



### Agenda

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**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, 5th February, 2019

**Time:** 10.00 a.m.

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**Items for Discussion:**

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| 1.        | Apologies for absence.  |         |
| 2.        | To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.      |         |
| 3.        | Declarations of Interest, if any.   |         |
| 4.        | Minutes of the Elections and Democratic Structures Committee 1 - 4 Meeting held on 27th November, 2018. |         |
| <b>A.</b> | <b>Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.</b>  |         |
| 5.        | Elections/By-Elections/Referendums Update.  | 5 - 14  |
| 6.        | Individual Electoral Registration - Progress Report.  | 15 - 24 |

**Jo Miller**  
**Chief Executive**

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Issued on: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Governance Services Officer for this meeting: Jonathan Goodrum, Senior Governance Officer. Tel. 01302 736709

**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, 27TH NOVEMBER 2018

A MEETING of the ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE was held in Room 007A - CIVIC OFFICE on TUESDAY, 27TH NOVEMBER 2018, at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Susan Durant, Pat Haith, Charlie Hogarth, Mark Houlbrook and Sue Wilkinson

Also in attendance:

Councillor David Nevett (Observer)

APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sean Gibbons, David Hughes and Ken Keegan.

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST, IF ANY

There were no declarations reported at the meeting.

7 MINUTES OF THE ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2018

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

With regard to minute number 4 (Election Results), the Chair confirmed that a request had been made for a Member Seminar to be arranged in due course on the subject of Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The Electoral Services Manager advised, with regard to minute number 5 (Individual Electoral Registration – Progress Report), that a breakdown detailing the proportion of postal voters in each Ward in the Borough would be provided at the Committee's next meeting.

8 BY-ELECTIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING REFERENDUMS UPDATE

The Committee received a report which provided a detailed update on the results of the Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council – East Ward By-Election, Askern Town Council By-Election and the Armthorpe Neighbourhood Planning Referendum all held on Thursday 20th September 2018.

### Armthorpe Neighbourhood Planning Referendum

The Electoral Services Manager summarised the results of the Armthorpe Neighbourhood Planning Referendum held on 20th September 2018, including the level of turnout. A full breakdown of the results was set out in Appendix A of the report. The Chair stated that it appeared from the figures in the report that this had been the highest turnout of voters to date for a Neighbourhood Planning Referendum.

In answer to a question, the Electoral Services Manager confirmed that the costs of holding Neighbourhood Planning Referendums were charged back to the Regeneration and Environment Directorate who, in turn, were able to claim back the costs from Central Government.

### Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council – East Ward

The Electoral Services Manager summarised the results of the By-Election held on 20th September 2018 to fill a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Sprotbrough and Cusworth East Ward. A full breakdown of the results was set out in Appendix B of the report. It was noted that the costs of this election would be charged to the Parish Council.

In response to a query, the Electoral Services Manager confirmed that, in the case of rejected postal votes, the postal voters were contacted and provided with an explanation as to why their postal vote had been rejected. Voters were also offered the opportunity, if they wished, to come to the Civic Office and inspect their rejected postal vote statement, so that they could see why the rejection had been made.

### Askern Town Council

The Committee noted that a vacancy advertised and called by ten electors for Askern Town Council had received only one nomination, therefore the election was uncontested and consequently, the candidate had been automatically elected.

### Upcoming By-Elections

It was noted that two further by-elections to fill vacancies on Askern Town Council and Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council (Cusworth Ward) were due to be held on Thursday 6th December 2018. In addition, Members noted that one further potential by-election might be required to fill a vacancy that had recently arisen on Bawtry Town Council, if contested. The date of this by-election, if required, would be Thursday 10th January 2019.

In answer to a question as regards what would happen if a Parish Council ran out of money to cover the costs of holding a by-election, the Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services explained that, in that particular scenario, he would expect the Parish Council to meet the costs from its reserves, and then consider recouping the money when it next reviewed its precept level.

RESOLVED to note the contents of the report.

## ANNUAL CANVASS PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee received a report from the Electoral Services Manager providing 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. The report included, at Appendix A, a full breakdown of the responses received to the Household Enquiry Form (HEF) by return method in this year's annual canvass in comparison to 2015 – 2017 inclusive. An updated version of this Appendix containing the very latest return statistics for this year's canvass was tabled at the meeting for Members' information.

In presenting the report, the Electoral Services Manager updated Members on the progress of the annual canvass, and outlined how the Electoral Services Team was being proactive to help increase the response rate by way of:-

- telephone canvassing;
- canvassing every care home and housing with multiple occupancies (HMO);
- targeting hard to reach areas by telephone;
- providing extra support to foreign nationals to complete the relevant forms;
- working with schools and colleges to raise awareness and increase the number of attainers on the Register ready for when they reached voting age;
- publicising the canvass and registration process via social media updates.

During subsequent discussion, the Officers answered questions and Members made comments/observations on a range of issues including the following:-

- With regard to information sharing between the Electoral Services Team and other Council departments, the Electoral Services Manager confirmed that the team was able to access Benefits and Council Tax information, and that she was currently liaising with a colleague at St Leger Homes of Doncaster (SLHD) to determine if there was scope for accessing some of the information they held on their database, subject to any data protection requirements.
- Members noted that other local authorities had adopted, as best practice, some of the methods introduced by the Electoral Services Manager to increase the response rate to the annual canvass.
- The Electoral Services Manager explained that the law regarding anonymous entries on the Register of Electors had recently changed, and that information on this was being distributed. She explained that canvassers were taking any requests for anonymity and a form was then sent out to the person in question to complete.
- It was noted that there was a separate team of canvassers which dealt specifically with HMOs. The process involved the team making initial contact with the landlord and then visits to each tenant. Each individual room/tenancy in HMOs was added to the Register in order to ensure that records were as accurate as possible, and it was noted that officers liaised with Council Tax colleagues and, if required, the housing enforcement teams, where there were any apparent anomalies.

- Members were pleased to note the large increase in the number of attainers on the Register achieved during this year's canvass, and noted that this was largely due to closer working with schools and colleges to raise awareness, particularly through their social media links.
- With regard to the procedures for contacting new tenants in SLHD properties for registration purposes, and whether they could be asked to sign a declaration when they first moved in to save having to canvass them, Members noted that information on how to register was given to new tenants by SLHD when they moved in. The Electoral Services Manager stressed, however, that there was still the need to canvass properties each year, as this was a legal requirement, and it was the only means of ascertaining whether residents had moved from their properties or not, since the last Register was compiled.

After the Chair had thanked the Electoral Services Manager and her team for their continued good work, it was

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

CHAIR:\_\_\_\_\_

DATE:\_\_\_\_\_



# Doncaster Council

## Report

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**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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

### **ELECTIONS/BY-ELECTIONS/REFERENDUMS UPDATE**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. This report provides Members with a detailed update and the results of the Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council – Cusworth Ward By-Election and the Askern Town Council By-Election, both held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 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. Neighbourhood Planning Referendums allow local communities to influence and take more control of decisions around planning in their areas.

#### **BACKGROUND**

5. Elections and Referendums are significant projects, which are delivered by a small core team with polling stations supported by internal staff from across the Council.

## **Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council - Cusworth Ward - 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

6. Due to resignation of a sitting councillor a vacancy occurred for a Parish Councillor in the Cusworth Ward for Sprotbrough and Cusworth Parish Council. A By-Election was called by 10 local government electors from the Parish East Ward requesting to fill the vacancy by holding an election. A By-Election was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and this report provides a detailed update to Members on the by-election and results.

There was an eligible electorate of 1,740 electors of which 579 had Postal Votes issued and 258 (44.56%) were returned and personal identifiers correctly verified. A further 2 postal votes were rejected and those electors have been notified accordingly. As well as those Postal Votes issued there was one polling station on polling day which 68 (5.86%) electors visited to vote.

In total 326 electors cast their vote, of which 1 was rejected for being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty, giving a total turnout of 18.74%.

There were two candidates and Tony Nicholson was elected as a Parish Councillor for Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council - Cusworth Ward; a full breakdown of the results can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.

The cost of this election is charged back to the Parish Council.

## **Askern Town Council – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

7. Due to the resignation of a sitting councillor a vacancy occurred for a Town Councillor for the Askern area. A By-Election was called by 10 local government electors from the Askern area requesting to fill the vacancy by holding an election. A By-Election was held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and this report provides a detailed update to Members on the by-election and results.

There was an eligible electorate of 3,881 electors of which 931 had Postal Votes issued and 365 (39.21%) were returned and personal identifiers correctly verified. A further 6 postal votes were rejected and those electors have been notified accordingly. As well as those Postal Votes issued there was three polling stations on polling day which a very low number of 29 (0.98%) electors visited to vote.

In total 394 electors cast their vote, of which 2 were rejected; one for writing or mark by which the voter could be identified and one for being unmarked or void for uncertainty, giving a total turnout of 10.15%.

There were two candidates and Sarah Elizabeth Blanchard was elected as a Town Councillor for Askern Town Council; a full breakdown of the results can be found at **Appendix B** of this report.

The cost of this election is charged back to the Town Council.

8. **Bawtry Town Council – 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

A vacancy was also 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 Diana Lyn Kirby was automatically elected to the Town Council.

9. **Bawtry Town Council – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

A further vacancy was later advertised and called by ten electors for Bawtry Town Council. However, again only one nomination was received and the election was uncontested, therefore the candidate Ivor Calvin Greer was automatically elected to the Town Council.

### **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

10. Elections and Referendums are statutory functions and must be carried out in accordance with statutory requirements.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

11. This report is primarily for information only.

### **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES**

12.

<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>Implications</b>
<b>Doncaster Working:</b> 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; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Better access to good fulfilling work</li><li>• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish</li><li>• Inward Investment</li></ul>	
<b>Doncaster Living:</b> Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time; <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster</li><li>• More people can live in a good quality, affordable home</li><li>• Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport</li><li>• Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean</li><li>• Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage</li></ul>	
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<p>experiences within and beyond school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better</li> <li>• Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work</li> </ul>	
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<p><b>Connected Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A modern, efficient and flexible workforce</li> <li>• Modern, accessible customer interactions</li> <li>• Operating within our resources and delivering value for money</li> <li>• A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents</li> <li>• Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths</li> <li>• Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance</li> </ul>	The Council has statutory duties to support elections

## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

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

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: SRF Date: 23/01/2019 ]

14. The arrangements detailed in this report are designed to ensure compliance with a range of statutory duties including:
- 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: 23/01/2019]

15. There are no financial implications to the Council. All costs associated with the Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council and Askern Town Council By-Elections are claimed back from each Town/Parish Council. A small charge for the uncontested Bawtry Town Council By-Election is also claimed back from the Town Council.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

16. N/A

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

17. N/A

## **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

18. N/A

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: TB Date: 23/01/2019 ]**

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

## **CONSULTATION**

20. N/A

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

21. Previous EDSC reports and Election/Referendum declaration of results.

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RESULTS

**Election of a Parish Councillor for  
Sprotbrough & Cusworth – Cusworth Ward  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
HAITH, Alan David	Labour Party	127
NICHOLSON, Tony	Green Party	198 Elected

\* 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	0
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D	unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>

Vacant Seats: 1    Electorate: 1,740    Ballot Papers Issued: 326    Turnout: 18.74%

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RESULTS

**Election of a Town Councillor for  
Askern Town Council  
on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
<b>BLANCHARD, Sarah Elizabeth</b>		357 Elected
<b>LOCKWOOD, Neil William</b>	Standing as an Independent Candidate only	35

\* 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		0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified		1
D unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty		1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>

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# Doncaster Council

## Report

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**5<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**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 a number of key work streams being undertaken by the Electoral Services Team in relation to the Register of Electors and Annual Canvass.

#### **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 1<sup>st</sup> December each year. Ongoing Individual Electoral Registration proactive initiatives are needed throughout the year to capture people moving properties, changing their name or turning 16 years old. The Electoral Services Team liaises with internal departments such as Council Tax for any new home movers and Registrars to obtain death lists.

### **Annual Canvass**

6. The annual canvass commenced in August 2018, at that point there were 138,591 properties in Doncaster. We received 76,692 (55.28%) responses to the initial Household Enquiry Form (HEF) without any prompting. Those responses came via the internet, post, text or telephone. HEF reminders were issued in September then a further 2<sup>nd</sup> stage reminder was issued in October leaving approx 35,000 properties left to canvass. During September to November we carried out telephone canvassing as well as canvassers out door knocking the remaining outstanding non-responding properties.
7. Throughout the canvass and to date approx. 16,535 'Invitation to Register' (ITR) forms for new applicants to be added to the electoral register have been issued, these include any electors who may have moved. We have received 20,045 new registrations; these also include those people who have moved from one property to another within the borough.
8. The final response to the 'Household Enquiry Form' was 119,859 (86.42%) properties, which is slightly up on the past three years; a full breakdown by return method in comparison to 2017, 2016 and 2015 can be found at **Appendix A** of this report.

### **Current Electoral Proactive Activity**

9. 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 are planning to carry out the following new initiatives:

#### **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 and advising them to register to vote. 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.

#### **The Councils 'My Doncaster Account'**

A request has been made to the 'Digital Team' to meet to discuss options for an electoral look up service to be added to customer accounts. This will allow residents to check if they are on the electoral register and download postal vote/proxy application forms etc, look where their local polling station is and what elections are taking place in their area. It would also prompt those residents not already on the register of electors to register to vote. It is hoped that this look up tool will reduce duplicate applications and reduce customer service demand.

#### **School/Colleges**

Increased engagement visiting more Schools and Colleges this year to encourage anyone aged 16 or over to register to vote. Linking in with sixth form and college enrolment with a register to vote section and build links through their social media by providing advertisements. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 there were 1,809 attainers on the register.

### Marketing and Engagement

Electoral Services are currently working on a marketing plan for more engagement with the public through Social Media, linking into other Council department's letters and any Community magazines and web pages.

### 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.

10. At the start of the annual canvass in August 2018 the electorate was 223,335. On the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 the new Electoral Register was published with an electorate of 225,136. A detailed electorate by ward is provided at **Appendix B** of this report.

## **OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

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

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION**

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## **IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES**

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## RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

14. 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: 23/01/2019 ]

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

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: PH Date: 24/01/2019 ]**

16. This work is funded from the Registration of Elections budget (NC003). The Cabinet Office also provides funding and has provided £79,281 this financial year towards the cost of Individual Electoral Registration. As well as this, the Electoral Services Team was successful in securing a further £40,504 towards this work.

## **HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

17. N/A

## **TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS**

18. N/A

## **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

19. N/A

## **EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials: TB Date: 23/01/2019 ]**

20. 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, Braille and by video (YouTube) on the Council Web page.

## **CONSULTATION**

21. N/A

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

22. Previous EDSC reports.

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**HEF return breakdown by method in comparison to 2017, 2016 and 2015**

