

## **COUNCIL**

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

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rodney Chambers, Leader  
Report from: Neil Davies, Chief Executive/ Returning Officer  
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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 Local Elections and AV Referendum in May 2011 and provides an update 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 which 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.
- 2.5 The last review was reported to Council on 25 November 2010. 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 Local elections and AV Referendum in May 2011. 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 2011. In general, the proposals are to implement arrangements to resolve comments arising from and since the Local elections and AV Referendum. 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.

### **Princes Park Ward**

- 3.2 Princes Park ward is currently divided into 2 polling districts, CPP1 and CPP2 broadly following a north/south orientation. Until recently, electors in CPP1 were allocated to vote at Kingfisher school but the Headteacher then indicated it was too inconvenient for the school to close to pupils so an alternative was found at Church of Christ the King. However the church is located in polling district CPP2. The electors in CPP1 includes those who live in Shawstead House, Hopewell Drive, which is in the northern part of the ward and have quite a journey to Church of Christ the King. To complicate matters further, the electors in CLC3 (Lordswood and Capstone ward) are allocated to vote at Shawstead House because there are no suitable buildings in the northern part of that ward. As such, the residents of Shawstead House are currently unable to vote at the Polling Station situated in the building in which they reside.
- 3.3 The residents of Shawstead House have submitted a petition to the Council, asking that they, along with other properties in Hopewell Drive, be allocated to vote in their own building in the future.
- 3.4 Having made a site visit, and confirmed that the residents lounge at Shawstead House is suitable and can accommodate the increased number of voters, the Informal Working Group on Polling Districts and Polling Places has agreed that the Council be recommended to create an additional polling district in Princes Park (CPP3) comprising Glenwood Close, and all properties in Hopewell Drive (including Shawstead House). It is also recommended that the polling district be designated as the polling place, and the Returning Officer has confirmed that the electors in the new polling district, along with those in CLC3, would be allocated to vote at Shawstead House.
- 3.5 It is necessary to create a new polling district to enable the electors in the limited number of roads to be discretely identified and allocated to Shawstead House separate from the other electors in existing CPP1 who would continue to vote at Church of Christ the King. The ward Councillors have been consulted on the proposals and agree with them.

### **Rochester West Ward**

- 3.6 This ward is currently divided into 5 polling districts. The electors in RRW1 have been allocated to vote at Rochester Cruising Club, on The Esplanade. Unfortunately the Club have indicated that the building will no longer be available as a polling station. No other suitable premises could be identified within the polling district so it has been necessary to recommend a reconfiguration of the polling districts.

- 3.7 It is proposed that the existing polling district RRW1 be reconfigured so that it comprises the properties in the northern part, largely around the Rochester High Street and the Cathedral. It is recommended that the polling district be designated as the polling place and the Returning Officer, after having made several site visits, has indicated that the electors will be allocated to The Institute which is adjacent to the Moat House Bookshop on Crow Lane.
- 3.8 It is recommended that the remainder of existing RRW1, ie the properties along The Esplanade, be merged with existing polling district RRW5, and are allocated to vote at St Margaret's Church which is where the electors in RRW5 vote at present. The church is large enough to accommodate the additional electors.
- 3.9 The ward Councillors have been consulted on these recommendations and agree with them.

### **Polling stations**

- 3.10 The Returning Officer is proposing to make changes to polling stations as listed below to accommodate comments from Headteachers about the inconvenience of closing the schools to pupils on polling day:

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Existing polling station</b>	<b>Proposed polling station</b>
CCC1	St John's Infants School,	Balfour Junior School,
RSR3	Chattenden Primary School	Chattenden Community Centre,
RSS3	Sherwin Knight Infants School	Woodside Community centre

- 3.11 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.
- 3.12 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 Ministry of Justice as have been the costs of the AV Referendum. 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 between £6,000 and £10,000 depending if they all submit invoices. The proposals 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 2.2 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**

- 6.1 Council is recommended to 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 Council is recommended to 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

<b>Description of Background Papers</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
Representation of the People Act 1983 & Electoral Administration Act 2006 Electoral arrangements review file and working papers	Jane Ringham, ext 2864, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Gun Wharf

WARD: CHATHAM CENTRAL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT / POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
CCC1	ST JOHN INFANTS SCHOOL	CCC1	BALFOUR JUNIOR SCHOOL	St John's Infants School has indicated that it does not want to be used as a polling station because of the disruption caused to pupils and parents when the school closes. It is not feasible to identify a place within the school to use that allows pupils to be isolated. It is proposed to use Balfour Junior School as a suitable alternative. Glencoe Junior School declined to be used for the Local elections in May 2011 and White Road Community Centre was found as a suitable alternative. It is intended to continue to use that to minimise disruption to Glencoe Junior. All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2011 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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used.
RCH2	95 PILGRIMS ROAD	RCH2	95 PILGRIMS 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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2011 elections so continue to be used.
GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET	GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET		
GGN3	PAROCHIAL HALL	GGN3	PAROCHIAL HALL		
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		
GGS1	FORESTERS HALL	GGS1	FORESTERS HALL	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used
GGS2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL	GGS2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL		
GGS3	THE OLD VICARAGE	GGS3	THE OLD VICARAGE		
GGS4	BYRON SCHOOL	GGS4	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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. Access arrangements at Hempstead Scout Centre have been confirmed and a temporary ramp will be used in future. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 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 JUNIOR SCHOOL	CLC1	LORDSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2011 so continue to be used
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL	CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL		
CLC3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE	CLC3	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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 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	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	All polling districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 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/ CPP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	CPP1/ CPP2	CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING	The residents of Shawstead House in CPP1 currently vote at Church of Christ the King. In the light of a petition they submitted, it is proposed to create a separate polling district and polling place for the residents of Hopewell Drive and Glenwood Close and allocate them to vote at Shawstead House. All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used
CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL	CPP2	MAUNDENE SCHOOL		
CPP3/ CPP3	New polling district	CPP3/ 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	ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL	GRC1	ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No other adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 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		
					Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all other polling stations continue to be used
GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT	GRN1	SUFFOLK COURT	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	
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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations 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		
GR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No other adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 so all polling stations continue to be used.
GR2	MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE	RR2	MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE		
RR3	ST GEORGE'S HOTEL NEW ROAD AVENUE	RR3	ST GEORGE'S HOTEL NEW ROAD AVENUE		
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	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations 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

<b>POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>EXISTING POLLING STATION</b>	<b>PROPOSALS</b>		<b>REASONS FOR DECISION</b>	<b>RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS</b>
		<b>POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE</b>	<b>POLLING STATION</b>		
RRS1	BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL	RRS1	BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 election so all polling stations continue to be used.
RRS2	WARREN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	RRS2	WARREN WOOD 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	ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB	RRW1	THE INSTITUTE, ADJACENT TO MOAT HOUSE BOOKSHOP, CROW LANE	Rochester Cruising Club has indicated that the building will no longer be available as a polling station. It has been necessary to reconfigure the polling districts so that the electors in the northern part of existing polling district RRW1 form new RRW1 and vote at the Institute, with the remaining electors being merged into existing polling district RRW5 and voting at St Margaret's church. All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. In the light of comments made about access arrangements at Sherwood Cricket Club, a temporary ramp has now been built which will be used for all future elections. No adverse comments at May 2011 elections so all polling stations 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		
					Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections.
RSN1	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL	RSN1	ABBAY COURT SCHOOL	The part of Strood Academy used as a polling station is located in polling district RSR8 so it is proposed that the polling place for the polling district RSN4 is designated as RSR8. All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY	RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY		
RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH	RSN3	PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH		
RSN4/RSR8	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD	RSN4/RSR8	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD		
RSN5	ALL SAINTS CHURCH	RSN5	ALL SAINTS CHURCH		

WARD: STROOD RURAL

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNIGN OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL	RSR1	CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL	<p>Chattenden Primary School have indicated that they no longer wish to be used as polling station due to the disruption to pupils and parents when it closes. It is not feasible to identify a place within the school to use that allows pupils to be isolated. It is proposed to use Chattenden Community centre as a suitable alternative. All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.</p>	<p>No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used.</p>
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	FRINDBURY CRICKET CLUB	RSR5	FRINDBURY CRICKET CLUB		
RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSR6	HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL		
RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT	RSR7	MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT		
RSR8	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD	RSR8	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD		



WARD: STROOD SOUTH

POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	EXISTING POLLING STATION	PROPOSALS		REASONS FOR DECISION	RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL	RSS1	BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL	Sherwin Knight Infants School has indicated that it does not want to be used as a polling station because of the disruption caused to pupils and parents when the school closes. It is not feasible to identify a place within the school to use that allows pupils to be isolated. It is proposed to use Woodside Community Centre as a suitable alternative. All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used
RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	RSS2	ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL		
RSS3	SHERWIN KNIGHT INFANT SCHOOL	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
		POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE	POLLING STATION		
GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL	GT1	FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate	Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2011 elections so all polling stations continue to be used
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		
					Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2011 so continue to be used
CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE	CW1	HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE	All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate.	
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		
					Support the proposals. No adverse comments received on polling stations at May 2011 elections so other polling stations continue to be used
GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH	It has still not been possible to identify a suitable alternative polling station for electors in Polling District GW2 so it is proposed to continue designating the polling place for that polling district as GW1 and voters continue to be allocated to the Blue Room, Gillingham Methodist Church.	
GW2	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**

<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	95 PILGRIMS ROAD
RCH3	HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE
RCH4	HALLING JUBILEE HALL
GGN1	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL
GGN2	GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET
GGN3	PAROCHIAL HALL
GGN4	QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT
GGS1	FORESTERS HALL
GGS2	UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL
GGS3	THE OLD VICARAGE
GGS4	BYRON SCHOOL
GHW1	HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE
GHW2	WIGMORE LIBRARY
CLC1	LORDSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL
CLC2	ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL
CLC3	SHAWSTEAD HOUSE
CLW1	CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
CLW2	ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CLW3	THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA
CLW4	WAYFIELD PRIMARY 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	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

<b>POLLING DISTRICT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION</b>
GRS1	ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN
GRS2	MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL
GRS3	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, RAINHAM SITE
GRS4	UNITED SERVICES CLUB
RR1	ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE
RR2	MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE
RR3	ST GEORGE'S HOTEL, NEW ROAD
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 RIMARY 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	ABBEY COURT SCHOOL
RSN2	STROOD LIBRARY
RSN3	STROOD METHODIST CHURCH, CLIFFE RD
RSN4	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD
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	STROOD ACADEMY, CLIFFE ROAD
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
CW2	ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH
GW1	GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
GW2	BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
GW3	STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB