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Please see attached comments, spreadsheet and map illustrating a proposal from the Gloucestershire County Labour Group which make changes including creation of an additional ED within Stroud District which LGBCE is minded to create as part of an increase from 53 to 55 councillors.

Attached Documents:

- Gloucestershire Labour Group Initial Comments to LGBCE.docx
- Proposed division boundaries.pdf
- electoral_forecasting_proforma Stroud District seats.xlsx

Gloucestershire County Council LGBCE 2023 Review

Gloucestershire County Labour Group – initial consultation comments June 2023

Thank you launching this review and inviting initial comments. These initial comments respond to the challenge of creating 11 electoral divisions (rather than the current 10) within the Stroud District Council boundary whilst seeking to address the considerations and criteria to be applied.

We have particular knowledge of these areas as four out of the five members of our political group represent County Council seats within Stroud District.

Our methodology has been to apply the proposed number of 55 councillors to the projected 2029 electorate of 522,747, which gives a county average of 9,504. We have then looked at a range of options that would be within the range of +10% or -10% of this figure, whilst taking into account the other criteria.

Based on this we attach a version of your data file with tabs inserted for each of the 11 divisions together with a map showing these. In summary these give as below.

Electoral Division	2029 Projected Electors	Difference to Projected Average	Projected Percent Variance
Cam Valley	10,402	898	9.4%
Dursley	8,893	-631	-7.6%
Hardwicke & Severn	9,260	-244	-2.6%
Minchinhampton	9,106	-398	-4.2%
Nailsworth	8,969	-535	-5.6%
Rodborough	9,080	-424	-4.5%
Stonehouse	9,436	-68	-0.7%
Stroud Central	8,670	-834	-8.8%
Stroud East	9,135	-369	-3.9%
Stroud North	9,430	-74	-0.8%
Wotton Under Edge	8,578	-926	-9.7%

Cam Valley – this is an area of significant current and future planned growth. In order to contain this ED within a 10% variance, we have suggested removing Polling District BVG Hinton and BVF Hamfallow, whilst leaving BVE Hamfallow in the Cam Valley ED. This would mean that two EDs would cover Hamfallow Parish, however, having considered the alternatives, this is necessary in order to maintain a contiguous area which includes the town of Berkeley whilst keeping just under the +10% variance at +9.4% against the 2029 projected county average.

Dursley – this proposal retains Dursley Town and runs northward to include, as now, the parishes of Frocester and Leonard Stanley. For reasons of numerical balance it removes, however, Polling District CUC Owlpen to Wotton-Under-Edge ED. The latter is arguable, however, we calculate that retaining the 37 electors in CUC in the

Dursley ED would push Wotton Under Edge ED marginally over the variance at 10.1%. The proposed Dursley ED would have a variance of -7.6% against the 2029 projected county average.

Hardwicke and Severn – this proposal retains this division running alongside the Severn Estuary with the changes being the addition of Polling Districts BVG Hinton and BVF Hamfallow (from Cam Valley ED) and removal of Polling District HF Hunts Grove. The latter is a significant area of residential development which we propose forms part of what we refer to as Stroud North ED, which is in effect the new 11th ED. The proposed Hardwicke and Severn ED would have a variance of -2.6% against the 2029 projected county average.

Minchinhampton – this proposal retains the Minchinhampton ED but with Polling Districts TB and TC from Brimscombe and Thrupp moved into an ED we refer to as Stroud East. This meets the criteria and contributes to a solution which creates the new 11th ED. The proposed Minchinhampton ED would have a variance of -4.2% against the 2029 projected county average.

Nailsworth – this proposal retains an ED with Nailsworth Town and the parishes of Horsley, Woodchester and Kings Stanley together with Polling District AWA Amberley. The proposed Nailsworth ED would have a variance of -5.6% against the 2029 projected county average.

Rodborough – this proposal retains an ED consisting of Cainscross Parish and Rodborough District Ward. The Polling Districts TA would, however, be moved into an ED we refer to as Stroud East. TA is the Rodborough Butterow Parish Ward which forms part of Thrupp District Ward. Our proposal would also move RWRA, the Randwick South East Parish Ward into what we refer to as the Stroud North ED, which is in effect the new 11th ED. These changes better balance numbers and achieve the overall solution required. The proposed Rodborough ED would have a variance of -4.5% against the 2029 projected county average.

Stonehouse – this proposal retains an ED consisting of Stonehouse Town and Eastington Parish. The Polling District HI, which is Standish Parish, would, however, be moved into what we refer to as the Stroud North ED, which is in effect the new 11th ED. These changes better balance numbers and achieve the overall solution required. The proposed Stonehouse ED would have a variance of -0.7% against the 2029 projected county average.

Stroud Central – this proposal would retain five of the six District Wards in Stroud Town whilst moving Stroud Trinity Ward (Polling District STTA) which would form part of the ED we refer to as Stroud East. A large part of the area of Stroud Trinity ward is rural in character and similar to the adjacent Thrupp ward. In addition Bisley Road and Middle Street form a well-defined border for the most part between Trinity Ward and the rest of Stroud Town. This change better balance numbers and helps achieve the overall solution required. The proposed Stroud Central ED would have a variance of -8.8% against the 2029 projected county average.

Stroud East – this ED would be formed from parts of the current Painswick and Bisley ED together with the additions of SSTA Stroud Trinity and Brimscombe and

Thrupp District Ward (Polling Districts TA, TB and TC), with TA being the Rodborough Butterow Parish Ward currently in Rodborough ED. The Upton St Leonards Polling Districts PUH and PUI would become part of the new Stroud North ED. These changes better balance numbers and achieve the overall solution required to create an 11th ED. The proposed Stroud East ED would have a variance of -3.9% against the 2029 projected county average.

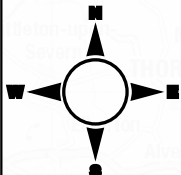
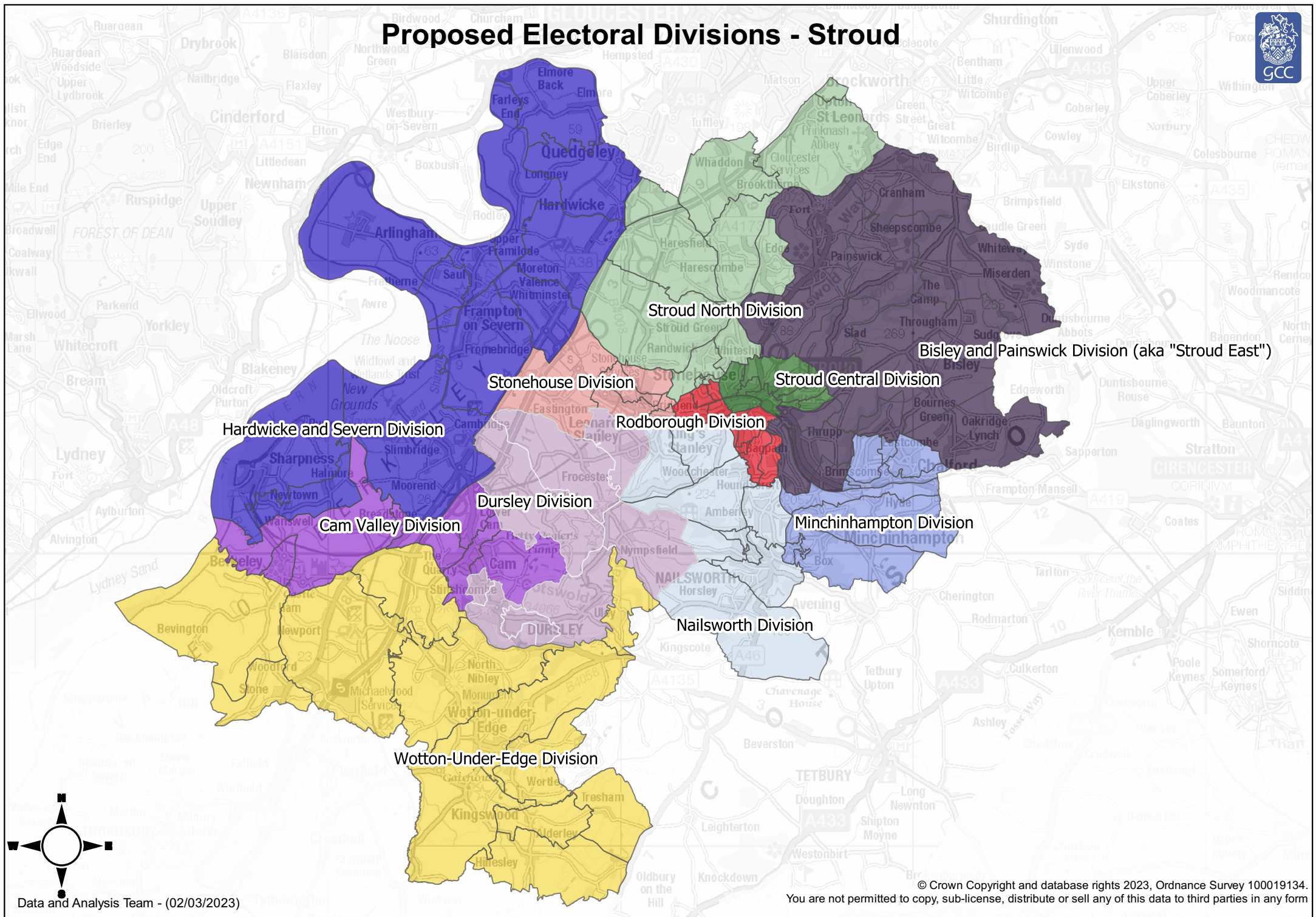
Stroud North – this is in effect the new 11th ED consisting of the Stroud District parts of the settlements that border Gloucester and Tewkesbury Borough and areas southward to Stroud Town's northern boundary. This includes areas of current and planned residential expansion of Hunts Grove HF and Coopers Edge within Upton St Leonards Ward, together with parishes of Brookthorpe, Harescombe, Harsefield, Edge, Standish, Randwick and Whiteshill. The proposed Stroud North ED would have a variance of -0.8% against the 2029 projected county average.