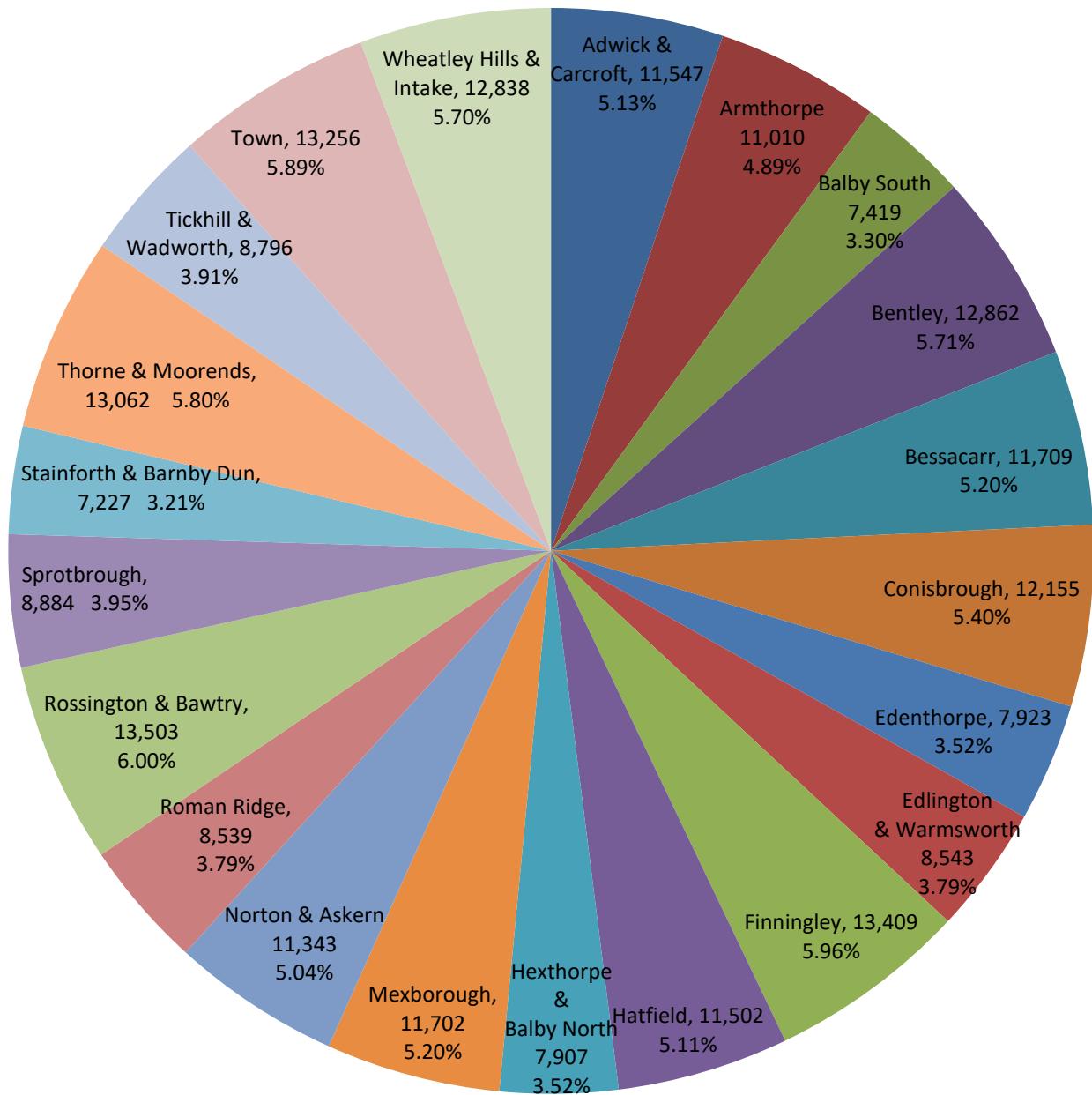
<u>Date</u>	Total Properties	Total Retn	Total% Retn Rate	Outstanding Forms	Retns by Post	Phone	Web	SMS	E RS Retn Total	% E RS	2017 Total Retn	2017 Total% Retn Rate	2016 total returns	2016 total % return rate	2015 total returns	2015 total % return rate
13-Aug	138591	14,549	10.49%		4	4,048	5,259	5,237	14,544	10.49%	37,138	26.99%				
20-Aug	138738	39,367	28.38%	99,361	12,851	7,746	9,903	8,818	26,467	19.07%	63,950	46.47%	41,785	31.00%		
27-Aug	138739	59,230	42.70%	79,497	28,630	8,783	11,708	9,988	30,479	21.96%	72,156	52.43%	52,035	38.35%	50,609	37.49%
3-Sep	138717	66,815	48.16%	71,912	34,106	9,276	12,716	10,574	32,566	23.47%	79,144	57.51%	69,902	51.55%	52,273	38.70%
10-Sep	138744	76,692	55.28%	62,036	42,280	9,620	13,565	11,041	34,226	24.66%	81,490	59.17%	71,852	52.98%	58,109	43.03%
17-Sep	138744	78,046	56.25%	60,683	42,281	9,899	14,276	11,404	35,579	25.64%	85,192	61.86%	77,571	57.19%	59,378	43.97%
24-Sep	138740	86,976	62.70%	51,749	44,611	11,218	17,327	13,591	42,136	30.37%	91,366	66.34%	90,206	66.50%		
1-Oct	138738	92,990	67.03%	45,372	48,868	11,524	18,217	14,044	43,785	31.55%	96,496	70.07%	94,176	69.45%		
8-Oct	138732	101,163	72.92%	37,564	55,910	11,645	18,823	14,299	44,767	32.26%	98,734	71.69%	95,658	70.54%		
15-Oct	138732	102,300	73.74%	36,423	56,495	11,729	19,124	14,450	45,303	32.66%	100,374	72.88%	99,017	73.02%		
22-Oct	138733	102,990	74.24%	35,734	56,969	11,758	19,243	14,503	45,504	32.79%	101,149	73.45%	99,952	73.71%	83,018	61.45%
29-Oct	138764	103,446	74.57%	35,278	57,207	11,788	19,351	14,570	45,709	32.94%	102,039	74.09%	103,806	76.55%	84,220	62.37%
5-Nov	138764	105,619	76.14%	33,105	58,865	11,866	19,600	14,731	46,197	33.29%	103,789	75.36%	105,194	77.58%	85,745	63.50%
12-Nov	138757	108,597	78.29%	30,118	61,301	11,933	19,896	14,882	46,711	33.66%	107,678	78.20%	106,152	78.29%	88,748	65.72%
19-Nov	138762	111,631	80.48%	27,078	63,662	12,034	20,278	15,044	47,356	34.13%	111,352	80.87%	109,621	80.83%		
26-Nov	138777	117,291	84.57%	21,398	68,618	12,119	20,672	15,206	47,997	34.58%	117,305	85.19%	112,364	82.87%	96,659	71.58%
30-Nov	138,767	119,637	86.26%	19,064	70,831	12,130	20,740	15,227	48,097	34.66%	118,017	85.70%				
31-Dec	138,900	119,859	86.42%	18,836	70,943	12,131	20,804	15,254	48,189	34.72%						

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Ward % of full Electorate



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Total Postal Voters: 59,746 (26.54% of the electorate are postal voters, % per ward broken down below)

**Electorate & Postal Voters by Ward**

