



AGENDA

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, 22 October 2014

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

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Quorum = 16

	Pages
1. Prayers	
2. Apologies for Absence	
3. Minutes	
To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 September 2014 (Minute Nos. 243 - 251) as a correct record.	
4. Declarations of Interest	
Councillors should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves or their spouse, civil partner or person with whom they are living with as a spouse or civil partner. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.	
The Chairman will ask Members if they have any interests to declare in respect of items on this agenda, under the following headings:	
(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) under the Localism Act	

2011. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DPI, the Member must leave the meeting and not take part in the discussion or vote. This applies even if there is provision for public speaking.

(b) Disclosable Non Pecuniary (DNPI) under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council in May 2012. The nature as well as the existence of any such interest must be declared. After declaring a DNPI interest, the Member may stay, speak and vote on the matter.

Advice to Members: If any Councillor has any doubt about the existence or nature of any DPI or DNPI which he/she may have in any item on this agenda, he/she should seek advice from the Director of Corporate Services as Monitoring Officer, the Head of Legal or from other Solicitors in Legal Services as early as possible, and in advance of the Meeting.

5. Mayor's Announcements

6. Questions submitted by the Public

To consider any questions submitted by the public. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm the Friday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

7. Questions submitted by Members

To consider any questions submitted by Members. (The deadline for questions is 4.30 pm the Wednesday before the meeting – please contact Democratic Services by e-mailing democraticservices@swale.gov.uk or call 01795 417330).

8. Leader's Statement

Members may ask questions on the Leader's Statement. (To follow).

9. Report of the Returning Officer

Council are asked to note the report of the Returning Officer which sets out the results of the Sheppey Central Ward By-Election on Thursday 16 October 2014. (Report to-follow).

10. Political Balance and Appointment to Committees 2014/15

Council is asked to agree the revised political balance calculations and Committee Membership for the remainder of 2014/15. (Report to-follow).

11. Polling Districts and Places

Council is asked to consider the report which sets out proposals regarding Polling Districts and Places and the recommendations from the General Purposes Committee on 6 October 2014.

12. Changes to Contract Standing Orders

Council is asked to consider the proposed changes to Contract Standing Orders and the recommendations from the General Purposes Committee on 6 October 2014. Report to-follow.

13. Recommendations for Approval

Council is asked to note the recommendations from the following meeting:

- (i) General Purposes Committee – 6 October 2014

The recommendations will be considered as part of the reports on Polling Districts and Places and Changes to Contract Standing Orders.

Issued on Tuesday, 14 October 2014

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Council	Agenda Item: 11
Meeting Date	22 October 2014
Report Title	Polling Districts and Places
Portfolio Holder	Leader
SMT Lead	Abdool Kara
Head of Service	Mark Radford
Lead Officer	Katherine Bescoby
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Forward Plan	N/A
Recommendations	1. That the polling districts and places as set in Appendix I and II be approved, as recommended by the General Purposes Committee.

1. Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Council was required to undertake a review of all polling districts and places within the 16 months from 1 October 2013, and a scheme for consultation purposes was agreed by General Purposes Committee on 3 February 2014.
- 1.2 This report sets out the results of the 12 week consultation. Appendix I sets out the wards where comments have been received as part of the consultation. Appendix II sets out those wards where no comments have been made. This was considered by the General Purposes Committee on Monday 6 October, and the proposals incorporate the feedback from that meeting.
- 1.3 At the General Purposes Committee meeting, Officers were asked to include an additional polling district in Sheerness East ward to allow for a portacabin at Vincent Gardens. Officers were also asked to look at whether an additional polling district should be made for the Great Easthall Estate (Murston ward).

2. Background

- 2.1 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a requirement for Councils to undertake a review of polling districts and places in 2007 and every four years thereafter. In practice, however, we do monitor this more regularly and have, when necessary, made arrangements for alternative polling places/stations with the agreement of the Council/(Acting) Returning Officer.
- 2.2 It may be useful to clarify that the Council is responsible for setting the polling district (a geographical area of a ward) and polling places (a geographical area within a polling district that the polling station must be located within). The Returning Officer is responsible for locating the polling station, which must be within the polling place.

