

# **Stroud District Council District By- Election for Painswick and Upton**

**Wednesday 17 May 2023**

**Guidance for Candidates and Agents on Nominations  
and other key election processes**

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# 1. Election Timetable

Process	Time	Date
Nomination Packs Available		Thursday 30 March 2023
Publication of Notice of Election		Thursday 6 April 2023
Good Friday Bank Holiday		Friday 7 April
Easter Monday Bank Holiday		Monday 10 April
Nominations Open 9am – 4:00pm Monday to Friday	9.00am	Tuesday 11 April 2023
Nomination Deadline	4.00pm	Tuesday 18 April 2023
Last date for withdrawal of candidature	4.00pm	Tuesday 18 April 2023
Appointment & publication of Election Agents	4.00pm	Tuesday 18 April 2023
Publication of Statement of persons nominated	4.00pm	Tuesday 18 April 2023
Publication of Notice of Poll	4.00pm	Tuesday 18 April 2023 (Tuesday 9 May 2023 final date)
Poll Cards Dispatched (TBC)		Wednesday 19 April 2023
Last date for Registration		Thursday 27 April 2023
Issue of Postal Votes		Thursday 27 April 2023
Deadline for the receipt of new and amendments to existing postal vote applications	5.00pm	Friday 28 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday		Monday 1 May 2023
Kings Coronation Bank Holiday		Monday 8 May 2023

Deadline for the receipt of proxy vote applications	5.00pm	Tuesday 9 May 2023
Deadline for electors to apply for Voter Authority Certificates	5.00pm	Tuesday 9 May 2023
Proxy Poll Cards Dispatched (TBC)		Tuesday 9 May 2023
2 <sup>nd</sup> Issue of Postal Votes		Tuesday 9 May 2023
Appointment of Poll and Count Agents	5.00pm	Wednesday 10 May 2023
First day to issue replacement lost postal ballot papers		Thursday 11 May 2023
Postal vote opening 1 (Ebley Mill)	10.00am	Thursday 11 May 2023
Postal vote opening 2 (Ebley Mill)	10:00am	Monday 15 May 2023
Day of Poll	7.00am-10.00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Postal vote opening 3 (Ebley Mill)	2:00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Deadline for receipt of emergency proxy votes	5:00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Last day to issue replacement lost postal ballot papers	5.00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Postal vote opening 4 (Ebley Mill)	9.00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Count (Ebley Mill)	10.00pm	Wednesday 17 May 2023
Return of Election Expenses		Wednesday 21 June 2023

## 2. Briefings

Date	Venue	Topic	Who should attend
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April – 4pm	Council Chamber, Stroud District Council	Polling Day Voter ID The Count	Candidates and agents

Briefing sessions will take in person in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud, Glos, GL5 4UB. Please park in the car park directly outside of reception and enter the building through the glass doors to the right and follow the staircase up. The doors to the Council Chamber will be on your left at the top of the stairs. A lift is also available to the left of the staircase.

The briefing will include information on:

- Voter ID and accessibility changes – Elections Act 2022
- Registration and absent vote deadlines
- Postal vote opening
- Appointment of count and polling agents
- The Count

To register your attendance please email [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk).

## 3. Nomination Papers

### Key Information

#### **Book an appointment**

We are asking where possible for candidates to book an appointment to submit your nomination paper to Ebley Mill. To book your appointments, please email us at [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) or phone 01453 766321.

#### **Delivery of nomination papers**

Nominations can be delivered to the address below from **Tuesday 11 April 2023 and we recommend you make an appointment for delivery**. You are strongly advised to deliver your nomination as early as possible after this date to give you sufficient time to submit new nomination papers should your first set contain any errors. The deadline for delivery is **4:00pm Tuesday 18 April 2023**. This deadline is absolute.

Where signatures are required, you must submit the **original signed version** of each completed paper. Documents without original signatures cannot be accepted.

#### **The following papers must be delivered by hand:**

- Nomination paper
- Home Address form (part 1 and part 2)
- Candidate's consent to nomination (**including all** the pages of legislation)
- Certificate of Authorisation

#### **The following papers can be delivered by hand or by post:**

- Request for a party emblem
- Notification of election agent

Nomination papers should be delivered to:

**The Returning Officer  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill,  
Ebley Wharf,  
Stroud,  
GL5 4UB**

Between the hours of 9.00am to 4.00pm Monday – Friday from Tuesday 11 April 2023 until 4.00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023.

### **Contact details**

Please provide your email address and contact telephone number on the nomination paper.

### **How to complete the nomination paper**

Please also read the Electoral Commission's guidance for standing as an [Independent candidate](#) and standing as a [party candidate](#).

All of the candidate's particulars must be completed before the nomination papers are subscribed - it cannot be altered after signatures have been added.

Electors subscribing a nomination paper must appear on the **1 April 2023 register** and they must be registered in the electoral area where you are standing as a candidate.

Electors may only subscribe as many nomination papers as there are vacancies in the ward. For example, in a ward with only one vacancy, electors can only subscribe to one candidate's nomination paper. This means that if two candidates submit a set of nomination papers for a ward with only one vacancy that have been subscribed by the same person, the nomination papers that were submitted first will be accepted; and the second and subsequent nominations will be invalid. In the case of a ward with two vacancies, an elector may subscribe two nomination papers and so on.

Once a nomination paper has been formally accepted by the Returning Officer, the proposer and seconder cannot withdraw their signature.

You should also make the proposer and seconder's aware that their name will be published on the Notice of Poll.

**Please provide your email address and contact telephone number on the nomination paper.**

### **Description**

The Description box must be completed with either

- a description registered with the Electoral Commission if you are standing on behalf of a political party (this description must also match exactly the description provided on the Certificate of Authorisation) or
- If you are standing as an independent candidate, you must use the word 'Independent'.

### **Home address form**

Part 1 of the Home Address form must be completed. Part 2 only needs to be completed if you do not want your address to be made public on the ballot paper, the Statement of Persons Nominated and the Notice of Poll. If you complete Part 2, the district you live in will be on the ballot paper in place of your address.

**The Witness on the Home Address form must be the same person who witnesses the Consent to Nomination form.**

## **Consent to nomination**

In order to stand as a candidate, the candidate must formally give their consent to nomination in writing. On the Consent to Nomination form, the candidate is asked to state that they are qualified and not disqualified from standing and to give their date of birth.

It is advisable to use as many qualifications that apply to you; so if you are registered in the electoral area and also own property in the area you would specify both. Please ensure you tick the relevant qualifications AND list fully the associated addresses.

Candidates must sign and date the consent to nomination within one calendar month before the last day for delivery of nomination papers. This means that it **cannot be dated before the 19 March 2023**. The candidate's signature must be witnessed, and the witness must also sign the form and give their full name. The rules do not specify who can witness this form, and so there are no restrictions on who can do this. **The witness to the Consent to Nomination form must be the same person who witnessed the Home Address form.**

## **Standing for a political party**

It is a candidate's choice if they want to use a description on the ballot paper that associates them with a registered political party. If standing on behalf of a political party, a certificate of authorisation must be completed by the registered political party and submitted with the nomination paper.

The certificate of authorisation must contain an **original** signature and cannot be a copy. The certificate must be signed by the registered nominating officer of the political party or by someone else who can provide evidence of authorisation from the nominating officer to act on their behalf.

Candidates must make sure that the description used in their nomination paper exactly matches the description authorised by the political party officer. **If the descriptions do not match, the nomination paper is invalid.**

## **Request to use an emblem on the ballot paper**

If a candidate has been authorised by a political party to use a description on the ballot paper, they can also request that one of the party's official emblems is used on the ballot paper next to their name.

The request to use an emblem must be made in writing by the candidate, and they must deliver it to the Returning Officer together with their nomination paper. The request should state both the name of the political party and the description of the emblem to be used, as listed on the [Electoral Commission's website](#).

## **Withdrawing as a candidate**

Once the Returning Officer has accepted a candidate's nomination papers, they can still withdraw from the election if they deliver a written notice to the Returning Officer by the deadline for the close of nominations (4pm Tuesday 18 April 2023).

## **4. Election Notices**

The Notice of Election will be published on **Thursday 6 April 2023**. The Notice will be published on the Council's notice board and website and sent to Parish/Town Councils.

The Statement of Persons Nominated, Notice of Poll and Situation of Polling Stations will be published as soon as possible after the close of nominations at 4.00pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023 at the Stroud District Council's offices, on the website and sent to Parish/Town Councils.

## 5. Agents

Notice of appointment for polling and counting agents are included with this guidance and the relevant deadlines are below for submitting to [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk).

Agent	Appointment deadline
Election Agent	4pm Tuesday 18 April 2023
Postal Vote Opening Agent	Before the start of each Postal Vote Opening session
Polling Agent	5pm Wednesday 10 May 2023
Counting Agent	5pm Wednesday 10 May 2023

### Election Agent

The election agent is responsible for the conduct and management of your election campaign. In particular, your election agent will be responsible for ensuring that your declarations and return of election expenses are properly completed and delivered to the Returning Officer.

The deadline to appoint an Election Agent is 4pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023 (nomination deadline). If you do not appoint an Election Agent the candidate will be deemed to be their own Election Agent.

### Postal Vote Opening Agent

Each candidate may appoint 1 agent to attend each opening session. Details of the Postal Vote Agents must be emailed to [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk) before each opening session.

### Polling Agent

Polling Agents are allowed to attend polling stations during the hours of poll to note any irregularities or prevent personation. Polling Agents must not be confused with "tellers" who have no status at the polling station.

Appointment forms are available with this guidance and must be returned before 5pm on Wednesday 10 May 2023 to [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk).

### Counting Agent

Candidates will be permitted to invite 1 guest to attend the Count.

Appointment forms are available with this guidance and must be returned before 5pm on Wednesday 10 May 2023 to [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk).

## 6. Entrance to an event

Candidates must make their presence known to the appropriate official in charge to gain entry into the Count venue.

## 7. Registration and absent votes

### Registers

Candidates are entitled to one free copy of the full electoral register for the district ward that they are standing in. A candidate must have been confirmed as a candidate (i.e. by submitting their nomination paper) before they can make requested for electoral registers and absent votes lists.



The register can be supplied as a printed copy or in data form (CSV format). CSV format can be read or modified using a spreadsheet or database application such as Excel or Access.

The registers can only be provided on **written request** (email [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk)) and we encourage you to request the electoral register in data format.

The last date for [registering to vote](#) is midnight on **Thursday 27 April 2023**.

### **Absent votes**

Provisional and final copies of the postal and proxy voters lists can be supplied to Candidates, Election Agents, and local or national political parties only, on **written request** (email [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk)).

The absent votes list can be provided in data (CSV format) or as a printed copy. We encourage you to request these lists in data format.

### **Postal votes**

Anyone included on the register may apply for a postal vote. Applicants must, supply their date of birth and signature when making an application.

Deadline for the receipt of postal voting application forms is **5pm on Friday 28 April 2023**.

**The first batch of postal votes will be issued on Thursday 27 April due to the upcoming bank holiday.**

**You will not be able to be present or be represented at the issue of postal votes.**

### **Postal vote opening**

Postal vote opening dates are included in the timetable on pages 3 and 4. You will be given 48 hours' notice if any of the dates or times are amended.

The postal vote opening will take place in the Committee Room at Ebley Mill which can be located through the double glass doors to the right of the building when looking at the building face on (please follow all signage) or speak with our reception staff.

Please park in the car park immediately outside of the building and not the barrier entry visitor car park immediately in front of you as you enter across the bridge (if driving).

The postal vote opening sessions taking place on polling day at 9pm will take place either in the Council Chamber which will be followed by the Count after the 9pm opening session. The rooms is located next to the Committee Room.

### **Proxy Votes**

Proxy voters can make an application for an 'indefinite' or 'set' period. The deadline for the receipt of proxy voting application forms is **5pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023**.

There is also an '**Emergency proxy provision**' for medical, occupational and Voter ID reasons. This allows for applications to be submitted up to 5pm on polling day. The emergency proxy facility is only available to voters who either become physically incapacitated, who have been notified that their employment prevents them from attending a polling station or where they have not and are unlikely to receive their appropriate Voter ID in time. This notification or incapacitation has occurred after 5pm on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

There is no longer provision for emergency proxy due to Covid-19 reasons as the legislation expired on the 28 February 2023.

The deadline to apply to vote by emergency proxy is 5pm on Wednesday 17 May 2023 and all such applications will require attestation and be submitted to the elections office for checking before the proxy is advised to go to the polling station.

## 8. Voter ID changes – Elections Act 2022

The Elections Act 2022 introduces a number of changes to the way elections are administered and conducted which will be phased out over the next couple of years (2023-2025). The Act gained Royal Assent on 28 April 2022 and as part of the first phase of changes in 2023, Voter Identification will come into force for any election taking place on or after Thursday 4 May 2023. This therefore means these requirements will be in force for the District Ward By-Election in Painswick and Upon taking place on Wednesday 17 May 2022 and any elector who intends to vote in the polling station will be required to bring an acceptable form of photo ID before a ballot paper will be issued to them.

### Acceptable forms of photo ID

The accepted forms of photo ID are listed in legislation and are listed below.

- UK Passport
- EEA State or Commonwealth County Passport
- Biometric Immigration document
- Blue Badge
- Older Person's Bus Pass
- An Oyster 60+ Card
- Voter Authority Certificate (issued by the ERO)
- UK Driving Licence (provisional and Full)
- National Identity Card Issued by an EEA state
- PASS Card
- Disabled Person's Bus Pass
- A Freedom Pass
- Ministry Defence Form 90
- Anonymous Elector Document (issued by the ERO)

There are also 9 concessionary travel scheme ID's issued in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland which can be accepted which are:

- Scottish National Entitlement Card
- Disabled Person's Welsh Concessionary Travel Card issued in Wales
- Registered SmartPass or Blind Person's SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ SmartPass Issued in Northern Ireland
- Electoral Identity Card issued in Northern Ireland
- 60+ Welsh Concessionary Travel Card
- Senior SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- War Disablement or Disabled SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland
- Half Fare SmartPass issued in Northern Ireland

Paper photocopies and electronic copies on mobile devices will not be accepted within the polling station, only original documents can be presented for a ballot paper to be issued.

### How to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate

If an elector does not have one of the accepted forms of photo ID as listed above to use in the polling station on polling day they can apply free of charge for a Voter Authority Certificate.

The Voter Authority Certificate is an A4 document that is printed on licensed paper bearing security features, that can only be used for the purpose of voting and has a recommended renewal date after 10 years (can be longer as long as the photo still resembles the elector).

There are three ways for an elector to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate:

- **Online** at [www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate](http://www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate)
- **Post** – Download an application from our website (elector must submit a photo with the application)
- **In Person** – Call the elections office on 01453 766321 to book an appointment and complete an application form at the Council Offices at Ebley Mill (elector must know their National Insurance Number).

The deadline for applying for a Voter Authority Certificate is **5pm, Thursday 9 May 2023**.

### **Postal Voters**

Any elector who votes by post will not be impacted by Voter ID and will not be required to present photo ID either when applying for a postal vote or if they choose to deliver their postal ballot paper to our Council Offices or the polling station.

If an existing postal voter however chooses to cancel their postal voting arrangement by the postal deadline, they will be required to present photo ID when they attend the polling station.

### **Proxy Voters**

Where an elector has a proxy voting arrangement in place, the proxy who is voting on behalf of the elector will be required to bring their photo ID as the proxy to the polling station. The proxy does not need to bring the photo ID of the elector they are voting on behalf of.

### **Other voter ID changes**

All polling stations are required to provide a private area to either:

- facilitate a request from an elector to have their ID to be checked in private or
- to provide a space for an elector to remove their religious head dressing (such as Burqa/Niqab's) for an ID check.

Ordinary poll cards and proxy poll cards will no longer be A5 and instead will increase to A4 and enveloped. This is because these poll cards are now required to list on the reverse of the card the full list of acceptable forms of photo ID.

Additional statutory signage will be provided to the polling stations.

### **Voter ID Campaign**

Localised engagement and communication will be undertaken with the electors within Painswick and Upton to inform them of the requirement to present photo ID at the polling station along with the registration and absent voting deadlines. This will include:

- a Press Release from the Returning Officer (our website and Social Media platforms)
- Social Media posts
- Resources sent to the Parish and Town's within the District Ward area to advertise on their Social Media platforms, newsletters, and noticeboards (poster and Social Media templates)
- Communication with internal Stroud District Council departments to collate a list of potential community hubs and organisations who we can engage with to advertise engagement resources
- Direct engagement with Nursing/Care Homes

## **9. Campaigning**

Please read in conjunction with the Electoral Commission's [guidance for the campaign](#).

### **Name and Address of Publisher and Printer on Election Publications**

If you are publishing any campaign material, an imprint must, by law, be added to show who is responsible for its production. The imprint requirements are there to enable anyone to contact or trace the source of the material e.g. if there is a complaint or query about its content.

On printed material such as leaflets and posters, you must include the full name and postal address of:

- The printer
- The promoter
- Any person on behalf of whom the material is being published, if not the promoter. The promoter is the person who has authorised the material to be printed. If the promoter is acting on behalf of a group or organisation, the name and address of the group or organisation must be included.

You can use either home or office addresses.

Materials requiring an imprint include posters, placards and bills that refer to parties and candidates. All printed election leaflets distributed for the purpose of promoting or procuring the election of a candidate must also carry an imprint. Any website or social media profile that refers to an election or candidate(s) should have an imprint, including any posters that are available for download from such a website.

The potential consequences of a breach of these requirements are serious. If the promoter, publisher or printer of the material commits this offence, they are liable to a fine of up to £5,000. If it is believed that an offence relating to imprints has been committed, and the complainant is prepared to substantiate this allegation through a written statement, this should be brought to the attention of the police.

## **Tellers**

**At the time of publishing this guidance, tellers are permitted to perform their usual duties but must remain outside of the polling station. We will update candidates and agents if this changes.**

- Should not influence the way someone should vote,
- Must be out of sight and earshot of what is going on in the polling station,
- May collect voter's electoral numbers on the way in and out of the polling station,
- Cannot hand out leaflets within the polling station, building or precincts,
- May wear conventionally sized rosettes in party colours bearing the name of party or the candidate.

Tellers have no official legal status and must comply with any instruction issued by the Returning Officer, Polling Station Inspector or Presiding Officer.

Tellers cannot act on behalf of polling agents and may only enter a polling place (e.g. a lobby or portico) provided that they remain outside the polling station and do not impede or obstruct the access of voters.

Party agents and group representatives have agreed to adopt a guide for the conduct of tellers which you will be asked to sign once you have officially become a candidate.

## **Posters and Advertisements**

You must not display any poster or advert without the permission of the site or property or anyone else with an interest in the site. This includes compliance with planning rules regarding hoardings and large banners, for more advice contact Stroud District Council's planning team.

Gloucestershire County Council advises that election posters should not be put up on the highway network, this includes: roads, bridges, land adjacent to roads, pavements, road signs and lampposts. **Any posters on highway land will be removed.**

Posters on the highway distract attention away from road signs that are there for safety and other important reasons. In addition, they can remain for weeks or months after elections and become an eyesore. If road maintenance teams are spending time removing political posters, then they will have less time to undertake their vital work in maintaining the county's roads.

If there are persistent problems the Council will consider ways of recovering the costs including billing the responsible election agent.

You must remove any outdoor posters promptly after the election and within two weeks of polling day.

### **Polling stations**

Any building used as a polling station is required not to display any party political posters, leaflets, photographs or similar and we ask that you assist in strictly maintaining this impartiality. This includes outside of the polling station and the grounds of the site.

