

## **COUNCIL**

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### **REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES**

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rodney Chambers, Leader  
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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 European Parliament in May 2014 and the unscheduled by-elections in November 2014 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 23 January 2014. 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 European Parliament in May 2014 and the unscheduled by-elections in November 2014. 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 at that time 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 January 2014. In general, the proposals are to implement arrangements to resolve comments arising from and since the elections held in 2014. 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 In light of an increased electorate due to the St Andrew's Park Development in RCH2 the Group recommended, and the Council agreed in January 2013 to allocate polling district RCH1 as the polling place for RCH2 and allocate all the electors to vote at the Scout Hut on Bush Road. The views and comments of Councillor Maisey as Ward Councillor supported that approach at the time. The allocation of the polling station for RCH2 may be of more importance in 2015 as all parish Council seats will be up for election, therefore the Working Group reconsidered the matter but recommends the continued allocation of polling district RCH1 as the polling place for RCH2 and allocation of all the electors to vote at the Scout Hut on Bush Road. However, in the light of increased issues regarding parking at the Scout Hut, the Working Group has asked officers to investigate, as a longer-term option, the feasibility of a working men's club at the Halling roundabout as a suitable alternative and asked them to report back to the Working Group and in due course to the Council.
- 3.3 The ward Councillor has been consulted on the proposals and agrees with them.

#### **Gillingham North Ward**

- 3.4 Members are asked to note that this Ward had been kept under review by officers, particularly GGN1 and GGN3, due to the number of new developments that are taking place. The Working Group are recommending that the existing polling arrangements continue but have asked officers to continue to review the situation with regard to new developments and their impact on the number of electors allocated to polling district GGN3 in particular, and the distances being travelled.

#### **Strood North Ward**

- 3.5 After representations from the Board of Governors at Temple Mill Junior School about the disruption to the school from its use as a polling station, officers have investigated suitable alternatives but have not been able to find any. Members should note that in the near future, it is understood that there are major refurbishment and provision of additional classrooms etc and works to the old Temple School buildings. However, no firm dates are currently available for when these works will be completed and it would appear unlikely that there will be suitable provision available in time for the elections next year.

- 3.6 The Working Group are therefore rather reluctantly recommending to the Returning Officer, the use of a portable polling station near the entrance to the school site. It is recognised that such portable stations are not ideal: the costs are in region of £5000 compared to the average cost of £225 for a polling station; the ramps provided are not ideal; it is a poor environment for polling station staff including the requirement for a separate chemical toilet and no washing facilities onsite. There are potential security/safety issues; and is clearly not a long-term solution. Due to the combination of polls in 2015, approximately half of the costs should be recoverable from the Government. The Returning Officer has indicated that he is likely to concur with this recommendation.
- 3.7 Similar representations have been received from the Headteacher at Abbey Court School (Strood) about its' use as a polling station. Unfortunately no alternative polling station has been identified and it is therefore recommended that the school is continued to be used. However, in the light of the problems in this ward it is recommended that the Working Group, in conjunction with the ward councillors undertake a review of the polling district arrangements post-May 2015 and make recommendations to a future Council meeting.
- 3.8 The Ward Councillors have been consulted on these proposals and Councillor Chitty's comments are as follows: "I object most strongly to any changes in the current polling stations, this has been looked at on numerous occasions and due to the lack of alternative premises on the Ward these same proposals have been rejected. Under normal circumstances this would apply only twice in five years and the vast numbers of residents feel grateful that they are able to use these premises for a democratic purpose. The polling figures show how well used these polling stations are supported". Councillor Hubbard commented as follows: "RSN1 is the largest PD in Strood North. At present Abbey Court School provides a polling station that can cope with voters and their cars. So any other proposed site needs to be able to cope with that demand. The 'Shops' on Allington Drive is not a suitable site. I see no alternative to Abbey Court School. RSN4 is a small PD - so temporary portable polling station at Temple Mill School will be able to cope. Not ideal, but I'm OK with this solution. Post May 2015 - any reconfiguration of the polling districts will still have the same underlying problem, i.e. lack of 'willing' suitable sites."

### **Strood South Ward**

- 3.9 Members are asked to note that officers have been asked to keep polling district RSS4 under review due to the potential number of new electors when the Temple Marsh development comes to fruition.
- 3.10 The Working Group was asked to look at the distance that electors in the "Medway Gate" development have to travel to get to the polling station at Woodside Community Centre (RSS3) and consider creating a separate polling district for these electors. There are approximately 650 electors in "Medway Gate" affected and those living in Whitehead Drive, which is probably the furthest distance to the polling station, have to travel approximately 2.5km (or 1.5 miles). The geography of the area means that the roads travel west-east and there are limited numbers of roads that travel north-south so any journey is more circuitous than others may experience.

- 3.11 Having looked, unsuccessfully at other arrangements, the Working Group is recommending (a) the creation of a new polling district for electors south of Laburnum Road and Merralls Wood Road; and (b) that a portable polling station be used for these electors located on the triangle of land in Sycamore Road, noting the points as outlined in paragraph 3.6 above. Members are also asked to note that it will be necessary to re-publish the 2015 Register of Electors for Strood South ward once these changes have been implemented. The Returning Officer has indicated that he is likely to concur with this recommendation.
- 3.12 The Ward councillors have been consulted on these proposals but no comments had been received up to the date of despatch for this report.

### **Conclusions**

- 3.13 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.
- 3.14 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 varies 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 would increase the costs by approximately £10,500, (£10,000 for two portable polling stations and £500 for polling station staff at an additional polling station). Approximately half of these additional costs would be recoverable from the Government due to the combination of polls in 2015.
- 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 the designation of a 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 Note that the Informal Working Party will consider polling arrangements in Strood North ward post-May 2015 and report back to Council on their recommendations as set out in paragraph 3.7 of this report.
- 6.3 Note that officers have been asked to continue to review the situation with regard to new developments in Gillingham North and Strood North wards and their impact on the number of electors allocated to polling district GGN3 and RSS4 in particular, as outlined in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.9 of this report.
- 6.4 Approve the creation of a new polling district for electors in Strood South ward, as described in paragraph 3.11 of this report and note that the 2015 register of electors will need to be re-published once these changes have been implemented.
- 6.5 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.
- 6.6 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 2014 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 a review of the allocation of voters in RCH2 to vote in polling district RCH1, 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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
RCH2	SCOUT HUT, BUSH 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	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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET	GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET		
GGN3	ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREENFIELD ROAD	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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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	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 2014 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	ORCHARD CENTRE, 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 2014 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	RP6	FENN BELL INN		
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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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 2014 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		
				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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RR2	LAMPARD CENTRE, SALLY PORT	RR2	LAMPARD CENTRE, SALLY PORT		
RR3	BELLEROPHEN HOUSE, DOUST WAY	RR3	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		
				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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE	RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE		
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 2014 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 2014 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

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RSN1	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL	RSN1	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. To minimise the disruption to Temple Mill School, it is intended to locate a portable polling station on land near the main entrance to the site. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2014 elections so continue to be used.
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY	RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY		
RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH	RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH		
RSN4/RSR4	TEMPLE MILL SCHOOL	RSN4/RSR4	PORTABLE STATION ON LAND ADJACANT 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		
RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL	RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL	Due to the unavailability of suitable sites for a polling station in polling districts RSR4, it is proposed that the polling place is designated as RSR7 so 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. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2014 elections so continue to be used.
RSR2	CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL	RSR2	CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL		
RSR3	CHATTENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR3	CHATTENDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RSR4/RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT	RSR4/RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT		
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/RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR8/RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL		

## WARD: STROOD SOUTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION	To minimise the travelling distance for electors south of Labernum and Merrals Wood Roads, currently allocated to RSS4, it is intended to create a new polling district. It is intended to continue with all other current polling places and polling stations as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. intend to allocate a portable polling station to be situated on land in Sycamore Drive No adverse comments about polling stations at 2014 elections so continue to be used.
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		
NEW		RSS5	PORTABLE POLLING STATION ON LAND AT SYCAMORE DRIVE		

## WARD: TWYDALL

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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
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		
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE	CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY 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 2014 elections so continue to be used.
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 2014 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

<b>POLLING DISTRICT/PLACE</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION</b>
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
RP7	STOKE VILLAGE HALL
RP8	ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL
RP9	GRAIN VILLAGE HALL
CPP1/GRN2	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	ABBNEY COURT SCHOOL, RAINHAM SITE

<b>POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION</b>
GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB
RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE
RR2	LAMPARD CENTRE, SALLY PORT
RR3	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	PORTABLE STATION ON LAND AT 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/RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT
RSR5	FRINDBURY CRICKET CLUB
RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT
RSR8/RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL
RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY ACADEMY
RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RSS5 (NEW)	PORTABLE STATION ON LAND AT SYCAMORE DRIVE
GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL
GT2	TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
GT3	TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE
CW2	ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH
GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
GW2/GW1	BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
GW3	STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB