



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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To all Members of Stroud District Council

08 January 2020

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the **STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill on **THURSDAY 16 JANUARY 2020 at 7.00 pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: This meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.stroud.gov.uk). By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the Council's meeting held on 19 December 2019.

4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive announcements from the Chair of Council.

5 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chairs of Committees will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Monday, 13 January 2020

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post or email (democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk)

6 REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2019

To make final recommendations to the polling districts and places arrangements in the district following public consultation and incorporating the Community Governance Review agreed changes approved at Full Council.

7 APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

To seek approval for the appointment of a new Independent Remuneration Panel to conduct a forthcoming review of the Scheme of Councillor's Allowances.

8 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 5 for deadline for submission.

9 MOTIONS

9a Motion regarding Dying to Work Charter is proposed by Councillor Fryer and seconded by Councillor Cornell.

"This Council recognises that:

- Many employees get a serious illness at some time in their working lives. They may require time off, often many months, to get treatment or recover. However, sometimes there is no effective treatment. In these cases they may face a time of huge emotional stress, fear and uncertainty.
- UK Social Security legislation defines a terminal illness as: "a progressive disease where death as a consequence of that disease can reasonably be expected within 6 months", however many patients can have a terminal illness and survive much longer than 6 months.
- Being told that you are to die as a result of a disease for which there is no cure or effective treatment and that you only have months, or at best a year or so to live is a traumatic event and everyone will react differently.
- Sometimes the nature of the illness is such that the person is unlikely to be able to work again. In other cases, a person may decide that they do not want to work anymore and would rather spend their remaining time with their family and friends, getting their affairs in order, or simply doing what they want. However, a lot of employees with a terminal diagnosis decide that they want to continue working as long as they can, either because they need the financial security or because they find that their work can be a helpful distraction from their illness. Whichever choice a person makes, they should be able to expect help and support from their employer. Unfortunately the experience of many workers is that their employer is either unsympathetic or puts up barriers to them continuing in work.
- If a worker with a terminal illness loses their job they lose their income. They can also lose any death in service payments they have earned through a life-time of work but are only payable to those that die while still in employment.

This Council therefore **RESOLVES** to:

- **Review sick pay and sickness absence procedures** and include a specific statement that they will not dismiss any person with a terminal diagnosis because of their condition.
- **Ensure that they have an Employee Assistance Programme** that has the capacity and competency to provide support to any person with a terminal illness, including access to counselling and financial advice.
- **Provide training to line managers and all HR staff** on dealing with terminal illness, including how to discuss future plans with any worker who has a diagnosis of a terminal illness, and on what adaptations to work arrangements that may be necessary.
- **Adopt the Dying to Work Charter*** and notify all employees that they have made the commitments contained in it.

TUC Dying to Work Charter

This charter sets out an agreed way in which our employees will be supported, protected and guided throughout their employment, following a terminal diagnosis.

- We recognise that terminal illness requires support and understanding and not additional and avoidable stress and worry.
- Terminally ill workers will be secure in the knowledge that we will support them following their diagnosis and we recognise that, safe and reasonable work can help maintain dignity, offer a valuable distraction and can be therapeutic in itself.
- We will provide our employees with the security of work, peace of mind and the right to choose the best course of action for themselves and their families which helps them through this challenging period with dignity and without undue financial loss.
- We support the TUC's Dying to Work campaign so that all employees battling terminal illness have adequate employment protection and have their death in service benefits protected for the loved ones they leave behind."

9b Motion to Adopt Parental Leave is proposed by Councillor Curley and seconded by Councillor Lydon.

"This Council notes:

- That analysis of the 2019 Local Election results by the Fawcett Society found that only 35% of councillors in England are women, up 1% since 2018;
- As of October 2019, 27 councils have passed the LGA Labour Group's Parental Leave policy, and an additional 9 councils have their own parental leave policy in place;
- In 2019, the LGA co-produced the 21st Century Councils Equalities Toolkit with MHCLG. The toolkit recommends that councils adopt a parental leave policy, and they link to the LGA Labour's Parental Leave policy as a model to adopt;
- That the role of a councillor should be open to all, regardless of their background, and that introducing a parental leave policy is a step towards encouraging a wider range of people to become councillors, and is also a step to encourage existing councillors who may want to start a family to remain as councillors;

- That parental leave must apply to parents regardless of their gender, and that it should also cover adoption leave to support those parents who choose to adopt.

This Council RESOLVES:

- To adopt the parental leave policy drafted by the LGA Labour Group's Women's Taskforce to give all councillors an entitlement to parental leave after giving birth or adopting;
- To ensure that councillors with children and other caring commitments are supported as appropriate;
- That a cross-party group of councillors and officers is established to use the LGA/MHCLG Toolkit* to consider SDC's existing practices, celebrate what is working, share good practice and produce an action plan to support existing councillors who are women, parents and carers as well as potential candidates for 2020. The group to report back to council in April 2020."

Note

*Twenty-First Century Councils: Enabling And Supporting Women, Parents And Carers To Stand And Serve In Local Government
https://www.local.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/11.152_Equalities_toolkit_v06.pdf



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COUNCIL MEETING

19 December 2019

7.00 pm – 8.27 pm

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Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

Minutes

Membership

Martin Baxendale	P	Nick Hurst	A	Nigel Prenter	P
Dorcas Binns	P	George James	P	Skeena Rathor	P
Catherine Braun	P	Julie Job	P	Sue Reed	P
Chris Brine	A	Haydn Jones	P	Mark Reeves	P
Miranda Clifton	P	John Jones	P	Steve Robinson*	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Norman Kay	P	Mattie Ross	P
Doina Cornell	P	Darren Loftus	A	Tom Skinner	A
Gordon Craig	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Nigel Studdert-Kennedy	P
Rachel Curley	P	John Marjoram	P	Haydn Sutton	P
Stephen Davies	P	Phil McAsey	A	Brian Tipper	P
Paul Denney	A	Karen McKeown	P	Chas Townley	A
Jim Dewey	P	Jenny Miles	A	Jessica Tomblin	A
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Dave Mossman	A	Ken Tucker	P
Chas Fellows	P	Gill Oxley	A	Martin Whiteside	P
Colin Fryer	P	Keith Pearson	P	Tim Williams	A
Lindsey Green	P	Simon Pickering	P	Tom Williams	P
Trevor Hall	P	Gary Powell**	A	Debbie Young	A

**Chair *Vice-Chair P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive

Principal Accountant

Democratic Services & Elections Officer

Interim Head of Legal Services and
Monitoring Officer

Democratic Services & Elections Manager

Others in Attendance

Head of Health and Wellbeing, Commercial Services Manager, Environment Protection Manager, Senior Animal Welfare Officer and Head of Community Services.

CL.035 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brine, Denney, Hurst, Loftus, McAsey, Miles, Mossman, Oxley, Powell, Skinner, Townley, Tomblin, Tim Williams and Young.

In the absence of Councillor Powell the meeting was chaired by Councillor Robinson the Vice-Chair of Council. He announced that Agenda Item 8 – Supporting and Signposting

Victims of Domestic Violence, Mental and Financial Abuse would be deferred to a future meeting.

CL.036 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

CL.037 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the Council's meeting held on 17 October 2019 are confirmed and signed as a correct record.

CL.038 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair confirmed that he had several awards to present to Officers.

- a. The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Highly Commended award in 'Best Business Support' category for our ongoing commitment to help combat red tape and regulation, and encourage businesses to excel in areas such as food safety. This award was presented at the FSB awards on Friday, 22 November 2019 in Gloucester.
- b. The Association for Public Service Excellence award for the most improved performer in Environmental Health which was presented at the APSE awards on Thursday, 5 December 2019 in Blackpool.

