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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

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Summary

This report recommends changes to the configuration and designation of polling districts and polling places in the light of issues arising since the elections for the Police and crime Commissioner in November 2012 and updates them on the allocation of polling stations by the Returning Officer.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The duty to divide Medway into polling districts is a matter that cannot be determined by Cabinet under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Delegations 2000 (as amended). Therefore, this is a matter for Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide Medway into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district for UK Parliamentary elections. It also has to keep these arrangements under review. It is good practice to undertake the same exercise for local government elections and in doing so, every effort must be made to ensure that the polling district scheme mirrors as closely as possible that agreed for Parliamentary elections.
- 2.2 When designating polling districts:
- (a) the Council must seek to ensure that all the electors in the Constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - (b) each Parish must be in a separate polling district unless there are special circumstances that lead the Council to determine otherwise;

- (c) the Council must designate a polling place for every polling district, unless the size or other circumstances of the polling district are such that the situation of the polling stations does not materially affect the convenience of the electorate;
- (d) the Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons;
- (e) the polling place for a polling district must be within the area of the district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area either wholly or partly outside of the polling district

2.3 A Polling Station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district. This function is the responsibility of the Returning Officer.

2.4 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a number of changes to the Representation of the People Act 1983 in respect of the way in which reviews of polling districts and polling places must be undertaken. The most significant of these is that the Council must undertake a review every 4 years at a minimum. The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced the timing of compulsory reviews of Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. The next compulsory review must now be started and completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015 (inclusive). Subsequent compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013. Practice at Medway has been to conduct a review after each election in any case.

2.5 The last review was reported to Council on 12 January 2012. At that time, approval was given to a scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places and this report seeks approval to amendments to that scheme in the light of comments arising from the elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012. An informal working group of Members has been established and their proposals, along with the comments of the Returning Officer are included on the individual Ward sheets set out in Appendix 1 to the report. The Working Group comprises Councillors Avey, Mrs Diane Chambers, Griffiths, Hicks, Jarrett, Maple and Wildey.

3. The review and consultation

3.1 The informal working group represented all the political Groups on the Council and they consulted all Ward Members on the proposals. Group Leaders were also consulted on the proposed changes. In accordance with the requirement to publish a notice of the review of polling districts/places, the proposals were posted on the Council's website in December 2013. In general, the proposals are to implement arrangements to resolve comments arising from and since the elections for the Police and Crime Commissioner. All the changes to polling places were proposed after site visits were undertaken by staff in electoral services who took into account a range of issues, including disabled access.

Cuxton and Halling Ward

- 3.2 A new development at St Andrew's Park in polling district RCH2 comprising over 300 properties will see an increase in registered electors. The existing polling station at 95 Pilgrim's Road cannot accommodate that increase in electors and as it is a residential property where the owner allows use of their sitting room alternatives were sought. After investigations by officers the Working Group has concluded there are no suitable alternative buildings within the polling district. In the light of the requirement to retain each Parish as a separate polling district, unless there are special circumstances, the Working Group recommends that the polling place for polling district RCH2 be designated as Polling District RCH1. The Returning Officer has confirmed that the electors would be allocated to the Scout Hut, Bush Road and that it is sufficient in size to accommodate this.
- 3.3 The ward Councillor has been consulted on the proposals and agrees with them.

Gillingham North Ward

- 3.4 In the light of the unavailability of the usual polling station for polling district GGN3, officers have investigated several alternative buildings. The Working Group has recommended that the Returning Officer allocates electors to St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Greenfield Road and the Returning Officer has confirmed that this is what he proposes. The ward Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and the one who has responded, agrees with them.
- 3.5 The Working Group considered options to reallocate electors in polling district GGN1 around the new developments at Marina Heights to either (a) a new polling district and to recommend the Returning Officer to allocate them to vote at the Waterside Bistro, Prospect Place; (b) polling district GGN3 and recommend the Returning Officer to allocate all the electors in polling district GGN3 to vote at the Waterside Bistro, Prospect Place. However, after site visits and consulting the ward councillors, the Working Group decided to recommend no change to the existing arrangements and the Ward Councillors agree with this recommendation.

