**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF**

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**OF 29 FEBRUARY 2024**

**Review of Polling Arrangements**

There was submitted a [**report**](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/media/11304/Agenda-Item-4-Review-of-Polling-Arrangements/pdf/Item_4_SAC290224_Review_of_Polling_Arrangements.pdf?m=1708524097883) (issued) of 16 February 2024 by the Chief Executive seeking approval of the scheme of polling arrangements for parliamentary and local elections following review.

Councillor Martin Dowey, seconded by Councillor Lee Lyons, moved the recommendations as outlined in the report.

Questions were raised by Members in relation to:

(1) an alternative site for the election count, should the Citadel be undergoing renovation works; and the Chief Executive advised that it was hoped to undertake the count in the Citadel, however Queen Margaret Academy was the alternative property should works be taking place at the Citadel;

(2) parking at Kyle Academy; and the Service Lead – Property Maintenance advised that a member of his staff would be in attendance from the opening of the poll until the end of the school day which happened at all schools; and

(3) where the voters who previously voted at the former John Pollock Centre would now vote; and the Service Lead – Democratic Governance advised that this was outlined on the plan attached to the report.

The Council, having thanked the Service Lead – Democratic Governance and Service Lead – Property Maintenance for the work undertaken on this matter,

**Decided:**

(a) to approve the scheme of polling arrangements for parliamentary and local elections as detailed in [Appendix 1](#App1) to the report;

(b) to agree to the publication of the polling arrangements and the responses to the Consultation; and

(c) to grant delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in his role as Returning Officer, to amend the scheme of polling arrangements for parliamentary elections in the event of unforeseen circumstances, where such amendments, if not made, would impede the process of voting for electors.