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Consultation to review polling districts and stations

Herefordshire Council is holding a consultation to review the county's polling districts and polling stations.

The consultation, which runs from Monday 3 February to Friday 25 April, follows changes to the county's ward boundaries by The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), which will see 53 councillors representing 53 single-member wards.

Alistair Neill, Herefordshire Council chief executive and returning officer, said: "In line with the changes to our boundaries and in compliance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, we are undertaking a review of our polling districts and polling stations, prior to necessary changes being implemented.

"It is the council's responsibility to ensure that all electors in Herefordshire have a reasonably local polling station which has adequate facilities to allow them to vote in person at election time. We welcome comments from residents who have knowledge of their local area and available facilities, especially those with accessibility for disabled voters."

The final decision on new polling districts and polling stations will be announced in September, ahead of the publication of the 2014/15 Register of Electors on 1 December. The new electoral arrangements will come into effect on 7 May 2015.

To have your say on the consultation, please visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/polling.

If you have any queries or require the consultation in an alternative format or language, please contact elections@herefordshire.gov.uk.

To find out more about the boundary changes, please visit www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/west-midlands/herefordshire/herefordshire-fer.

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