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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

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Summary

This report recommends no changes to the configuration and designation of polling districts and polling places and updates the Council on the allocation of polling stations by the Returning Officer in preparation for the Local and Parish elections on 2 May 2019.

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 Under Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 the Council must undertake a review of polling districts and polling places 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 which must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013. The last formal review was undertaken in 2015 and reported to Full Council in April 2016. Practice at Medway after each election has been for an informal review of the scheme of polling districts and polling places and for the Returning Officer to conduct an informal review of the allocation of polling stations.

2.5 This report recommends no changes to the scheme of polling districts and polling places that was approved in April 2016 on the basis that no comments had arisen from or since 2016. An informal working group of Members has been established and they considered some specific proposals from the Returning Officer about the allocation of polling stations. Their recommendations, along with the comments of the Returning Officer are included in Appendix 1 to the report. The Working Group comprises Councillors Fearn, Freshwater, Griffiths, Maple, Opara, Potter and Wildey.

3. The review and consultation

3.1 The informal working group represents all the political Groups on the Council and the views of the Ward Members affected, on the proposals of the Returning Officer regarding polling stations were provided. In general, the proposals are to implement arrangements to resolve comments about polling stations arising from and since the election held in 2017. The changes are proposed after site visits were undertaken by staff in electoral services who took into account a range of issues, including disabled access.

Chatham Central Ward

- 3.2 Balfour Junior School on Balfour Road, the polling station allocated to electors in polling district CCC1 is undergoing major refurbishment and will not be available for use as a polling station on 2 May 2019. The Working Group considered detailed notes of site visits to several alternative polling stations and the views of the Ward Councillors.
- 3.3 The Working Group support the Returning Officer's proposal that Ryecroft Hall, Boundary Road is designated as the polling station for polling district CCC1 and that the scheme of polling districts and polling places continue show polling district CCC1 as the polling place for CCC1. The Council should also note that the Returning Officer has undertaken to review the suitability of Ryecroft hall post-election and update the Group with a view to deciding whether or not to revert back to Balfour Junior School when the refurbishment has been completed.

Gillingham South ward

- 3.4 The Head teacher at Byron Road School, the polling station allocated to electors in polling district GGS4 has made it clear since 2015 that they no longer wish the school to be used as a polling station as it is disruptive to pupils. Due to the unplanned nature of both the EU Referendum and the General election in 2017 the Head teacher reluctantly agreed that it was not possible to find alternatives at such short notice. The use on those occasions was only allowed on the basis that the Returning Officer gave an undertaking that an alternative would be found in time for the 2019 Local and Parish and all future elections. Such an undertaking was given so alternatives have been identified.
- 3.5 The Working Group considered Officers detailed notes of site visits to a number of alternative polling stations and the views of the Ward Councillors.
- 3.6 The Working Group supports the Returning Officer's proposal that St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue is designated as the polling station for polling district GGS4 and that the scheme of polling districts and polling places continues to show polling district GGS4 as the polling place for GGS4.

Rainham South ward

Polling district GRS2

- 3.7 The Working Group were advised that during a site visit to Mierscourt Primary School, the polling station allocated to electors in polling district GRS 2, it had been suggested that a new Learning Centre being developed by the Howard Academy Trust on the school site, might be a suitable alternative polling station and remove the need for the school to close to pupils on polling day.
- 3.8 The Working Group considered detailed notes of site visits to a number of alternative polling stations and the views of the Ward Councillors.

- 3.9 The Working Group supports the Returning Officer's proposal that Mierscourt Learning Centre, Silverspot Close is designated as the polling station for polling district GRS2 and that the scheme of polling districts and polling places continues to show polling district GRS2 as the polling place for GRS2.

Polling district GRS3

- 3.10 Abbey Court School on Long Caitlis Road had been closed for some time but made available for use as a polling station in 2016 and 2017 for electors in polling district GRS3. Rivermead Inclusive Trust are now using the building as an SEN facility under the title Triple R. The Working Group considered details of the site visit and the views of the Ward Councillors.
- 3.11 The Working Group support the Returning Officer's proposal that the Rivermead Inclusive Trust, Triple R building on Long Catlis Road is designated as the polling station for polling district GRS3 and that the scheme of polling districts and polling places continues to show polling district GRS3 as the polling place for GRS3.

