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- 4.2 The polling districts and polling places were last reviewed in Argyll and Bute in 2018. The polling district boundaries and polling places are the same for all elections whether UK Parliamentary, Scottish Parliamentary or local government elections.
- 4.3 The aims of the review were to seek to ensure that:
  - (a) all the electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
  - (b) so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who may have a disability.
- 4.4 In an ideal world electoral administrators would have the choice of a range of fully accessible buildings, conveniently located for the electors in the area. In practice, however, this is not always the case and there may be little choice available. Where it is necessary to use a place where the access is not ideal then every reasonable adjustment is made to provide access for all electors. The choice of polling place will often be a balance between the quality (access, facilities, etc.) of a building and the distances between the residents and that building compared to other options for polling places. There is no fixed rule on how to decide how this should be done. The legislation provides that all electors in a constituency should have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- 4.5 The review was held from 2 October 2023 and details of the proposals were sent to all Elected Members, Community Councils, relevant Constituency MPs and MSPs, local Access Panels and the Electoral Registration Officer. These proposals are set out in Appendix I. Notices were posted, and copies of the documentation made available for public view, in Kilmory Headquarters and the Civic Centre, Helensburgh and on the Councils website. Representations on the proposed scheme were invited by 30 October 2023.
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