- 2.3 There are currently 25 wards and 77 polling districts. There will be 24 wards and 82 polling districts if the proposals before Council are agreed.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Appendix I of the report sets out the consultation responses received by Ward, and the Returning Officer's responses and subsequent proposals. The General Purposes Committee considered the proposals and their recommendations are incorporated into this report.
- 3.2 Appendix II of the report sets out those Wards where, aside from a response in support of Bredgar Village Hall, no responses to the consultation were received. Consequently, no changes to the original proposals are being suggested, and the General Purposes Committee is asked to recommend to Council that the Polling Districts and Places be agreed as listed.

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 The Committee may make suggestions for alternative venues; however, consideration does need to be given to practical aspects in terms of venues available within the ward, particularly given the complexities of the number of polls taking place on 7 May 2015 (Parliamentary, Borough, and Parish).

5. Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.3 A Notice was published to launch the review and a webpage set up inviting people to make comments on the proposals. All Borough Ward Members, County Members, Parish Councils, MPs, and Party Contacts were made aware of the consultation and invited to give feedback.

6. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Localism
Financial, Resource and Property	We are seeking to retain the current number of polling stations (which must be located within the polling place); however, there will be additional costs as a result of hiring portacabins, particularly if generators are also required.
Legal and Statutory	The Council has undertaken the review in accordance with the Electoral Administration Act 2006.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this time.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage
Health & Wellbeing	None identified at this stage
Risk Management and Health and	The purpose of the review is to ensure that all voters have reasonable facilities for voting. It is important that venues meet

Safety	health and safety requirements so as not to put voters at risk. Polling Station staff are encouraged to give feedback on venues and each station is visited by a Polling Station Inspector on election day.
Equality and Diversity	The purpose of the review is to ensure that all electors in the Borough have reasonable facilities for voting, and that as far as is reasonable and practicable, facilities for voting are accessible for disabled people.

7. Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Polling Districts and Places: responses to review and proposals
- Appendix II: Polling Districts and Places: no responses received in opposition to the proposals

8. Background Papers

8.1 Details of the documents that were available for public consultation are available to view on our website
<http://www.swale.gov.uk/polling-district-review/>

Previous reports and minutes are also available to view www.swale.gov.uk

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Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2014: Responses to Consultation and Returning Officer's proposals

The following tables set out the proposed polling districts, polling places and polling stations in Swale, taking into account the new ward boundaries which take effect in May 2015. Proposed polling stations must be within the polling place.

As this review is looking ahead to May 2015, the electorate figures are as estimated in the final report produced by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Postal voters are also estimated as 12% of the electorate. The maximum number of voters for a polling station is 2,500.

District ward:		Abbey Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,337	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,817	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
FAE	Abbey East	Ward	St Mary of Charity Primary School, Orchard Place, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8AP
FAW	Abbey West	Polling district	St Mary of Charity Primary School, Orchard Place, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8AP
Consultation Responses			
Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Faversham Town Council	"The station was small with a single door into the room which made access and egress difficult."	No alternatives proposed – recognise that alternative venues are at a premium	Continue to use St Mary of Charity Primary School, but review access and egress arrangements.

District ward:		Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,104	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,612	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
BB	Bobbing	Polling District	Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8PL
BI	Iwade	Polling district	Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8RG
BLH	Lower Halstow	Polling district	Memorial Hall, School Lane, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7ES

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Consultation Responses			
Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Iwade Parish Council	"If the Parish Council has taken on the lease for The Barn it might be a suitable venue as a Polling Station."	The Barn	It is understood that The Barn may not be ready in May, and so I intend to continue with the current arrangement at the Village Hall.

District ward:		Borden & Grove Park Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,654	
Estimated number of voters at stations		4,096	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
BGB	Borden	Polling district	Borden Parish Hall, School Lane, Borden Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8JS
BGG	Grove Park	Polling district	Grove Park C.P School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1PT
BGBP	Grove Park – Bobbing Parish	Ward	Grove Park C.P School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1PT

Public Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Cllr Gareth Randall	<p>“Residents of Auckland Drive and its adjoining roads, known as the New Zealand estate (*), currently vote at Minterne County Junior School.</p> <p>1. The changes proposed in the document will force these residents to travel a considerable extra distance to vote at Grove Park Community Primary School instead. The walking distance will be roughly half as much longer again and the driving distance more like double.</p> <p>2. The new route also contains a steep hill.</p> <p>3. This area has a considerable number of elderly residents who may be deterred from</p>	<p>In summary, voters in the "New Zealand estate" (*) should continue to vote at Minterne school as first preference, or Westlands Primary school in Homewood Avenue as second preference.</p>	<p>I have given this careful consideration as I fully appreciate the points being made; however, it is not possible to use Minterne or Westlands Primary School as these venues are located within other wards and are already being used as polling stations for residents of the Homewood ward and the Woodstock ward. I therefore intend to use Grove Park School.</p>

voting by the distance or go to the wrong polling station through habit.

I believe that the residents of this area should be able to continue to vote at Minterne school, and that this area should be made in to a separate polling district in order to support this.

If for any reason Minterne school is not available as an option, the Westlands Primary School in Homewood Avenue is also at a very convenient walking distance (and again much closer than Grove Park school), so should be strongly considered.

I believe convenience and continuity are more important than whether a voter votes in their own ward, especially when they are already used to voting in a particular location. Besides, the proposals in the document would require drivers from Auckland Drive to leave the ward then re-enter it, undermining the case for having the polling station in the same ward.

(* The area I am referring to is: Auckland Drive, Hamilton Crescent, Russell Close, Dunedin Close, Napier Close, plus those parts of Borden Lane and the nearby part of Cryalls Lane which are in the new Borden and Grove Park ward.”

District ward:		Homewood Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,719	
Estimated number of voters at stations		4,153	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
HW	Homewood West	Polling district	Westlands Primary School, Homewood Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1XN (Ashdown House)
HC	Homewood Central	Ward	UK Paper Leisure Club, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4DE
HE	Homewood East	Polling district	UK Paper Leisure Club, Avenue of Remembrance, Sittingbourne, Kent ME10 4DE

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Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Feedback from Polling Station Staff at 2014 Elections	Wyvern Hall will not be available next year, but the bar area will.	UK Paper Leisure Club	I intend to use the UK Paper Leisure Club instead of the Wyvern Hall for HC and HE. (The polling districts have been revised as there were very few electors allocated to UK Paper).

District ward:		Minster Cliffs Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		5,856	
Estimated number of voters at stations		5,153	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
MCC	Minster Cliffs Central	Polling district	Minster CP School, Brecon Chase, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 2HX
MCE	Minster Cliffs East	Polling district	St.Georges Primary School, Chequers Road, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3QU
MCW	Minster Cliffs West	Ward	Communal Lounge, Invicta Lodge, Kent Avenue, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 2DZ

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Feedback from Polling Station at 2014 Elections	Communal Lounge - very cramped station. On street parking only, but many voters walk to the station.	Elliott Park School, Marina Drive	We have contacted Elliott Park School regarding availability and suitability for use as polling station on 7 May. At the time of writing this report no response has been received. As such, I intend to continue to use the Communal Lounge at Invicta Lodge. AmicusHorizon have confirmed that this venue is available.

District ward:		Priory Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		2,071	
Estimated number of voters at stations		1,822	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
FP	Priory	Polling district	Davington CP School, Priory Row, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7EQ

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Faversham Town Council	"Issues with car parking."	No alternatives proposed – recognise that alternative venues are at a premium	I intend to continue to use current venue; however, I will require the school to make the car park available and to use main hall for 7 May 2015.
Feedback from Polling Station at 2014 Elections	No parking; won't work for 2015. There were no parking spaces provided for voters and several complaints. Not good at school closing time.		