River Ward

- 3.6 In the light of the unavailability of the usual polling station for polling district RR2, officers have investigated several alternative buildings. The Working Group has recommended that the Returning Officer allocates electors to the Lampard Centre, Sally Port Gardens and the Returning Officer has confirmed that this is what he proposes.
- 3.7 Comments have been made by the Ward Councillors about the unsuitability of the Stirling Room, St George's Hotel as the polling station for electors in polling district RR3), due to the limited parking, the basement level and its geography in the very southern side of the polling district. Officers have investigated several alternative buildings and the Working group has recommended that the Returning Officer allocates electors to the Riverside Bistro, Bellerophen House, Doust Way and the Returning Officer has confirmed that this is what he proposes. The ward Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and agree with them

Luton and Wayfield Ward

- 3.8 After representations from the Headteacher at Wayfield School about the disruption to the school from its use as a polling station, officers have investigated the Orchard Building which is used as a children's centre/Sure Start service on the same site and confirmed its suitability as an alternative polling station for the electors in polling district CLW4. The Working Group has recommended that the Returning Officer allocates electors to the Orchard Building, Wayfield School and the Returning Officer has confirmed that this is what he proposes. The ward Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and the two who responded agree with them.

Strood Rural Ward

- 3.9 Considerable building works are being undertaken at Wainscott Primary School and it is understood that the hall that is currently used as a polling station for polling district RSR 4 is not going to be available.
- 3.10 Separately, but connected, new development near to the school (Liberty Park phases 4 and 5) could mean an additional 500 electors are allocated to vote in the polling district. This will have an impact on the size of space required for a polling station.
- 3.11 A site visit is being arranged to review the situation and discuss alternative arrangements if feasible but this will not take place in time for the outcome to be included in this report. The Working Group has recommended that if facilities at Wainscott School are not conducive for use as a polling station, the Returning Officer allocates electors to the Memorial Hall, Holly Road which is already used as a polling station for electors in polling district RSR7. Officers have confirmed that the Hall building is suitable to accommodate a double polling station. The Returning Officer has confirmed that this is what he will propose if Wainscott School is not suitable. The ward Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and agree with them.

Conclusions

- 3.12 Appendix 1 shows all of the proposals. Unless highlighted, any comments received from Councillors were in favour of the proposals and there were no objections.
- 3.13 Rather than designate specific buildings as Polling Places, it is recommended that each Polling District continue to be designated as the Polling Place for the district. This avoids having to seek Council approval each and every time a building becomes unavailable, particularly in the run-up to an election. The Returning Officer has given an undertaking that he will consult with the Informal Working Group if it becomes necessary to change any polling stations after the scheme has been agreed.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 The costs of Parliamentary elections (General and European) are recharged to the Government. The Council meets the costs of local elections. In terms of costs of premises, schools and other public buildings, only costs for the additional heating, lighting and caretaking costs can be charged; other private premises are subject to a hire cost which vary considerably. The total average cost of polling stations for a full election is in the order of £14,000 depending if they all submit invoices. The

proposals in this report do not significantly affect the numbers of polling stations, nor election staff that would be used at an election, and therefore their costs. The proposals in this report, if approved, are likely to be cost neutral.

- 4.2 In accordance with Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council must publish a notice of the holding of the review and must consult with the Returning Officer and publish his comments on the review. Any elector within any constituency located wholly or in part within Medway may make representation regarding the review. On completion of the review the Council must give reasons for its decisions in the review and must publish the information set out in the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 Paragraph 2 of the report sets out the legislation for designating polling districts and this review has taken such legislation fully into account. Therefore, it is considered that there are no risk management implications arising from the proposals.

6. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 6.1 approve the scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places as set out in Appendix 1, including designating each Polling District as the Polling Place in respect of Parliamentary elections and to designate the Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places as the Polling Districts and Polling Places for Local Government elections.
- 6.2 Agree the proposal of the Returning Officer to determine the arrangements for the location of the Polling Station for Polling District RSR4 on the basis set out in paragraphs 3.9-3.11 of the report.
- 6.3 Authorise the Chief Executive to designate an adjoining Polling District as the Polling Place where no suitable polling station is available within the original Polling Place
- 6.4 Note the designation of polling stations recommended by the Returning Officer as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

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Background papers

Description of Background Papers	Contact details
Representation of the People Act 1983 & Electoral Administration Act 2006 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 Electoral arrangements review file and working papers	Jane Ringham, ext 2864, 3 rd Floor Gun Wharf

POLLING DISTRICT AND PLACES SCHEDULE – PARLIAMENTARY AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

Shaded boxes indicate a proposed change to existing arrangements

WARD: CHATHAM CENTRAL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
CCC1	BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL	CCC1	BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
CCC2	NEW ROAD SCHOOL	CCC2	NEW ROAD SCHOOL		
CCC3	WHITE ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE	CCC3	WHITE ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE		
CCC4	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD	CCC4	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD		

WARD: CUXTON AND HALLING

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD	RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD	Due to new development in RCH2, and an expected increase in the number of registered electors, it is proposed to allocate voters in RCH2 to vote in polling district RCH1 as there are no alternative, suitable buildings in RCH2. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RCH2	95 PILGRIMS ROAD	RCH2/RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD		
RCH3	HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE	RCH3	HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RCH4	HALLING JUBILEE HALL	RCH4	HALLING JUBILEE HALL		

WARD: GILLINGHAM NORTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GGN1	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL	GGN1	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL	The Parochial Hall will not be available for use from 2012 onwards. It is proposed to allocate electors to St Mary's Catholic School as a suitable alternative. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET	GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET		
GGN3	PAROCHIAL HALL	GGN3	ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREENFIELD ROAD		
GGN4	QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT	GGN4	QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT		

WARD: GILLINGHAM SOUTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		OTHER COMMENTS	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GGG1	FORESTERS HALL	GGG1	FORESTERS HALL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GGG2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL	GGG2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL		
GGG3	ST MARKS CHURCH HALL	GGG3	ST MARKS CHURCH HALL		
GGG4	BYRON SCHOOL	GGG4	BYRON SCHOOL		

WARD: HEMPSTEAD AND WIGMORE

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GHW1	HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE	GHW1	HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GHW2	WIGMORE LIBRARY	GHW2	WIGMORE LIBRARY		

WARD: LORDSWOOD AND CAPSTONE

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
CLC1	LORDSWOOD SCHOOL	CLC1	LORDSWOOD SCHOOL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL	CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL		
CLC3/C PP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE	CLC3/PPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE		

WARD: LUTON AND WAYFIELD

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
CLW1	CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	CLW1	CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	To minimise disruption to Wayfield School it is intended to use the Orchard Centre instead of the school building. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
CLW2	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD	CLW2	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD		
CLW3	THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA	CLW3	THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA		
CLW4	WAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	CLW4	ORCHARD CENTRE, WAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL		

WARD: PENINSULA

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RP1	THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING	RP1	THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL	RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL		
RP3	BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO	RP3	BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO		
RP4	HOO VILLAGE HALL	RP4	HOO VILLAGE HALL		
RP5	HOO NESS YACHT CLUB	RP5	HOO NESS YACHT CLUB		
RP6	FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM	RP6	FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM		
RP7	STOKE VILLAGE HALL	RP7	STOKE VILLAGE HALL		
RP8	ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL	RP8	ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL		
RP9	GRAIN VILLAGE HALL	RP9	GRAIN VILLAGE HALL		

WARD: PRINCES PARK

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
CPP1/C PP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	CPP1/CP P2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL	CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL		
CPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE, HOPEWELL DRIVE	CPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE, HOPEWELL DRIVE		

WARD: RAINHAM CENTRAL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GRC1	MILLENNIUM CENTRE, GATEKEEPERS CHASE	GRC1	MILLENNIUM CENTRE, GATEKEEPERS CHASE	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GRC2	WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL	GRC2	WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL		
GRC3	SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL	GRC3	SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL		

WARD: RAINHAM NORTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT	GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GRN2	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	GRN2	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL		
GRN3	RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK	GRN3	RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK		
GRN4	STATION OASTS	GRN4	STATION OASTS		

WARD: RAINHAM SOUTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN	GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GRS2	MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL	GRS2	MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL		
GRS3	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL, LONG CATLIS ROAD	GRS3	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL, LONG CATLIS ROAD		
GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB	GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB		

WARD: RIVER

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	Due to the unavailability of the Melville & Brompton Resource centre it is intended to recommend the use of the Lampard centre, Sally Port as the polling station for voters in RR2. Due to comments about the unsuitability of St George's Hotel it is intended to recommend that Riverside Bistro, Bellerophen House, Doust Way is used as the polling station for electors in RR3. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RR2	MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE	RR2	LAMPARD CENTRE, SALLY PORT		
RR3	ST GEORGE'S HOTEL NEW ROAD AVENUE	RR3	RIVERSIDE BISTRO, BELLEROPHEN HOUSE, DOUST WAY		
RR4	EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER ST	RR4	EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER ST		

WARD: ROCHESTER EAST

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE	RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RRE2	PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD	RRE2	PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD		
RRE3	ST JUSTUS CHURCH	RRE3	ST JUSTUS CHURCH		

WARD: ROCHESTER SOUTH AND HORSTED

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RRS1	BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL	RRS1	BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RRS2	WARREN WOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	RRS2	WARREN WOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL		
RRS3	THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE	RRS3	THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RRS4	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH	RRS4	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH		

WARD: ROCHESTER WEST

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RRW1	THE INSTITUTE, ADJACENT TO MOAT HOUSE BOOKSHOP, CROW LANE	RRW1	THE INSTITUTE, ADJACENT TO MOAT HOUSE BOOKSHOP, CROW LANE	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RRW2	BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL	RRW2	BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL		
RRW3	SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB	RRW3	SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB		
RRW4	ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL	RRW4	ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL		
RRW5	ST MARGARET'S CHURCH	RRW5	ST MARGARET'S CHURCH		

WARD: STROOD NORTH

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				It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RSN1	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL	RSN1	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL		
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY	RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY		
RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH	RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH		
RSN4/R SR4	TEMPLE MILL SCHOOL	RSN4/RS R4	TEMPLE MILL SCHOOL		
RSN5	ALL SAINTS CHURCH	RSN5	ALL SAINTS CHURCH		

WARD: STROOD RURAL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
				Building works at Wainscott Primary School and new development in the vicinity may result in the school no longer being suitable as a polling station. However, the outcome of a site visit will not be known until later in January 2014. If the school is not suitable, it is proposed that electors are allocated to vote at the Memorial Hall, Wainscott along with voters in polling district RSR7. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals including the use of the Memorial Hall, Wainscott for voters in polling district RSR4 if Wainscott School is no longer suitable. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL	RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL		
RSR2	CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL	RSR2	CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL		
RSR3	CHATTENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR3	CHATTENDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RSR4	WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR4	WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL		
RSR5	FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB	RSR5	FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB		
RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL		
RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT	RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT		
RSR8/RSR 6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR8/RS R6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL		

WARD: STROOD SOUTH

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RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL	RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL		
RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL	RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL		
RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE	RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD	RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD		

WARD: TWYDALL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
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GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL	GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL		
GT2	TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH	GT2	TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH		
GT3	TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL	GT3	TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL		

WARD: WALDESLADE

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
				It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE	CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE		
CW2	ST WILLIAMS CHURCH	CW2	ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH		

WARD: WATLING

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at November 2012 elections so continue to be used.
GW2/GW1	BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	GW2/GW1	BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH		
GW3	STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB	GW3	STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB		

**SCHEDULE OF POLLING STATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY RETURNING OFFICER
FOR ALL ELECTIONS**

Shaded boxes indicate a proposed change to the existing arrangements

POLLING DISTRICT/PLACE	RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION
CCC1	BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL
CCC2	NEW ROAD SCHOOL
CCC3	WHITE ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
CCC4	ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL RD
RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD
RCH2/RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD
RCH3	HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
RCH4	HALLING JUBILEE HALL
GGN1	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL
GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET
GGN3	ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL, GREENFIELD ROAD
GGN4	QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT
GGS1	FORESTERS HALL
GGS2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL
GGS3	ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL, VICARAGE ROAD
GGS4	BYRON SCHOOL
GHW1	HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE
GHW2	WIGMORE LIBRARY
CLC1	LORDSWOOD SCHOOL
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL
CLC3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE
CLW1	CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
CLW2	ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CLW3/CLW4	THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA
CLW4	ORCHARD CENTRE, WAYFIELD SCHOOL
RP1	THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING
RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL
RP3	BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO
RP4	HOO JUBILEE HALL
RP5	HOO NESS YACHT CLUB
RP6	FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM
RP7	STOKE VILLAGE HALL
RP8	ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL
RP9	GRAIN VILLAGE HALL
CPP1/CLW2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL
CPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE
GRC1	ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL
GRC2	WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL
GRC3	SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL
GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT
GRN2	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRN3	RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK RESOURCE CENTRE
GRN4	STATION OASTS
GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN
GRS2	MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRS3	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, RAINHAM SITE

POLLING DISTRICT	RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION
GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB
RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE
RR2	LAMPARD CENTRE, SALLY PORT
RR3	RIVERSIDE BISTRO, BELLEROPHEN HOUSE, DOUST WAY
RR4	EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER STREET
RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE
RRE2	PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD
RRE3	ST JUSTUS CHURCH
RRS1	BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL
RRS2	WARREN WOOD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
RRS3	THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RRS4	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
RRW1	THE INSTITUTE, ADJ BOOKSHOP, CROW LANE
RRW2	BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL
RRW3	SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB
RRW4	ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL
RRW5	ST MARGARET'S CHURCH
RSN1	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY
RSN3	STROOD METHODIST CHURCH, CLIFFE RD
RSN4/RSR4	TEMPLE MILL SCHOOL
RSN5	ALL SAINT'S CHURCH HALL, CHURCH GREEN
RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL
RSR2	CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL
RSR3	CHATTENDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE
RSR4	WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL **
RSR5	FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB
RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT
RSR8/RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL
RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL
GT2	TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
GT3	TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE
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** If Wainscott School is unsuitable, voters will be allocated to the Memorial Hall, Wainscott along with voters in polling district RSR7