Strood South ward

- 3.12 The Working Group were advised that during a site visit to Elaine Primary School, the polling station allocated to electors in polling district RSS2, it was suggested that the hall at St Francis of Assisi church on Galahad Avenue would be a suitable alternative polling station and remove the need for the school to close to pupils on polling day.
- 3.13 The Working Group considered detailed notes of the site visit and the views of the Ward Councillors.
- 3.14 The Working Group supports the Returning Officer's proposal that the St Francis of Assisi Church hall on Galahad Avenue is designated as the polling station for polling district RSS2 and that the scheme of polling districts and polling places continues to show polling district RSS2 as the polling place for RSS2.

Conclusions

- 3.15 Appendix 1 shows the proposed Scheme of polling districts and polling places for the whole of Medway.
- 3.16 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.
- 3.17 The scheme also shows each of the polling stations being proposed by the Returning Officer for the Local and Parish elections on 2 May 2019. The Returning Officer has given an undertaking that he will consult with the Informal Working Group if it becomes necessary to change the designation of a Polling District as the Polling Place where no suitable polling station is available within the original Polling Place and if it is necessary to change any polling stations prior to the elections on 2 May 2019.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 The costs of Parliamentary elections (General and European), Police and Crime Commissioner elections and national Referendums are recharged to the Government. The Council meets the costs of local and Parish 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 £28,000 depending if they all submit invoices and including one portable polling station and associated equipment. The proposals in this report would not increase the costs significantly. A contribution to an Elections Provision is made each year from revenue so that funds are available to cover the costs in the year that Local and Parish elections actually fall.

5. Legal implications

- 5.1 Section 2 of the report sets out the legal responsibilities and duties of the Council and the Returning Officer for conducting this informal review of the scheme of polling districts and polling places and the review of polling stations.

6. Risk management

- 6.1 Risk management is an integral part of good governance. The Council has a responsibility to identify and manage threats and risks to achieve its strategic objectives and enhance the value of services it provides to the community. The following table shows any significant risks arising from the matters in this report.

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
No decision is made or it is delayed beyond 2 May 2019	Out of date Scheme of polling districts and polling places in use for Local and Parish on 2 May 2019	Submission of report to Council in January 2019	D2

7. Recommendations

Council is recommended to:

- 7.1 Support the proposals by the Returning Officer to designate polling stations as set out in paragraphs 3.3, 3.6, 3.9, 3.11 and 3.14 above and note the designation of all polling stations recommended by the Returning Officer as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 7.2 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.

7.3 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.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Polling District and Places Schedule – Parliamentary and Local Elections

Appendix 2 – Schedule of Polling Stations as recommended by the Returning Officer for all elections

Background papers

None

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	RYECROFT HALL, BOUNDARY ROAD	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. Due to the unavailability of Balfour Junior School, proposing to use Ryecroft hall as a suitable alternative for CCC1. No adverse comments about other polling stations at 2017 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	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
RCH2/ RCH3	NEW TOWN SOCIAL CLUB	RCH2/RC H3	NEW TOWN SOCIAL CLUB		
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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. Due to the unavailability of Byron Road School, proposing to use St Augustine's Church as suitable alternative for GGS4. No adverse comments about other polling stations at 2017 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	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH		

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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL	CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL		
CLC3/CPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE	CLC3/PP3	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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 the current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL	RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL		
RP3	HOO VILLAGE INSTITUTE	RP3	HOO VILLAGE INSTITUTE		
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/ CPP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	CPP1/ CPP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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,	GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. Propose to use Mierscourt Learning Centre and Rivermead Inclusive Trust as alternative polling stations for GRS2 and GRS3 respectively. No adverse comments about other polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
GRS2	MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL	GRS2	MIERSCOURT LEARNING CENTRE		
GRS3	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, LONG CATLIS ROAD	GRS3	RIVERMEAD INCLUSIVE TRUST, TRIPLE R BUILDING, 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	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
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		
RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN SCHOOL	RRE1	ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN SCHOOL	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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, REDE COURT ROAD	RSN1	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, REDE COURT ROAD	It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY	RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY HALL		
RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH	RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH		
RSN4/ RSR4	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, CLIFFE ROAD	RSN4/ RSR4	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, CLIFFE ROAD		
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 continues to be 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 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 2017 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		
				It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Proposing to use St Francis of Assisi church hall as a suitable alternative for RSS2. No adverse comments about other polling stations at 2017 elections so continue to be used.
RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL	RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL		
RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY ACADEMY SCHOOL	RSS2	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH HALL		
RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE	RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE		
RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD	RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD		
RSS5	PORTABLE POLLING STATION ON LAND AT SYCAMORE DRIVE	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
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				It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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		
				It is intended to continue with all current polling places as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2015 elections so continue to be used.
GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH		
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		

WARD: WATLING

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 as they are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at 2017 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		

MEDWAY SCHEDULE OF POLLING STATIONS

Shaded boxes indicate a proposed change to existing arrangements

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION
Chatham & Aylesford constituency	
CCC1	RYCROFT HALL, BOUNDARY ROAD
CCC2	NEW ROAD SCHOOL
CCC3	WHITE ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE
CCC4	ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL, MAGPIE HALL RD
CLC1	LORDSWOOD SCHOOL
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL
CLC3/PPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE
CLW1	CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
CLW2/CCC4	ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CLW3	THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA
CLW4	ORCHARD BUILDING, WAYFIELD SCHOOL SITE
CPP1/PPP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING
CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL
CPP3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE
CW2	ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH
Gillingham & Rainham constituency	
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	THE GREAT HALL, PRIESTFIELDS
GGS2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL
GGS3	ST MARK'S CHURCH HALL, VICARAGE ROAD
GGS4	ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, ROCK AVENUE
GHW1	HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE
GHW2	WIGMORE LIBRARY
GRC1	CALLAWAY ROOM, ST MARGARET'S MILLENNIUM CENTRE
GRC2	WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL
GRC3	SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL
GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT
GRN2	RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRN3	RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK RESOURCE CENTRE
GRN4	WAKELEY HALL, THE OASTS (previously described as Station Oasts)
GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN
GRS2	MIERSCOURT LEARNING CENTRE, SILVERSPOT CLOSE
GRS3	RIVERMEAD INCLUSIVE TRUST, TRIPLE R BUILDING, LONG CAITLIS ROAD
GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB
GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL
GT2	TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH
GT3	TWYDALL SCHOOL
GW1	THIRD AVENUE CHURCH & COMMUNITY (previously known as Gillingham Methodist Church)
GW2/GW1	BLUE ROOM, THIRD AVENUE CHURCH & COMMUNITY (previously known as Gillingham Methodist Church)
GW3	STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Rochester & Strood constituency	
RCH1	SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD
RCH2/RCH3	NEW TOWN SOCIAL CLUB, FORMBY ROAD
RCH3	HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
RCH4	HALLING JUBILEE HALL
RP1	COOLING PARISH HALL
RP2	HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL
RP3	HOO VILLAGE INSTITUTE, MAIN ROAD, HOO
RP4	HOO VILLAGE HALL
RP5	HOO NESS YACHT CLUB
RP6	FENN BELL INN
RP7	STOKE VILLAGE HALL
RP8	ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL
RP9	GRAIN VILLAGE HALL
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	ST PETER'S 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 ROCHESTER BAPTIST CHURCH, CROW LANE
RRW2	BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL
RRW3	SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB
RRW4	ST JOHN FISHER PARISH HALL
RRW5	ST MARGARET'S CHURCH
RSN1	ABBAY COURT FOUNDATION SPECIAL SCHOOL, REDE COURT ROAD
RSN2	STROOD COMMUNITY HALL
RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH, CLIFFE RD
RSN4	ABBAY COURT FOUNDATION SPECIAL SCHOOL, CLIFFE ROAD
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	FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB
RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT
RSR8/RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL
RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL
RSS2	ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH HALL, GALAHAD AVENUE
RSS3	WOODSIDE COMMUNITY CENTRE
RSS4	STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH
RSS5	PORTABLE POLLING STATION ON LAND AT SYCAMORE DRIVE

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