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District ward:		Queenborough and Halfway Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		5,821	
Estimated number of voters at stations		5,122	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
QHE	Halfway East	Polling district	Halfway Houses C.P School, Southdown Road, Halfway, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3BE
QHW	Halfway West	Polling districts of QHE and QHW	Halfway Houses C.P School, Southdown Road, Halfway, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3BE
QQ	Queenborough	Polling district	Castle Connections, Railway Terrace, Well Road, Queenborough, Sheerness, Kent, ME11 5AY
QR	Rushenden	Polling district	Communal Lounge, Manor Close, Rushenden, Sheerness, Kent, ME11 5NB

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Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Feedback from Polling Station at 2014 Elections	Queenborough Library too small for a combined General/Local and Town Council Election.	Castle Connections or Sheppey Hall, both have plentiful parking.	I intend to use the Castle Connections venue for the Queenborough polling district as this will provide more room for voters in the polling station.

District ward:		Sheerness Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		7,365	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		6,481	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
SEE	Sheerness East East	Polling district	Richmond Primary School, Nursery Close, St. Helen's Road, Sheerness
SEC	Sheerness East Central	Ward	Vincent Court, Vincent Gardens, Sheerness has been suggested as a venue. However this is not available to use as a polling station. The General Purposes Committee recommended that we use a portacabin at Vincent Gardens.
SEW	Sheerness West South	Polling district	West Minster Primary School, St. Georges Avenue, Sheerness
SEW	Sheerness West North	Polling district	Seashells Children and Families Centre, Rose Street, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1AW
SEW	Sheerness East West	Polling district	Sheerness County Youth Club, Broadway, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1TP

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Cllr Mark Ellen	"The Youth Club as always and the Academy, formally Cheyne School, would be my choices."	The Youth Club is one of the proposed polling stations but the Academy is an alternative proposal for this Ward.	I intend to continue to use the Youth Club as a polling station. The Academy is not suitable given it is a secondary school and suitable alternatives are available.
Online Form x 2	Happy with current arrangements	N/A	In respect of the proposal to use Vincent Court, unfortunately this

			is not available to hire. The General Purposes Committee recommended that we look to use a portacabin at Vincent Gardens. Therefore 5 polling districts are suggested.
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District ward:		St. Ann's Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,035	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		3,551	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
FSE	St Ann's East	Polling district	St Jude Welcome Centre, 34 Tanners Street, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7JW
FSW	St Ann's West	Polling district	West Faversham Community Centre, Bysing Wood Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 7RH

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
<p>29/09/15 Faversham Town Council</p>	<p>"There was some discussion about access issues, particularly in relation to the St Jude Welcome Centre. This was on a long slope making it difficult for those with access issues, unless they came by car. That was also likely to cause problems given the narrowness of the venue's access."</p> <p>"The West Faversham Community Centre unintentionally took voters on a tour of the centre to reach the polling station."</p>	<p>No alternatives proposed – recognise that alternative venues are at a premium</p>	<p>Re St Jude Welcome Centre, as there are no suitable alternatives available, I intend to continue to use this venue as a polling station. As in previous elections, a flyer will be sent with the poll card to ensure that voters are made aware of access arrangements and voting methods available.</p> <p>Re West Faversham Community Centre, I intend to continue to use this venue as a polling station; however, we will look at the location of the polling station within the building.</p>

District ward:		Teynham and Lynsted Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,124	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		3,629	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
TLL	Luddenham	Polling district	Oare Village Hall, Church Road, Oare, Faversham,, Kent, ME13 0QA
TLO	Oare	Polling district	Oare village Hall, Church Road, Oare, Faversham,, Kent, ME13 0QA
TLT	Tonge	Polling district	Bapchild Village Hall, School Lane, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 9NL
PLY	Lynsted with Kingsdown	Polling district	Lynsted & Norton School, Lynsted Lane, Lynsted, Sittingbourne,, Kent, ME9 0RL
TNB	Norton, Buckland and Stone	Polling district	Norton Village Hall, Norton, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0SW
TTN	Teynham North	Polling district	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, Teynham, Kent, ME9 9TU
TTS	Teynham South	Polling district	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, Teynham, Kent, ME9 9TU

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Online form	"Some time ago I contacted our then local councillors (they did not respond) after a conversation I had with a group of elderly residents. As the majority of the	Perhaps a section of the Belle Friday Centre could be an additional polling station.	Unfortunately there is no parking for the Belle Friday Centre. Whilst I appreciate the comments made online, I intend to continue to use Lynsted and

	<p>population of Lynsted w Kingsdown is housed along London Road they felt it very unfair to place the polling station in Lynsted Village School. This would require a (very infrequent) bus journey. When I explained they could ask for a lift to the school most said they were very uncomfortable with that. I would of suggested postal voting but as someone who was denied a vote last time because SBC did not send us our voting papers (did complain but no response) I didn't think I could advocate it."</p>		Norton School.
Online Form	Happy with current arrangements	N/A	

District ward:		The Meads Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		2,289	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		2,014	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
TM	The Meads	Ward	To be agreed – community centre or alternative
TMBP	The Meads Bobbing Parish	Ward	To be agreed – community centre or alternative

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
County Cllr Mike Baldock	"I have serious reservations about the voters in Meads Bobbing Ward voting at Bobbing Hall which is outside the Meads Electoral area."	No alternative proposed	The arrangements have been revised following this feedback to allow for all voters of the Meads Ward to vote in the same location, and in the Meads ward. However, this needs to be carefully managed with regard to the Meads Bobbing Parish polling district.
Cllr Mike Whiting	"In the Meads, I would suggest both TM and TMBP use the same polling station, and that that polling station be on the Meads or the Watermark development. It seems wrong to expect people to travel to Bobbing Village Hall, the other side of the A249, when a polling place is to be set up on	Shops and a pub and the new community centre.	

	<p>the estate on which they live, a polling place that could be shared for the two polling districts. If you are looking for suggestions, then I am stumped!</p> <p>However, there are shops and a pub and the new community centre and health centre may be up and running by May 2015.”</p>		
Mr James Hunt	<p>“Hopefully the community centre will have been built by then but if not could the council please ensure that other polling stations are investigated for residents? With The Meads being a new ward it would be good if those residents had a polling station within their ward so they didn’t have to travel too far and it was more convenient for them. I understand that some of the ward comes under Bobbing Parish Council and there may be parish elections at the same time but there may be ways of keeping both polling stations within the ward boundary and within the parish.”</p>	<p>Some possibilities for investigation could be The Watermark buildings, The Jenny Wren, the local shops, Quinton Village Hall, houses, or even a caravan that some rural locations use.</p>	<p>At the time of writing it is understood that the community facility is unlikely to be available for 7 May 2015, and so alternatives within the ward will be considered, and a mobile unit hired if necessary.</p>

District ward:		Watling Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,428	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		3,897	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
FWE	Watling East	Polling district	Preston Schoolroom, Preston Lane, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8LG
FWW	Watling West	Polling district	Ethelbert Rd Primary School, Ethelbert Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 8SQ

Consultation Responses

Name	Response	Alternative proposals	Returning Officer's proposal
Faversham Town Council	"Voters could have long distances to travel."	No alternatives proposed – recognise that alternative venues are at a premium	I intend to continue to use the school as a polling station.
Feedback from European Parliamentary elections	Asks whether Preston Schoolroom is fit for use.	Possible joint station again at Ethelbert Road School	I have visited Preston Schoolroom and intend to continue to use this venue as a polling station.
Online Form	Happy with current arrangements	N/A	
Online Form	Happy with current arrangements	N/A	

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Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2014: no responses received to consultation in opposition to the proposals

The following tables set out the proposed polling districts, polling places and polling stations in Swale, taking into account the new ward boundaries which take effect in May 2015. Proposed polling stations must be within the polling place.

