issued: 2326

Turnout: 18.05%

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RESULTS

Edlington Neighbourhood Planning Referendum on Thursday 14th June 2018

Question in Referendum	
“Do you want Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Edlington to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”	
	Number of Votes
Number of votes cast in favour of a ‘YES’	541
Number of votes cast in favour of a ‘NO’	70

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B a vote for more than one answer	1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or void for uncertainty	3
Total	4

Electorate: 5,499

Ballot Papers Issued:615

Turnout: 11.18%

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Doncaster Council

Report

10th July 2018

**To the Chair and Members of the
ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE**

INDIVIDUAL ELECTORAL REGISTRATION – PROGRESS REPORT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides an update to Members on the key plans to be undertaken by the Electoral Services Team in relation to the Register of Electors and Annual Canvass and the current electorate breakdown.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to note the report and make any additional comments in relation to the contents.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Ensuring the Electoral Register is as up to date as possible and carrying out proactive electoral activity is key to public engagement to ensure residents are registered to enable them to vote when an election occurs.

BACKGROUND

5. Each year the Council has a duty to review its Electoral Register to ensure it is up to date by carrying out a full review and annual canvass, before publishing a new revised Electoral Register on the 1st December each year. As well as the annual canvass, ongoing Individual Electoral Registration proactive initiatives are needed to capture people moving properties, working with coroners to obtain death lists, capturing those upcoming 16 year olds or anyone changing their name.

Annual Canvass

Plans are currently being developed to commence this years annual canvass in August. We will write to every property within the Doncaster area; approx just over 137,500 with the initial Household Enquiry Form (HEF) requesting electors check their details we hold are correct on the electoral register.

Electors will be able to respond via the internet, post, text or telephone. It is planned that any non-responding properties will be written to again with a reminder in September then again in October. During September to November we will carry out telephone canvassing as well as canvassers out door knocking the remaining outstanding non-responding properties.

Current Electoral Proactive Activity

6. A proactive approach is required throughout the year and not just during the canvass period in order to maintain an accurate and complete register, ensuring as far as possible that all eligible persons are on the register and that all non-eligible persons are removed. To ensure this is achieved we have carried out the following initiatives:

Household Enquiry Letter (HNL)

A HNL is a letter detailing all residents which live at a property and asks if any of the information is incorrect to contact electoral services to update the electoral register or go on-line and register to vote. 19,735 HNLs were sent out in February to any new properties added to the Electoral Register since 1st December and all those non-responding properties to the annual canvass (HEF).

'Invitation to Register' (ITR) Canvass

We continue to canvass and chase those remaining electors where we only hold a name on the Electoral Register; these electors are not yet fully registered. In order for them to register we still require their personal identifiers; national insurance number and date of birth.

Home movers

Working with the Council Tax department we are contacting any new home movers and encouraging/reminding them to remember to change their address on the Electoral Register.

Contact Centre and one stop shop reception

The Contact Centre and the one-stop-shop in the Civic Office are asking customers if they are on the Electoral Register. They have a web based version of the Electoral Register which allows them to check if someone is registered, apply for postal vote or register them there and then.

7. As of the 1st June 2018 the full electorate was 223,607 and a full electorate breakdown by ward is provided at **Appendix A** attached to this report.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. Electoral Registration is a statutory function and must be carried out in accordance with statutory requirements.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

9. This report is primarily for information only.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
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RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

11. Every effort is made to drive Individual Electoral Registration to ensure the Council meets the Electoral Commission's Performance Standards and complies with its legal duties.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials SRF Date 20/6/18]

12. There are comprehensive statutory provisions covering the delivery of electoral registration activity.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials PH Date 20/6/18]

13. The Cabinet Office has recently confirmed they will be providing the Council with £79,281.20 for this financial year (2018/19) towards the cost of Individual Electoral Registration.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

14. N/A

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

15. N/A

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

16. N/A

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials TB Date 019/06/18]

17. The Council has a duty to ensure all eligible electors can register to vote easily and are provided with several ways in order to do so. Registration information is also available in alternative languages by video (YouTube) on the Council Web page and also in Braille.

CONSULTATION

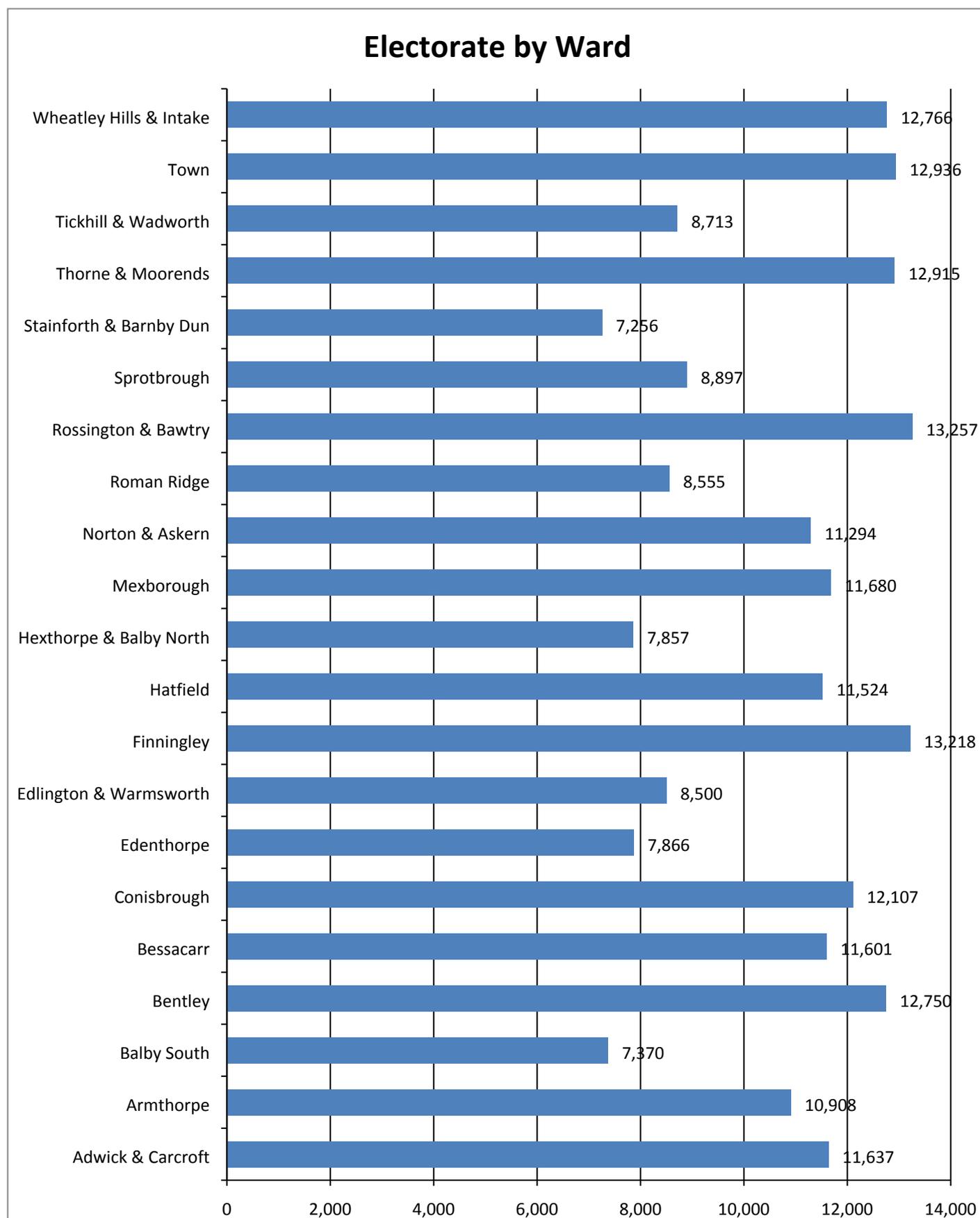
18. N/A

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Individual Electoral Registration (IER) Current Register 1st June 2018Register breakdown**Total Electorate: 223,607**

Electorate by Ward