The Head of Health and Wellbeing, the Commercial Services Manager and the Environmental Protection Manager collected these awards on behalf of the team.

Councillor Ross, Chair of Community Services and Licensing Committee presented the Senior Animal Welfare Officer with the RSPCA 'Paw Prints' silver award for the work that had been carried out on animal activity licensing and the RSPCA 'Paw Prints' gold award for the Council's Stray Dog Service.

On behalf of his service, the Head of Community Services collected the RSPCA 'Paw Prints' bronze award for Contingency Planning.

Changes to the Civic Timetable

- a. The Development Control Committee on Tuesday, 7 January 2020 had been cancelled due to lack of business.
- b. An additional Council meeting would be held on Thursday, 16 January 2020 because two reports, the Polling District Review and the Appointment of Independent Remuneration Panel Members were not able to be completed in time for this meeting due to the recent general election.
- c. The Housing Committee on Tuesday, 11 February 2020 had been cancelled due to lack of business.

Leader

Following the Parliamentary Election last week Siobhan Baillie was congratulated as the newly elected MP for the Stroud Constituency and the Leader would be arranging to meet her in the New Year. David Drew had also been contacted and thanked him for all of his hard work.

Chief Executive

An update was provided on the 4 new Strategic Director Appointments:-

- a. Andrew Cummings - Strategic Director of Resources already in post,
- b. Caron Starkey - Strategic Director of Change and Transformation (started last week),
- c. Brendan Cleere - Strategic Director of Place (starts on 6 January 2020), and
- d. following an interview on Monday Keith Gerrard had been appointed as the new Strategic Director of Communities and would be starting in the New Year.

CL.039 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

CL.040 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

RESOLVED To note the appointment of Sandra Longstreth as the new Tenant Representative.

CL.041 **UBICO BOARD ARRANGEMENTS AND DELEGATIONS**

In presenting the above report, the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer outlined the changes to the makeup of the Ubico Board. He drew Members' attention to paragraphs 1.2 and 6 within the report.

Councillor Pickering proposed the report, which was seconded by Councillor Lydon. The Proposer urged Members to support the recommendations.

When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

- RESOLVED**
1. To note the changes to the composition of the Ubico Board.
 2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to be the Shareholder Representative, to take all decisions as such and to sign the Shareholder Agreement in consultation with the Leader.
 3. That the relevant Strategic Director or Head of Service be the Council's Local Authority Director on the Ubico Board.

CL.042 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**Audit and Standards Committee – 19 November 2019

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy, the Chair of Audit and Standards Committee presented the two reports. He drew attention to paragraph 5 on page 43, the current financial position. He also confirmed that the Chair of Committee was not a member of the alliance.

Councillor Pickering enquired where did the risk of climate change on the financial viability of the Council sit. A number of big financial houses are requesting financial

disclosure. Councillor Studdert-Kennedy stated that Audit and Standards Committee checked a process after it had taken place.

Councillor James proposed a Motion to amend the wording from “independent member” to “independent person”, as this may cause confusion.

Councillor Tom Williams stated that each Committee should scrutinise their own work. If there was a concern it should be defined and added onto the Council’s risk register, which is reviewed at each meeting by Audit and Standards Committee. Committees define the risks and Audit and Standards Committee review them.

Before the vote a discussion ensued regarding the wording proposed by Councillor James. Councillor Pearson suggested that the wording “an independent person is co-opted as a Member of the Audit and Standards Committee”. The Monitoring Officer and Chair of Committee concurred.

Members unanimously agreed to the amendment. When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

- RESOLVES**
- 1. The Audit and Standards Committee’s Terms of Reference are approved.**
 - 2. That an independent person is co-opted as a Member of the Audit and Standards Committee on a non-voting basis.**
 - 3. That the appointment of the independent person is delegated to the Audit of Standards Committee.**
 - 4. That the process for selecting and recommending an appropriate candidate is delegated to the Strategic Director of Resources in consultation with the Chair of Audit and Standards Committee.**

Half Year Treasury Management Activity Report 2019/20

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy outlined the report making reference to various paragraphs contained therein.

Councillor Pickering asked if the Audit and Standards Committee had assessed the risk of climate change on any of the investments in respect of yield and return; the risks in the long term and what factors had been assessed on those risks. Had we asked these questions of our investors to ensure that our investments are safe and give the Council the best return.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy stated that the investments had been discussed by a cross-party group and put investments into asset funding expecting them to perform. We do not always have the knowledge of where these investments are going. We need a framework on how this could be done.

Councillor Curley was a member on the cross-party group. She confirmed that the group had looked very carefully into each of the companies’ investment strategies and had done their best to ensure that investors had been discounted if they invested in fossil fuels.

In response to Councillor Tipper’s concern that the Council should ensure that the Council received value for money, Councillor Studdert-Kennedy stated that this was always considered.

Councillor Pickering stated that he wanted to ensure that the Council received a maximum return on investments and that they were safe.

Councillor Studdert-Kennedy confirmed that the CCLA had moved since discussions had taken place and a final decision would be taken at February's Council meeting.

When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED To approve the Treasury Management Activity Half Year Report for 2019/20.

Environment Committee – 5 December 2019

Councillor Simon Pickering, the Chair of Environment Committee presented these items, a Carbon Neutral update report and Adoption of Byelaws.

In reply to Members' questions the Leader confirmed that the informal discussion group would be a non-decision making cross party group.

The Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer clarified that businesses had to be registered to carry out procedures and if they did not adhere to the legislation enforcement action would be taken to protect members of the public.

Councillor Pickering confirmed that the informal round table group would also liaise with other groups and report back. In summing up he stated that we were not doing enough to keep fossil fuels in the ground and should all be looking at using less energy. The energy we do use should be from renewable sources. The Council needed to work with other partners and community groups.

When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED 1. To set up an informal round table discussion group to progress strategy around CN2030 on a cross party basis with members to be nominated by each political group.

2. To authorise the Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to affix the common seal to new Byelaws for the regulation of businesses that carry out acupuncture, tattooing cosmetic piercing, semi-permanent skin-colouring, and electrolysis and carry out the necessary procedure and apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation.

3. Subject to the confirmation of the proposed new Byelaws, take such steps necessary to revoke the Council's existing Byelaws relating to acupuncture, tattooing, ear piercing and electrolysis that came into force on 1 August 1986.

Council Tax – Long Term Empty Property Premium

Councillor Cornell, the Chair of Strategy and Resources Committee confirmed that the Council currently had 193 properties that were affected within the district. This figure would be reduced as the sheltered housing redevelopment programme progressed. Now that the HRA cap had been lifted Cambridge House, Dursley can be retained.

When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED That the Long Term Empty Property Premium (currently set at 50%) is:-

1. Increased to 100% from 1 April 2020 for those properties which have been empty for two years and over;
2. Increased to 200% from 1 April 2020 for those properties which have been empty for five years and over;
3. Increased to 300% from 1 April 2021 for those properties which are/have been empty for ten years and over.

CL.043 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW AMENDED
RECOMMENDATIONS

Councillor Davies, the Chair of the Community Governance Review Working Group presented the recommendations. He outlined the work that had taken place since the Council meeting on 18 July 2019. On 2 December 2019 mediation between Kingwood Parish Council and Wotton-under-Edge Town Council had taken place resulting in an amendment to the boundary. A map was displayed showing the area of land in question highlighted in yellow.

When put to the vote, the Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLVED 1. To approve the amendment to the recommendation to Kingswood Parish Council and Wotton-under-Edge Town Council boundary following the Community Governance Review;

2. To authorise the Democratic Services and Elections Manager to request the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make a related alteration order to change the district ward boundary; and
3. To authorise the Interim Head of Legal Services to make a reorganisation or community governance order to implement the change if agreed by Council.

CL.044 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

One question was submitted by Councillor Davies and was answered by the Leader, Councillor Cornell. (Refer to the [Council's webcast](#) and Item 11).

The meeting closed at 8.27pm.

Chair

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
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**AGENDA
ITEM NO**

16 JANUARY 2020

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Report Title	REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS 2019
Purpose of Report	To make final recommendations to the polling districts and places arrangements in the district following public consultation and incorporating the Community Governance Review agreed changes approved by Council.
Decision(s)	Council RESOLVES to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the schedule of polling districts and polling places 2020; 2. authorise the Democratic Services and Elections Manager to make necessary amendments to the register of electors. 3. Delegate responsibility to the Returning Officer to make any further polling place and polling station changes as necessary.
Consultation and Feedback	The review was undertaken in accordance with the published guidance and public consultation took place between Monday 12 August to Monday 14 October 2019 where Elected Members, County Councillors, MP's, Parish/Town Councils, resident associations, local disability groups and the public were invited to comment. Consultation responses are included in Appendix A.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	There are no significant financial implications arising from the changes proposed in this report. Lucy Clothier, Interim Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754343 Email: lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk
Legal Implications	All legal implications are set out in the body of the report Patrick Arran Interim Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754369 Email: patrick.arran@stroud.gov.uk
Report Author	Hannah Emery Democratic Services and Elections Manager Tel: 01453 754383 Email: hannah.emery@stroud.gov.uk
Options	The revised scheme of polling districts and places must be adopted to ensure that all polling district boundaries are cohesive with the recently adopted Community Governance Review boundary amendments.
Background Papers/ Appendices	Appendix A: Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2020 (includes consultation responses and link to map)

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Review was undertaken as required under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and Electoral Administration Act 2013, and in accordance with relevant Electoral Commission Guidance.
- 1.2 Neither the boundaries for the parliamentary constituencies, local ward or parish boundaries are considered by this review.
- 1.3 The review requires the Acting Returning Officer (ARO) for each constituency which is wholly or partly in its area to comment on the existing and proposed arrangements.
- 1.4 There are a number of legislative guidelines which must be taken into consideration when undertaking a polling district review, these are:
 - 1.4.1 Each parish is to be a separate polling district unless special circumstances apply;
 - 1.4.2 The Council must designate a polling place for each polling district unless the situation of the polling station does not materially affect the convenience of the elector;
 - 1.4.3 A polling place must be in the area in the polling district unless special circumstances mean it is not possible to locate an appropriate place for polling, then it can be wholly or partly moved outside of the polling district;
 - 1.4.4 The polling place must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station;
 - 1.4.5 Seek to ensure all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - 1.4.6 Seek to ensure the polling place has appropriate accessibility for electors who are disabled as far as is reasonable.
- 1.5 The public consultation ran from the 12 August to the 14 October and during this time the review was publicised regularly in addition to a dedicated page on the Council's website. In total, 22 consultation responses were received.

2. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS

- 2.1 Appendix 1 to the report details the proposed amendments to polling districts and polling places including the associated electoral areas together with consultee comments and the Acting Returning Officer comments.
- 2.2 **Amendments to Polling District References**
- 2.3 The current polling districts are labelled with a series of letters and a number that relate to the name of the district ward they are part of i.e. AW1, B1. It is proposed that an amendment to the polling district references is made to reflect the current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission states that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier

could cause confusion to elector numbers and therefore it is proposed that the polling district references are amended to letters only, i.e. AWA, BA etc.

- 2.4 This is with the exception of Minchinhampton polling districts which cannot be referenced MA, MB etc because Cotswold District Council use the same references for their polling districts and this would cause confusion at the time of a Parliamentary election when Minchinhampton forms part of the Cotswold Constituency. It is therefore recommended that Minchinhampton polling districts are referenced MAA, MBB, MCC etc.

2.5 **Amendments to polling district boundaries and names**

- 2.6 Amberley and Rodborough South Ward polling district boundary amendment: Following the Community Governance Review (CGR) in 2019, an amendment to the Amberley Parish boundary was approved to transfer 16 properties from Rodborough (South Ward Div 2) into Amberley. From this amendment the polling district boundary must be realigned to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Amberley and Rodborough.

- 2.7 Bisley and Chalford polling district boundary amendment: Following the CGR, an amendment to the Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) Parish boundary was approved to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge to Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1). It was also agreed that Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) would absorb 4 properties on Middle Hill from Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1). From this amendment the polling district boundary must be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundaries.

- 2.8 Cainscross and Stonehouse polling district boundary amendment: The outcome of the CGR resulted in the renaming of the parish/town wards which need to be reflected in the naming of the polling districts, it is therefore proposed that Stonehouse (Ebley Ward) is renamed to Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward). In addition to the name change, an amendment to the boundary of Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward) split the polling district to transfer 132 properties to Cainscross (Ebley Ward) and retain 57 properties in Stonehouse (Ebley Ward). From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Cainscross (Ebley Ward) and Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward).

- 2.9 Eastington and Stonehouse: The CGR resulted in an amendment to the Eastington boundary to transfer the area of Oldends Industrial Estate from Eastington to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties or electors and corrects a current boundary anomaly. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary.

- 2.10 Hardwicke, Haresfield and Hunts Grove: The CGR resulted in the creation of the new parish Hunts Grove. The new parish will incorporate the transfer of 389 properties from Hardwicke and 93 properties from Haresfield. From this amendment a new polling district of Hunts Grove must be created. The polling station for the new polling district is reference below.

- 2.11 Kingswood and Wotton-under-Edge polling district: An amendment to the boundary as part of the CGR has meant Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) is being transferred into Kingswood parish with the exception of the hamlet of Wortley, Wotton Sports Foundation and adjacent land which will be absorbed into Wotton-under-Edge (Div 2). From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Kingswood and Wotton-under-Edge and the existing polling district of Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) (K5) is abolished.
- 2.12 Minchinhampton Box Ward and Nailsworth Div 1: The CGR approved the transfer of one property into Minchinhampton (Box Ward) from Nailsworth (Div 1). From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Minchinhampton (Box Ward) and Nailsworth Town Council.
- 2.13 Randwick and Westrip change of polling district names: The CGR provided an opportunity to revise an error in the warding arrangements for Randwick and Westrip Parish Council that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England made when undertaking the electoral review of district boundaries in 2015. This correction requires the renaming of two polling districts in Randwick and Westrip parish to reflect the new names of the parish wards.
- 2.13.1 Cainscross (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1) is amended to Randwick (South West Ward).
- 2.13.2 Randwick (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1) is amended to Randwick (South East Ward).
- 2.14 Standish and Stonehouse polling district boundary amendment: The CGR resulted in an amendment to the Standish boundary to transfer the recreation ground between the railway lines from Standish Parish to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties or electors but does correct a boundary anomaly. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Standish and Stonehouse.
- 2.15 Stroud Trinity and Brimscombe and Thrupp (Div 1): The CGR approved the transfer of 47 properties into Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div1) from Stroud Trinity. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundaries.

2.16 **Amendments to polling places and polling stations**

Alkington (BVA): The Stagecoach Inn has now closed therefore Stone Cricket Club has been proposed as the new polling station for the polling district of Alkington. Stone Cricket Club has already been used for the European Parliamentary Election in May 2019 and the General Election in December 2019. The polling station has good facilities and worked well in both elections.

Hunts Grove (HF): Hunts Grove Primary Academy, Harrier Way is recommended as a polling station for this new polling district. The polling station has a separate access to be used on polling day by electors, is centrally located within the polling district and is currently the only suitable venue to be used as a polling station within the area. It is the intention that once the Community Centre has been built that this will be used as a polling station in future.

Longney (HG): Longney Congregational Church has now closed and Longney Church (St Laurence) has been proposed as the new polling station for the Polling District of Longney. Longney Church (St Laurence) was used as a polling station in the European Elections held in May 2019 and in the General Election in December 2019 and is demonstrated to be a suitable venue.

Minchinhampton (MCC and MDD) The Hub has previously been used as a polling station but was not available in May 2019 and the Scout Hut has since been used for the European Election and General Election. The Scout Hut is suitable to be used as a double station, has adequate access and is central in the polling districts. It is therefore recommended that The Scout Hut is used as a polling station for polling district MCC and MDD.

Rodborough West Ward Div 3: It has been raised that Rodborough Tabernacle is a more appropriate polling station to Gastrells Primary School. However, it is proposed that this polling station does not change.

Gastrells Primary School is a well-established polling station within the community and has been able to successfully remain open for pupils since the venue was established as a polling station while maintaining the safety and security of the pupils. There are no suitable alternatives within the polling district of Rodborough (West Ward Div 3) and whilst both Gastrells Primary School and Rodborough Tabernacle are both outside of the polling district boundary, Gastrells Primary School is the closest venue making this the more logical choice for the polling district.

Access to the Tabernacle is down a steep narrow one track lane with no pavements for electors to safely commute to the venue compared to Gastrells Primary School, which is located on a two-way lane with safe access for electors and has adequate parking. One of the key aspects when reviewing and considering polling stations is the ARO must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons ensuring all electors have safe and reasonable access to the polling station and Rodborough Tabernacle does adequately not fit these criteria.

Stroud Central Div 3: The Christian Community Centre has been renovated over the past year and St Lukes Therapy Centre next door has been used as an alternative in the May and December 2019 elections. Whilst St Lukes has worked relatively well as a polling station, The Christian Community Centre provides more adequate disabled access and it is therefore proposed that the Community Centre is used for this polling district in future.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The review of polling districts and polling places is a statutory requirement. The recommendations made seek to ensure that electors in the Stroud District have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and that the arrangements meet the legislative requirements.
- 3.2 The recommendations, if approved at Council and the CGR amendments are approved by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England will take effect from the 1st February 2020.

APPENDIX A

SCHEDULE OF POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES 2020

The Polling Review is based on the current arrangements from the previous District Ward Boundary Review that came into effect in May 2016 and the revised amendments to Parish boundaries following the Community Governance Review in July 2019 which will come into effect in May 2020.

All proposed changes to polling districts or polling stations are highlighted in orange.

The electorate figures used for this Review are based on the 1 August 2019 electoral register. It is also worth noting that the electorate is the total electors for the polling station and includes those who have a postal vote in place.

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AMBERLEY AND WOODCHESTER							
Previous Polling Districts within ward	Previous Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Electors	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference	ARO Comments	Consultation responses
Amberley	AW1	Amberley Inn, Culver Hill, Amberley, GL5 5AF	791	To remain as the Amberley Inn	AWA	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary amendment following the CGR to transfer 16 properties from Rodborough South Ward (Div 2) into Amberley.	
Woodchester	AW2	Woodchester Village Hall, Church Road, North Woodchester, GL5 5PQ	960	To remain as Woodchester Village Hall	AWB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

BISLEY							
Bisley (Bisley Ward)	B1	Bisley WI Village Hall , Manor Street, Bisley, GL6 7BH	731	To remain as Bisley WI Village Hall	BA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Bisley (Eastcombe Ward)	B2	Eastcombe Village Hall , Eastcombe, GL6 7DS	553	To remain as Eastcombe Village Hall	BB	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary amendment following the CGR to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge from Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) to Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1) and to transfer 4 properties from Middle Hill Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1) into Bisley (Eastcombe Ward)	
Bisley (Oakridge Ward)	B3	Oakridge Village Hall , Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, GL6 7NZ	531	To remain as Oakridge Village Hall	BC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
BISLEY							
Alkington	BV1	The Stagecoach Inn , Newport, Berkeley, GL13 9PY	608	Stone Cricket Club Swanley, Berkeley, Glos, GL13 9JL	BVA	The Stagecoach Inn has now closed therefore Stone Cricket Club has been proposed instead and used successfully in May and December 2020. Stone Cricket Club has uneven access to the polling station therefore a ramp is to be provided for safe access.	
Berkeley	BV2	Berkeley Town	1,569	To remain as	BVB	There is disabled parking	

		Hall , Salter Street, GL13 9DB		Berkeley Town Hall		opposite the venue and on street parking available.	
Ham and Stone (Ham Ward)	BV3	Salutation Inn , Ham, Berkeley, GL13 9HQ	174	To remain as the Salutation Inn	BVC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Ham and Stone (Stone Ward)	BV4	Stone Village Hall , Lower Stone Lane, Stone, GL13 9LE	474	To remain as Stone Village Hall	BVD	Plenty of parking on site and has separate disabled access to the building for disabled electors.	
Hamfallow (Div 1)	BV5	Berkeley Town Hall , Salter Street, GL13 9DB	457	To remain as Berkeley Town Hall	BVE	There is disabled parking opposite the venue and on street parking available.	
Hamfallow (Div 2)	BV6	Sharpness Village Hall , Oldminster Road, GL13 9NA	465	To remain as Sharpness Village Hall	BVF	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Hinton, Sharpness	BV7	Sharpness Village Hall , Oldminster Road, GL13 9NA	1,003	To remain as Sharpness Village Hall	BVG	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Slimbridge	BV8	Slimbridge Village Hall , St Johns Road, Slimbridge, GL2 7DF	973	To remain as Slimbridge Village Hall	BVH	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. Slimbridge Hall is suitable.

CAINSCROSS

Cainscross (Cainscross Ward)	C1	St Matthews Church Hall , Church Road, Cainscross, GL5 4LH	1,062	To remain as St Matthews Church Hall	CA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Cainscross (Cashes Green East Ward)	C2	Cashes Green Community Centre , Queens Drive, Cashes Green, GL5 4NB	942	To remain as Cashes Green Community Centre	CB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

Cainscross	C3	Cashes Green	1,526	To remain as	CC	The current polling	
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(Cashes Green West Ward)		Community Centre , Queens Drive, Cashes Green, GL5 4NB		Cashes Green Community Centre		arrangements and station is satisfactory as a double station.	
Cainscross (Ebley Ward)	C4	Ebley Chapel , Chapel Lane, Ebley, GL5 4TD	1884	To remain as Ebley Chapel	CD	<p>This polling station is a double station.</p> <p>We are aware there could potentially be an issue with the width of the door entrances to the venue for disabled voters however we are not aware of any other suitable venues that fall in this polling district, therefore would like to hear from electors who vote at this venue.</p>	<p>1. Consider new Victory Park instead of Ebley Chapel because it's a new built hall, DDA compliant, has car parking, access from Ebley Via Walkway and well lit.</p> <p>2. Mixing Ebley Ward with Cainscross (Ebley) is ridiculous. Use Stonehouse for shopping and facilities and no reason to go to Cainscross/Ebley. Has a Stonehouse postcode and wishes to remain part of Stonehouse.</p>
Randwick (South West Ward) Previously Cainscross (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1)	C5	Randwick Scout Group HQ , Morehall, Cashes Green, GL5 4RY	411	To remain as Randwick Scout Group HQ	CE	<p>This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Cainscross and Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe vote at this polling station. Although this is not ideal, this has not caused any significant issues in the past.</p> <p>Ramp is provided by the venue for accessibility.</p> <p>CGR amended the warding arrangements for Randwick and Westrip</p>	<p>1. CGR created three wards for Randwick and Westrip Parish. Can SDC confirm RWR£ doesn't refer to any residents in the new Randwick and Westrip Parish wards.</p>

						Parish Council to correct the Councillor allocations and renaming of the polling district.	
Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward) Previously Stonehouse (Ebley Ward)	C6	Ebley Chapel , Chapel Lane, Ebley, GL5 4TD	108	To remain as Ebley Chapel	CF	We are aware there could potentially be an issue with the width of the door entrances to the venue for disabled voters however we are not aware of any other suitable venues, therefore would like to hear from electors who vote at this venue. Proposed boundary amendment to polling district name and following the CGR to transfer 132 properties to Cainscross (Ebley Ward) and retain 57 properties in Stonehouse (Ebley Ward)	1. Consider new Victory Park instead of Ebley Chapel because it's a new built hall, DDA compliant, has car parking, access from Ebley Via Walkway and well lit.
CAM EAST							
Cam East (Div 1)	CE1	Cam Cricket Pavilion , Everlands, Upper Cam, GL11 5NL	1,669	To remain as Cam Cricket Pavillion	CEA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory. There is a ramp outside the venue to gain access to the building.	
Cam East (Div 2)	CE2	Cam Parish Council Offices , 4 Noel Lee Way, GL11 5PS	2,009	To remain as Cam Parish Council Offices	CEB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

CHALFORD

Chalford (Bussage Div 1)	CH1	Bussage Village Hall , Bussage, Stroud, GL6 8AT	1,728	To remain as Bussage Village Hall	CHA	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary amendment following the CGR to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge from Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) to Chalford (Bussage Div 1) and for 4 properties on Middle Hill to be absorbed into Bisley (eastcombe Ward) from Chalford (Bussage Div 1).
Chalford (Bussage Div 2)	CH2	The Parish Centre , Chalford Parish Council, Gerald's Way, GL6 8FJ	1,315	To remain as The Parish Centre	CHB	Parking is limited at this venue but space available in the surrounding estates.
Chalford (Hill Ward)	CH3	Chalford Hill Methodist Church , Midway, GL6 8EN	1,476	To remain as Chalford Hill Methodist Church	CHC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.
Chalford (Valley Ward)	CH4	Chalford Village Hall , London Road, Stroud, GL6 8HN	493	To remain as Chalford Village Hall	CHD	Parking is located outside the venue entrance on the A419. This polling station is a double station.
Thrupp (Bourne Ward)	CH5	Chalford Village Hall , London Road, Stroud, GL6 8HN	223	To remain as Chalford Village Hall	CHE	Parking is located outside the venue entrance on the A419. This polling station is a double station.

COALEY AND ULEY							
Coaley	CU1	Coaley Village Hall , Coaley, GL11 5EG	633	To remain as Coaley Village Hall	CUA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Nympsfield	CU2	Nympsfield Village Hall , Back Street, Nympsfield, GL10 3UB	319	To remain as Nympsfield Village Hall	CUB	We are aware that a ramp is needed for this venue for disabled electors to gain access to the venue.	
Owlpen	CU3	Uley Village Hall , The Street, Uley, GL11 5SJ	33	To remain as Uley Village Hall	CUC	There is street parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring, therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	
Uley	CU4	Uley Village Hall , The Street, Uley, GL11 5SJ	976	To remain as Uley Village Hall	CUD	There is street parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring, therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	
CAM WEST							
Cam West (Div 1)	CW1	Cam Youth Centre , 19A Frederick Thomas Road, Cam, GL11 6LY	1,596	To remain as Cam Youth Centre	CWA	Plenty of parking outside the venue at the entrance for electors.	
Cam West (Div 2)	CW2	Arthur S Winterbotham Memorial Hall , High Street, Cam, GL11 5LE	1,578	To remain as Arthur S Winterbotham Memorial Hall	CWB	Parking is limited however we are unaware of any issues with parking previously from electors.	

DURSLEY							
Dursley (Central Ward)	D1	Dursley Methodist Church (Gabriel Hale Room), Castle Street, GL11 4BS	2,277	To remain as Dursley Methodist Church (Gabriel Hale Room)	DA	There is limited parking available at the venue however we are not aware of any issues that relate to parking historically. We are also aware there is a narrow alley for disabled voters, however this has not caused any issues in the past.	1. No changes to current arrangements
Dursley (Highfields Ward)	D2	Dursley C of E Primary Academy, Highfields, Dursley, GL11 4NZ	1,796	To remain as Dursley C of E Primary Academy	DB	Parking facilities available in the main car park and main road outside the venue.	1. No changes to current arrangements
Dursley (Kingshill Ward)	D3	St Dominic's Church Hall, Jubilee Road, Dursley, GL11 4GS	1,441	To remain as St Dominic's Church Hall	DC	There is adequate parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring; therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	1. No changes to current arrangements
HARDWICKE							
Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon	H1	Brookthorpe Village Hall, Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, GL4 0UJ	230	To remain as Brookthorpe Village Hall	HA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Elmore	H2	Elmore Village Hall, Elmore, GL2 3NT	168	To remain as Elmore Village Hall	HB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Hardwicke	H3	Hardwicke Village Hall, Green Lane, GL2	3333	To remain as Hardwicke Village Hall	HC	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate.	

		4QA				Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer 389 properties from Hardwicke to the new polling district Hunts Grove.	
Harescombe	H4	Harescombe Village Hall , Harescombe, GL4 0XD	178	To remain as Harescombe Village Hall	HD	Limited parking at the venue however as a result of the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	
Haresfield	H5	Haresfield Village Hall , Haresfield, GL10 3DZ	217	To remain Haresfield Village Hall	HE	There is adequate parking on the road outside the venue however parking is limited immediately outside the venue. We do not consider this to be an issue due to the size of the electorate. Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer 93 properties from Haresfield to the new polling district Hunts Grove.	
Hunts Grove PROPOSED NEW POLLING DISTRICT			903	Hunts Grove Primary Academy (address to be confirmed)	HF	Hunts Grove Primary Academy is due to be completed in early September 2019.	1. important residents are able to use a polling station in the new Parish for May 2020 elections, Primary Academy opens on 2 September 2019.
Longney	H6	Longney Congregational Chapel , Longney, Gloucester	247	Longney Church (St Laurence) , Longney, GL2 3SL	HG	Longney Congregational Church has now closed therefore Longney Church (St Laurence) has been proposed instead and used successfully in May and December 2020.	

Moreton Valence	H7	St Stephen's Church , Church Lane, GL2 7NB	167	To remain as St Stephen's Church	HH	<p>There is adequate parking on the grass verge outside venue.</p> <p>We are also aware of there being no non-slip flooring or adequate outside lighting therefore a non-slip floor mat and torch could be provided to polling station staff.</p> <p>Proposed amendment to boundary following CGR to transfer recreation ground between the railway lines from Standish Parish to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties.</p>	
Standish	H8	St Nicholas' Church , Standish, GL10 3EU	225	To remain as St Nicholas' Church	HI	Venue has limited outside lighting therefore a torch could be provided to polling station staff.	
KINGSWOOD							
Alderley	K1	Hopkins Hall , Jubilee Playing Field, Hillesley, GL12 7RF	57	To remain as Hopkins Hall	KA	Large car park available to electors at this venue.	
Hillesley and Tresham (Hillesley Ward)	K2	Hopkins Hall , Jubilee Playing Field, Hillesley, GL12 7RF	392	To remain as Hopkins Hall	KB	Large car park available to electors at this venue.	
Hillesley and Tresham (Tresham Ward)	K3	The Haybarn , Talbot Court Farm, GL12 7RW	101	To remain as The Haybarn	KC	This is the only suitable venue that we are aware of for this polling district. We are aware there is no wheelchair access however this has not been	

						<p>an issue in the past, particularly due to the size of the electorate that vote at this venue.</p> <p>Additionally, there is no non-slip flooring and the lighting is poor, therefore a non-slip mat and additional lighting could be provided to polling station staff.</p>	
Kingswood	K4	Kingswood Village Hall, Wickwar Road, Kingswood, GL12 7RF	1,213	To remain as Kingswood Village Hall	KD	<p>Large car park available to electors.</p> <p><u>Cotswold Acting Returning Officer comments:</u> Issues previously with a locked barrier on the access road, inadequate disabled access, inability to use alternative access due to a locked gate and inadequate signage.</p>	
<p>Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward)</p> <p>PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT ABOLISHMENT</p>	K5	Kingswood Village Hall, Wickwar Road, Kingswood, GL12 7RF				<p>Proposed boundary change following the CGR to transfer the whole of Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) into Kingswood polling district and parish with the exception of the the hamlet of Wortley, Wotton Sports Foundation and the adjacent land which will be absorbed into Wotton-under-Edge (DIV 2) which consists of 13 properties.</p>	<p>1. Objection to the review and consultation document is inaccurate as does not refer after the CGR that we are awaiting a response from the LGBCE.</p> <p>2. Wording for K5 presumes LGBCE will agree to the CGR recommendation.</p> <p>3. Opposed to the change between Wotton and Kingswood. Has</p>

							been inadequate consultation on change and no consultation with KLB school, trustees of the Foundation of KLB or Wotton Community.
MINCHINHAMPTON							
Minchinhampton (Box Ward)	M1	Box Village Hall , Box, Stroud, GL6 9HP	266	To remain as Box Village Hall	MAA	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary change following the CGR to transfer 1 property into Minchinhampton (Box Ward) from Nailsworth (Div 1).	1. Box Village Hall is an ideal location for Box and has good access for disabled voters, parking and presents an attractive appearing atmosphere.
Minchinhampton (Brimscombe Ward)	M2	Brimscombe Methodist Church , Brimscombe Hill, Stroud, GL5 1DP	550	To remain as Brimscombe Methodist Church	MBB	Parking is limited and in the surrounding area, however due to the size of the electorate we do not consider this to be an issue.	1. Objection because lives in Stroud District but votes in Cotswold Constituency not Stroud. Would Like Brimscombe boundary to be moved to include Walls Quarry.
Minchinhampton (North Ward)	M3	The Hub , Next to Minchinhampton Youth Centre, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton,	2,050	Minchinhampton Scout Hut , 16 Dr. Browns Road, Minchinhampton	MCC	This polling station is a double station. Recommend changing the polling station from The Hub to the Scout Hut as both have been previously used when the other unavailable and the Scout Hut works as a better venue.	
Minchinhampton (South Ward)	M4	The Hub , Next to Minchinhampton Youth Centre, Tobacconist	825	Minchinhampton Scout Hut , 16 Dr. Browns Road,	MDD	This polling station is a double station. Recommend changing the	

		Road, Minchinhampton,		Minchinhampton		polling station from The Hub to the Scout Hut as both have been previously used when the other unavailable and the Scout Hut works as a better venue.	
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NAILSWORTH

Horsley	N1	Horsley Village Hall , Horsley, Stroud, GL6 0PT	690	To remain as Horsley Village Hall	NA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Nailsworth (Div 1)	N2	Mortimer Room , Old Market, GL6 0DU	2,218	To remain as Mortimer Room	NB	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate. Proposed boundary change following the CGR to transfer 1 property to Minchinhampton (Box Ward) from Nailsworth (Div 1)	
Nailsworth, Forest Green (Div 1)	N3	Arkell Community Centre , Nympsfield Road, Forest Green, GL6 0ET	1,471	To remain as Arkell Community Centre	NC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Nailsworth, Forest Green (Div 2)	N4	Nailsworth Youth Centre , Northfield Road, GL6 0LZ	942	To remain as Nailsworth Youth Centre	ND	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

PAINSWICK & UPTON

Cranham	PU1	Cranham Village Hall , Cranham, GL4 8HP	413	To remain as Cranham Village Hall	PUA	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary change following the CGR to 1 property into Cranham	
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						from Upton St Leonards (Div 1)	
Miserden	PU2	Miserden Village Hall , Miserden, GL6 7JA	388	To remain as Miserden Village Hall	PUB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Painswick (Edge Ward)	PU3	Edge Village Hall , The Green, Edge, GL6 6PQ	167	To remain as Edge Village Hall	PUC	There is limited parking however due to the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	
Painswick (Painswick Ward)	PU4	Painswick Town Hall , Victoria Square, Painswick, GL6 6QA	1,853	To remain as Painswick Town Hall	PUD	Parking at the front and rear of the venue for voters. We have been notified that a ramp would be beneficial for disabled electors.	
Painswick (Sheepscombe Ward)	PU5	Sheepscombe Village Hall , Sheepscombe, GL6 7RQ	375	To remain as Sheepscombe Village Hall	PUE	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Painswick (Slad Ward)	PU6	Woolpack Inn , Slad, Stroud, GL6 7QA	265	To remain as the Woolpack Inn	PUF	There is limited parking at the venue, however due to the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	
Pitchcombe	PU7	Pitchcombe Village Hall , Gloucester Road, Pitchcombe, GL6 6LP	218	To remain as Pitchcombe Village Hall	PUG	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Upton St Leonards (Div 1)	PU8	Upton St Leonards Village Hall , 10 Bondend Road, GL4 8AG	1,289	To remain as Upton St Leonards Village Hall	PUH	The current polling station is satisfactory. Proposed boundary change following the CGR to 1 property from Upton St Leonards (Div 1) to Cranham	
Upton St	PU9	The Edge	905	To remain as	PUI	The current polling	

Leonards (Div 2)		Community Centre , Coopers Edge School, GL3 4DY		the Edge Community Centre		arrangements are satisfactory.	
RANDWICK, WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE							
Randwick (South East Ward) Previously Randwick (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1)	RWR1	Randwick Scout Group HQ , Morehall, Cashes Green, GL5 4RY	305	To remain as Randwick Scout Group HQ	RWRA	This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Cainscross and Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe vote at this polling station. Although this is not ideal, this has not caused any significant issues in the past. Ramp is provided by the venue for electors to ensure appropriate accessibility. The CGR corrected an error in the warding arrangements for Randwick and Westrip Parish Council amending the Councillor allocation and name of the polling district.	1. CGR created three wards for Randwick and Westrip Parish. Can SDC confirm RWR doesn't refer to any residents in the new Randwick and Westrip Parish wards.
Randwick (Randwick Ward)	RWR2	Randwick Village Hall , Playing Field, Randwick, GL6 6JA	505	To remain as Randwick Village Hall	RWRB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. CGR created three wards for Randwick and Westrip Parish. Can SDC confirm RWR doesn't refer to any residents in the new Randwick and Westrip Parish wards.
Whiteshill	RWR3	Whiteshill and Ruscombe	984	To remain as Whiteshill and	RWRC	The current polling arrangements are	1. CGR created three wards for Randwick and

		Village Hall , The Plain, Whiteshill, GL6 6AB		Ruscombe Village Hall		satisfactory.	Westrip Parish. Can SDC confirm RWR doesn't refer to any residents in the new Randwick and Westrip Parish wards. 2. Polling station is fit for purpose
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RODBOROUGH

Rodborough (North Ward Div 1)	R1	Rodborough Endowed School , Church Place, Walkley Hill, GL5 3TX	1106	To remain as Rodborough Endowed School	RA	This polling station is a double station. Parking is limited however electors are able to park on Walkley Hill which is a short walk to the venue.	1. Live 20 seconds from Rodborough Community Hall however residents on Butterow are expected to walk to the Endowed School. Difficult for the elderly. 2. Agree with polling station locations
Rodborough (North Ward Div 2)	R2	Stroud Rugby Club , Dudbridge Hill, Stroud, GL5 3HS	356	To remain as Stroud Rugby Club	RB	This polling station is a double station.	1. Agree with polling station locations
Rodborough (South Ward Div 1)	R3	Gastrells Primary School , Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough, GL5 3PS	274	To remain as Gastrells Primary School	RC	This polling station is a double station. Car park is on a hill and slope; however, parking is adequate.	1. Agree with polling station locations
Rodborough (South Ward Div 2)	R4	Rodborough Community Hall , Butterow West, Rodborough, GL5 3TZ	194	To remain as Rodborough Community Hall	RD	This polling station is a double station. This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Rodborough and Thrupp vote at this polling station. Whilst this is not	1. Agree with polling station locations

						ideal, this has not caused significant issues in the past and is well managed by experienced polling station staff. Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer 16 properties from Rodborough (South Ward Div 2) to Amberley.	
Rodborough (West Ward Div 1)	R5	Rodborough Endowed School , Church Place, Walkley Hill, GL5 3TX	1,006	To remain as Rodborough Endowed School	RE	This polling station is a double station. Parking is limited however electors are able to park on Walkley Hill which is a short walk to the venue.	1. Agree with polling station locations
Rodborough (West Ward Div 2)	R6	Stroud Rugby Club , Dudbridge Hill, Stroud, GL5 3HS	323	To remain as Stroud Rugby Club	RF	This polling station is a double station.	1. Agree with polling station locations
Rodborough (West Ward Div 3)	R7	Gastrells Primary School , Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough, GL5 3PS	329	To remain as Gastrells Primary School	RG	This polling station is a double station. Car park is on a hill and slope, however parking is adequate.	1. Agree with polling station locations
SEVERN							
Arlingham	S1	The Victory Hall , High Street, Arlingham, GL2 7JN	381	To remain as The Victory Hall	SA	Access to the polling station is not level however is not steep enough to be an issue. Disabled access to the venue is at the rear.	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations.
Frampton-on-Severn	S2	Frampton on Severn Village Hall , The Street,	1,148	To remain as Frampton on Severn Village	SB	There is limited parking on the road outside the venue however this has not	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations. Frampton

		Frampton on Severn, GL2 7ED		Hall		caused any issues in the past.	Village Hall has lack of lighting. Arlingham has poor access and lighting. Consider moving to Red Lion Public House.
Fretherne-with-Saul (Fretherne Ward)	S3	Saul Memorial Hall , High Street, Saul, GL2 7LW	161	To remain as Saul Memorial Hall	SC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations.
Fretherne-with-Saul (Saul Ward)	S4	Saul Memorial Hall , High Street, Saul, GL2 7LW	404	To remain as Saul Memorial Hall	SD	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations.
Eastington	S5	Eastington Village Hall , Alkerton Road, GL10 3AA	1,360	To remain as Eastington Village Hall	SE	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory. Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer the area of Oldends Industrial Estate from Eastington to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties or electors	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations.
Whitminster	S6	Whitminster Village Hall , School Lane, GL2 7NT	681	To remain as Whitminster Village Hall	SF	The current polling station is satisfactory.	1. Good daylight to access all polling stations.
STROUD CENTRAL							
Stroud Central (Div 1)	SC1	St Laurence Church Hall , Church Office, Stroud, GL5 1AP	711	To remain as St Laurence Church Hall	SCA	This venue is located in the centre of Stroud and parking is available in the public car parks. These are free after 5pm however the majority of the properties which come under this polling district live in the town centre therefore are	1. No Observations

						able to walk to the venue.	
Stroud Central (Div 2)	SC2	Paganhill Maypole Hall , Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AN	461	To remain as Paganhill Maypole Hall	SCB	This polling station is suitable to be used as a double station as it is also used by Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill polling district.	1. No Observations
Stroud Central (Div 3)	SC3	The Christian Community Centre , 73 Cainscross Road, Stroud, GL5 4HB	590	To remain as the Christian Community Centre (Temporarily St Lukes Therapy Centre is being used)	SCC	St Lukes Therapy centre has been used for elections in 2019, whilst it has been a suitable temporary venue there are issues with parking and disabled access and it is proposed that the polling station for future elections reverts back to the Christian Community Centre now the renovations are complete.	1. No Observations

STROUD FARMHILL AND PAGANHILL

Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	SFP1	Paganhill Maypole Hall , Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AN	1,914	To remain as Paganhill Maypole Hall	SFPA	This polling station is suitable to be used as a double station as it is also used by Stroud Central (Div 2) polling district.	1. No Observations 2. Promote postal voting
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STROUD SLADE

Stroud Slade (Div 1)	SS1	Stroud Valley Scouting Centre , Chapel Street, Stroud, GL5 1DU	599	To remain as Stroud Valley Scouting Centre	SSA	Parking for the venue is on the street that leads up to the venue however due to the size of the electorate, we do not consider this to be an issue. The Church of God of Prophecy was used for the December General	1. No Observations
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						Election as the Scouting Centre was not available. This polling station worked well but there is no disabled access. If disabled access were improved this venue should be considered for future elections.	
Stroud Slade (Div 2)	SS2	The Cadet Centre , Bisley Old Road, Stroud, GL5 1NL	1,216	To remain as the Cadet Centre	SSB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. No Observations

STONEHOUSE

Stonehouse (Div 1)	ST1	The Douglas Morley Hall , Elm Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2NP	1,428	To remain as The Douglas Morley Hall	STA	Parking is limited, although there is disabled parking at the front of the building. There is also parking on Elm Road which is a short walk from the venue. Proposed boundary change following CGR to absorb the area of Oldends Industrial Estate into Stonehouse (Div 1)	
Stonehouse (Div 2)	ST2	St Joseph's Church Hall , Oldends Lane, GL10 2DG	2,640	To remain as St Joseph's Church Hall	STB	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate and works very well.	
Stonehouse (Div 3)	ST3	Stonehouse Community Centre , Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, GL10 2NS	1,680	To remain as Stonehouse Community Centre	STC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

STROUD TRINITY

Stroud Trinity	STR1	Trinity Rooms ,	1,712	To remain as	STRA	There is limited parking	1. No Observations
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		Field Road, Stroud, GL5 2HZ		the Trinity Rooms		outside the venue but there is additional parking on Field Road which is a short walk from the venue. Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer 47 properties from Gunhouse Lane from Stroud Trinity into Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 1)	2. Trinity Hall appears to be central and good access and parking
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STROUD UPLANDS

Stroud Uplands	SU1	Grange View Sheltered Housing , Folly Lane, Uplands, GL5 1GR	1,673	To remain as Grange View Sheltered Housing	SUA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. No Observations
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STROUD VALLEY

Stroud Valley (Div 1)	SV1	All Saints Church , All Saints Road, Stroud, GL5 1TU	1013	To remain as All Saints Church	SVA	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	1. No Observations
Stroud Valley (Div 2)	SV2	The Wesley Rooms , St Albans Church, Parliament Street, GL5 1QH	699	To remain as The Wesley Rooms	SVB	We are aware additional signage is required to show where the disabled access is for voters.	1. No Observations

THRUPP

Rodborough (Butterow Ward)	T1	Rodborough Community Hall , Butterow West, Rodborough, GL5 3TZ	666	To remain as Rodborough Community Hall	TA	This polling station is a double station. This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Rodborough and	
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						<p>Thrupp vote at this polling station. Whilst this is not ideal, this has not caused significant issues in the past and is well managed by experienced polling station staff.</p> <p>Proposed boundary change following CGR to transfer 47 properties from Gunhouse Lane from Stroud Trinity into Brimscombe and Thrupp (Div 1)</p>	
Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 1)	T2	Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre , London Road, Stroud, GL5 2QF	755	To remain as Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre	TB	This polling station is a double station.	
Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 2)	T3	Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre , London Road, Stroud, GL5 2QF	559	To remain as Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre	TC	This polling station is a double station.	
THE STANLEYS							
Frocester	TS1	The Frocester George , Peter Street, GL10 3TQ	137	To remain as The Frocester George	TSA	We are aware there is an issue with signage at The Frocester George. We therefore will ensure additional signage is provided for directing electors to the correct room at the venue.	
Kings Stanley (Div 1)	TS2	Kings Stanley Village Hall , Marling Close, Kings Stanley, GL10 3JB	1,770	To remain as Kings Stanley Village Hall	TSB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

Kings Stanley, Selsley (Div 2)	TS3	Selsley Scout Hall , Selsley, Stroud	367	To remain as Selsley Scout Hall	TSC	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Leonard Stanley	TS4	Leonard Stanley Village Hall , Marsh Road, Leonard Stanley, GL10 3NH	1,397	To remain as Leonard Stanley Village Hall	TSD	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE

North Nibley	WUE1	North Nibley Village Hall , North Nibley, GL11 6DP	713	To remain as North Nibley Village Hall	WUEA	There is limited parking and 1 disabled bay; however, we are not aware of any issues with parking in previous elections.	
Stinchcombe	WUE2	Stinchcombe Village Hall (The Committee Room) , The Street, Stinchcombe, GL11 6AW	368	To remain as Stinchcombe Village Hall (The Committee Room)	WUEB	The current polling arrangements are satisfactory.	
Wotton-under-Edge (Wotton-under-Edge Div 1)	WUE3	The Chipping Clubroom , The Chipping, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7AD	2,505	To remain as The Chipping Clubroom	WUEC	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate. There is parking in the main public car park which is free of charge to the public.	1. Current polling station is fit for purpose
Wotton-under-Edge (Wotton-under-Edge Div 2)	WUE4	The British School , Wortley Road, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7JU	2,023	To remain as The British School	WUED	There are limited polling station venues within this polling district. There is no parking	1. Objection to the review and consultation document is inaccurate as does not refer after the CGR that we are

					<p>available on site only on the road immediately outside the school; however this is a short walk to venue and electors have not reported any concerns during any election period.</p> <p>Proposed boundary change following the CGR to transfer the hamlet of Wortley, Wotton Sports Foundation and adjacent land from Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) into Wotton-under-Edge (Div 2).</p>	<p>awaiting a response from the LGBCE.</p> <p>2. Issue with elector gaining access to polling station through official gate with mobility scooter and no temporary ramp. No official parking, not ideal at the top of a hill and on bend.</p> <p>3. Current polling station is fit for purpose.</p>
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Consultation response for all Stroud Constituency polling districts

No changes to add unless it effects the boundary for the Stroud constituency, then strongly oppose.

COUNCIL

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Report Title	APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL
Purpose of Report	To seek approval for the appointment of a new Independent Remuneration Panel to conduct a forthcoming review of the Scheme of Councillor's Allowances.
Decision(s)	<p>Council RESOLVES:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish an Independent Remuneration Panel 2. That the following be appointed to the Independent Remuneration Panel for a period of three years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Wynn Bartlett Mr Stewart Dove Mr Jason Jones Mr Graham Russell
Consultation and Feedback	Group Leaders were consulted on the sharing of the panel members with Gloucester City Council.
Financial Implications and Risk Assessment	<p>There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.</p> <p>Lucy Clothier, Interim Accountancy Manager Tel: 01453 754343 Email: lucy.clothier@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Legal Implications	<p>Any legal implications are set out in the report.</p> <p>Patrick Arran, Interim Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754369 Email: patrick.arran@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Report Author	<p>Hannah Emery, Democratic Services and Elections Manager Tel: 01453 754383 Email: Hannah.emery@stroud.gov.uk</p>
Options	There are no alternative options, the Council is required to have regard to the recommendations of an IRP when agreeing a Scheme of Allowances and therefore must appoint a Panel.
Background Papers/ Appendices	Current scheme of members allowances

1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Council is required, under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 to appoint an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) to make recommendations to the Council on a Scheme of Members' Allowances for Adoption.
- 1.2 The appointment and purpose of the Panel is to review the Members' Allowances Scheme and make recommendations to Council about the allowances to be paid to elected councillors. The Council must have regard to the recommendations of the IRP when making or amending its Scheme. The current scheme of allowances was agreed by Council in April 2016 and is now due for review.
- 1.3 The public perception of the independence of the IRP and the robustness of the review process is important. The regulations require that the Panel shall consist of at least three members, none of whom is formally connected with the Council. It is also essential for the Council to ensure the Panel remains representative and in touch with the issues and challenges face by those making decisions.

2. APPOINTMENT OF THE PANEL

- 2.1 The regulations state that a Panel must be established, but do not prescribe how a local authority should appoint IRP members. It is difficult to attract suitable candidates so following the approach of other Councils, it is proposed that this Council share panel members with Gloucester City Council. Group Leaders were informed that a joint recruitment exercise would be undertaken in order to take advantage of a potentially wider pool of applicants.
- 2.2 The regulations allow for shared IRP's to be created but members will please note that this is a joint recruitment exercise and utilisation of the same panel members and not a joint panel. Each council operates in a different way and the IRP members will consider each council separately and make recommendations appropriately.
- 2.3 Panel Member roles have been advertised by both local authorities, but unfortunately interest has been limited. In addition to the two remaining Panel Members appointed in September 2017 to Gloucester City Council's Independent Remuneration Panel (Mrs Wynn Bartlett and Mr Stewart Dove) two further applications were received. These individuals have been interviewed by the current panel members the Elections and Democratic Services Manager and the Policy and Governance Manager from Gloucester City Council to make an initial assessment of suitability for the role.
 - 2.3.1 Existing Gloucester City IRP Member – Mrs Bartlett has an extensive background in education and voluntary work within Gloucestershire.
 - 2.3.2 Existing Gloucester City IRP Member – Mr Dove is employed in a senior role at the University of Gloucestershire and is a member of a number of Boards in a voluntary capacity.

2.3.3 New member – Mr Jones has a background in the Armed Forces and recruitment, as well as experience of undertaking voluntary work in his local community.

2.3.4 New Member – Mr Russell has an extensive local authority background as a previous Head of Democratic Services and is an experienced Chair of IRP's across the South West.

2.4 The regulations allow for members of IRP's to receive some payment. The panel will be appointed on a voluntary basis and panel members will be reimbursed for travel and subsistence costs incurred.

3. FRAMEWORK OF THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

3.1 Subject to Council approval, the Panel will be able to commence its work immediately.

3.2 The IRP will consider the inclusion and level of the following different types of allowances:

- Basic (to be paid to all councillors)
- Special responsibility
- Dependents' carers
- Travelling and subsistence
- Parental leave
- ICT allowance

3.3 The panel will provide an opportunity for Councillors and other interested persons to make representations either in person or in writing. It will then prepare a report of its findings and recommendations to Council and the individual appointed as Chair of the Panel will be requested to present the proposals.

3.4 The Council will determine the types and amounts of allowances to be paid but the IRP will provide advice on those matters to which the Council must have due regard before making a decision.

3.5 The timetable for the process will be as follows:

Date	Action
16 January 2020	Appointment of IRP Panel
January 2020	Induction training/briefing First meeting of the IRP
February – March 2020	IRP to review the Scheme of Allowances Information gathering and interview with Members
April 2020	Full Council to consider IRP draft report and adopt new scheme of allowances
1 April 2020 (backdated)	New scheme of allowances comes into effect