As this review is looking ahead to May 2015, the electorate figures are as estimated in the final report produced by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Postal voters are also estimated as 12% of the electorate. The maximum number of voters for a polling station is 2,500.

District ward:		Boughton and Courtenay Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,395	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,868	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
BBO	Boughton	Polling district	Boughton Village Hall, Boughton, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9AH
BDU	Dunkirk	Polling district	Dunkirk Village Hall, London Road, Dunkirk, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9LF
BFW	Faversham Without	Ward	Graveney Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane, Graveney, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9DQ
BGO	Goodnestone	Ward	Graveney Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane, Graveney, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9DQ
BGR	Graveney	Polling district	Graveney Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane, Graveney, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9DQ
BHE	Hernhill	Polling district	Village Hall, Hernhill, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9JG
BSE	Selling	Polling district	Selling Village Hall, The Street, Selling, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9RQ
BSH	Sheldwich	Polling district	Village Hall, Sheldwich, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0NG

Returning Officer's proposals or comments

My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.

Consultation Responses

No responses were received relating to the proposals for Boughton and Courtenay Ward.

District ward:		Chalkwell Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		2,029	
Estimated number of voters at stations		1,786	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
C	Chalkwell	Polling district	New House Sports & Youth Centre, Chalkwell Road, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2LP

Returning Officer's proposals or comments

My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.

Consultation Responses

No responses were received relating to the proposals for Chalkwell Ward.

District ward:		East Down's Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		2,137	
Estimated number of voters at stations		1,881	
Constituency:		Faversham and Mid Kent	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
EBA	Badlesmere	Polling district	Village Hall, Sheldwich, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0NG
EDO	Doddington	Polling district	Village Hall, Doddington, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 0BH
EE	Eastling	Polling district	Eastling Village Hall, Eastling, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0BA
ELE	Leaveland	Polling district	Sheldwich Village Hall, Faversham, Kent ME13 0NG
ENE	Newnham	Polling district	Newnham Village Hall, The Street, Newnham, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 0LW
EOS	Ospringe	Polling district	Whitehill Chapel, Painters Forstal, Faversham, Kent, ME13 0DU
EST	Stalisfield	Polling district	The Old Vicarage, Stalisfield Road, Stalisfield Green (until village hall is rebuilt)
ETH	Throwley	Polling district	Portacabin On The Green, Throwley Forstal, Faversham, Kent
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
<p>My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.</p> <p>We have been advised that Whitehill Chapel may now be available for the election on 7 May 2015.</p>			
Consultation Responses			
No responses were received relating to the proposals for East Down's Ward.			

District ward:		Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,513	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,971	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
HH	Hartlip	Polling district	Hartlip Village Hall, Hartlip, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7TH
HN	Newington	Polling district	Newington Village Hall, High Street, Newington, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7JJ
HU	Upchurch	Polling district	Upchurch Village Hall, Upchurch, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7EU
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
<p>Proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.</p>			
Consultation Responses			
<p>No responses were received relating to the proposals for Hartlip, Newington and Upchurch Ward.</p>			

District ward:		Kemsley Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,209	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,704	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
KC	Kemsley Central	Polling district	Kemsley Village Hall, The Square, Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2SL
KN	Kemsley North	Ward	Kemsley Village Hall, The Square, Ridham Avenue, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2SL
KS	Kemsley South	Polling district	Clock Tower Hall, Adisham Green, Kemsley, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2RQ
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
<p>Given the size of the electorate in this ward it may be possible to allocate two rather than three polling districts, but feedback is welcome.</p> <p>My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.</p>			
Consultation Responses			
<p>No responses were received relating to the proposals for Kemsley Ward. I have given further consideration to the size of the electorate in this area and intend to continue to have a double station at Kemsley Village Hall.</p>			

District ward:		Milton Regis Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,265	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,753	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling Place	Polling station
MRN	Milton Regis North	Ward	Milton Court Primary Academy, Brewery Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2EE
MRS	Milton Regis South	Polling district	Milton Court Primary Academy, Brewery Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2EE
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.			
Consultation Responses			
29 responses were received relating to the proposals for Milton Regis Ward.			

District ward:		Murston Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,408	
Estimated number of voters at stations		3,879	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
MUN	Murston North	Polling district	Murston Junior School, Sunny Bank, Murston, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3QN
MUS	Murston South	Polling district	Lansdowne Primary School, Gladstone Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3BH
MUE	Murston Easthall	Ward	To be explored.
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
<p>Proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.</p>			
Consultation Responses			
<p>No responses were received relating to the proposals for Murston Ward.</p> <p>The General Purposes Committee asked for consideration to be given to an additional polling district for the Great Easthall Estate, and so an additional polling district is included.</p>			

District ward:		Roman Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,699	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		4,135	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
RE	Roman East	Polling district	Sittingbourne Community College, Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4NL
RW	Roman West	Polling district	South Avenue Infants School, South Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4SU
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.			
Consultation Responses			
No responses were received relating to the proposals for Roman Ward.			

District ward:		Sheppey Central Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		6,096	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		5,364	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
SCM	Sheppey Central Mid	Polling district	Minster CP School, Minster Road, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 2HX
SCS	Sheppey Central South	Polling district	Thistle Hill Community Centre, 4 Laurel Road, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3FG
SCW	Sheppey Central West	Polling district	County Library, Minster Road, Minster, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 3NP
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations. Minster South Parish Ward falls within this ward.			
Consultation Responses			
No responses were received relating to the proposals for Sheppey Central Ward.			

District ward:		Sheppey East Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		3,965	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		3,489	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling station
SHE	Eastchurch	Polling district	Eastchurch Village Hall, Warden Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4EJ
SHL	Leysdown	Polling district	Leysdown Village Hall, Wing Road, Leysdown, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 4QR
SHMEP	Minster East Parish	Ward	Eastchurch Village Hall, Warden Road, Eastchurch, Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4EJ
SHW	Warden	Polling district	Warden Village Hall, Warden Bay Road, Warden Bay, Sheppey, Kent, ME12 4NB
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.			
Consultation Responses			
No responses were received relating to the proposals for Sheppey East Ward.			

District ward:		West Downs Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		2,167	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		1,907	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling stations
WBA	Bapchild	Polling district	Bapchild Village Hall, School Lane, Bapchild, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 9NL
WBR	Bredgar	Polling district	Bredgar Village Hall, Bexon Lane, Bredgar, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8HB
WDM	Milstead	Polling district	Milstead Village Hall, Milstead, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 OSD
WDR	Rodmersham	Polling district	Village Hall, Rodmersham Green, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 0PL
WDT	Tunstall Rural Parish	Polling district	Tunstall Village Hall, Tunstall Road, Tunstall, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1YZ
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.			
Consultation Responses			
Bredgar Parish Council, Bredgar Village Hall Committee and Bredgar Primary School made the following submission: "Have no particular comments to make on the proposed continued use of Bredgar Village Hall for Council elections."			

District ward:		Woodstock Ward	
Estimated electorate (2017)		4,111	
Estimated No. of voters at polling stations		3,618	
Constituency:		Sittingbourne and Sheppey	
Polling district letters	Polling district	Polling place	Polling stations
WOW	Woodstock West	Polling district	Minterne Junior School, Minterne Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1SB
WOE	Woodstock East	Polling district	Minterne Junior School, Minterne Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1SB
WOTP	Tunstall Urban Parish	Ward	Minterne Junior School, Minterne Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1SB
Returning Officer's proposals or comments			
My proposals for polling stations are set out above. Feedback is welcome, including suggestions for alternative polling stations.			
Consultation Responses			
No responses were received relating to the proposals for Woodstock Ward.			