The Presiding Officer at each polling station is responsible for the conduct and operation of the polling station and may request the removal of any item that they feel compromises the impartiality of the polling station.

The Presiding Officer will also request any person to leave a polling station if they feel that, if they were to remain, they could compromise impartiality of the election.

## **10. Verification and Count**

The verification and Count will be held in the:

Council Chamber  
Stroud District Council  
Ebley Mill  
Ebley Wharf  
Stroud  
GL5 4UB

The verification and counting of ballot papers will take place at 10pm on Wednesday 17 May 2023.

### **The count is divided into the following stages:**

#### **Verification**

The purpose of the verification is to check that the number of ballot papers in the ballot box accords with the number of ballot papers issued by the Presiding Officer at the polling station.

The postal voter's ballot box is also checked at this stage. At the end of the verification stage the total number of ballot papers to be entered into the count, and the overall turnout for the election will be known. Election Agents and Candidates will be advised of the relevant totals at the end of the verification stage.

#### **Separation of votes between candidates**

This involves separating the verified ballot papers into votes cast for particular candidates. This is the point at which doubtful ballot papers are adjudicated on and agents may object to any ballot paper that they consider may be questionable.

Ballot papers will be clipped into 10's then bundled into 100's counted and stacked into candidate piles.

### **Declaration of Result**

Provisional results will be discussed with candidates and agents and once the result is confirmed the Returning Officer will declare and publish the result.

### **Secrecy requirements**

All persons attending a postal vote opening or verification/count will be subject to the relevant secrecy requirements and will be issued with the usual 'notification of the requirements of secrecy' (included in this pack), as required under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

It should be noted that the use of mobile telephones in the count areas will be strictly prohibited and if used may constitute a breach of the secrecy requirements under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

## **11. Spending limits, expenses and donations**

You and your agents must follow certain rules about how much you can spend, who you accept donations from and what you must report after the election. If you have appointed an election agent, they have the main responsibility for complying with these rules.

After the election, both candidate and agent must sign declarations to say that the spending and donation return is complete and correct to the best of your knowledge.

Once submitted to Elections, your expenses will be open to public inspection for two years and occasionally the Electoral Commission request that we supply copies of candidate's expense returns for verification.

All candidates are subject to controls on their election expenses and are required to submit a return of election expenses to the Returning Officer within 28 days after the date of election.

Expenses forms were issued with the nomination papers.

The Candidate spending limit for this election uses the April register electorate. The current candidate spending limit at the time of writing this guidance is: £1,215.36, however we will advise candidates if this figure changes from the electorate contained within the April register.

**Local Government Elections spending limits are calculated using the following formula:**  
£806 + 7p per elector on Register published at time of Notice of Election.

More detailed guidance on the rules of spending and donations can be found on the [Electoral Commission's website](#).

The deadline for return for the expenses is Wednesday 21 June 2023, **even if there is a NIL spending return.**

## **12. Electoral Offences**

If a person is concerned whether or not an electoral offence may have been committed, the Elections Office may be able to explain advise whether this is the case, and whether the elector should raise their concerns to the Police.

If a person has the evidence that an offence has been committed, they should contact the police immediately using the non-emergency 101 number. A statement will need to be provided to substantiate an allegation.

Any allegations regarding election finances, such as spending or donations should be referred to the Electoral Commission.

Please contact the Elections office, in the first instance, if there are any queries about any of this information. The Elections office can be contacted as follows.

## 13. Contact Details

### **Elections office**

**01453 766321**

[elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk)

### **Gloucestershire Highways department**

**08000 514514**

[GCCHighways@amey.co.uk](mailto:GCCHighways@amey.co.uk)

### **Electoral Commission Contacts**

**03000 683390**

[infoengland@electoralcommisssion.org.uk](mailto:infoengland@electoralcommisssion.org.uk)

### **Police Single Point of Contact – DI Neil Drakeley**

**01452 753131**

[Neil.drakeley@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Neil.drakeley@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

If you would like to receive any of the documents included in this pack electronically, please email [elections@stroud.gov.uk](mailto:elections@stroud.gov.uk).