Wotton Under Edge – this proposal retains an ED focused on the town of Wotton Under Edge with the addition, from Dursley ED, of Polling District CUC Owlpen. This consists of a large estate and has a 2029 projection of just 37 electors. Inclusion of CUC is arguable, however, we calculate that placing this in the Wotton Under Edge ED would keep it marginally under the variance range at +9.7% against the 2029 projected county average.

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Proposed Electoral Divisions - Stroud



Stroud North Division		
CE	Randwick and Westrip South West	369
HA	Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon	272
HD	Harescombe	141
HE	Haresfield	324
HF	Hunts Grove	3490
HI	Standish	675
PUC	Edge	155
PUH	Upton St. Leonards CP	1,276
PUI	Upton St. Leonards CP	1,030
RWRA	Randwick and Westrip South East	310
RWRB	Randwick	470
RWRC	Whiteshill	918
	Total	9,430
	Difference to average	-74
	Percent Variance	-0.8%

Cam Valley Division		
BVB	Berkeley	1,841
BVE	Hamfallow	411
CEA	Cam East	1,620
CEB	Cam East	1,956
CWA	Cam West	1,578
CWB	Cam West	2,996
	Total	10,402
	Difference to average	898
	Percent Variance	9.4%

Dursley Division		
CUA	Coaley	666
CUB	Nymphsfield	294
CUD	Uley	912
DA	Dursley	2,445
DB	Dursley	1,713
DC	Dursley	1,298
TSA	Frocester	65
TSD	Leonard Stanley	1,500
	Total	8,893
	Difference to average	-631
	Percent Variance	-7.6%

Hardwicke and Severn Division		
BVF	Hamfallow	419
BVG	Hinton	1,210
BVH	Slimbridge	1,044
HB	Elmore	153
HC	Hardwicke	3,260
HG	Longney and Epney	248
HH	Moreton Valence	142
SA	Arlingham	363
SB	Frampton on Severn	1,122
SC	Fretherne with Saul	187
SD	Fretherne with Saul	379
SF	Whitminster	733
	Total	9,260
	Difference to average	-244
	Percent Variance	-2.6%

Minchinhampton Division		
CHA	Bussage	1,549
CHB	Bussage	1,438
CHC	Chalford Hill	1,510
CHD	Chalford Valley	491
CHE	Bourne	237
MAA	Box	260
MBB	Brimscombe	810
MCC	Minchinhampton North	2,041
MDD	Minchinhampton South	770
	Total	9,106
	Difference to average	-398
	Percent Variance	-4.2%

Nailsworth Division		
AWA	Minchinhampton CP	774
AWB	Woodchester CP	983
MEE	Minchinhampton CP	5
NA	Horsley CP	644
NB	Nailsworth CP	2,131
NC	Nailsworth CP	1,371
ND	Nailsworth CP	961
TSB	King's Stanley CP	1,709
TSC	King's Stanley CP	391
	Total	8,969
	Difference to average	-535
	Percent Variance	-5.6%

Rodborough Division		
CA	Cainscross	1,334
CB	Cashes Green East	947
CC	Cashes Green West	1,501
CD	Ebley	1,839
RA	Rodborough North	1,069
RB	Rodborough North	417
RC	Rodborough South	224
RD	Rodborough South	189
RE	Rodborough West	943
RF	Rodborough West	296
RG	Rodborough West	321
	Total	9,080
	Difference to average	-424
	Percent Variance	-4.5%

Stonehouse Division		
SE	Eastington	3,549
STA	Stonehouse	1,678
STB	Stonehouse	1,586
STC	Stonehouse	2,511
STD	Ryeford	112
	Total	9,436
	Difference to average	-68
	Percent Variance	-0.7%

Stroud Central Division		
RWRC	Whiteshill	918
STCA	Stroud Central	750
STCB	Stroud Central	437
STCC	Stroud Central	627
STFA	Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	1,927
STSA	Stroud Slade	556
STSB	Stroud Slade	1,071
STUA	Stroud Uplands	1,585
STVA	Stroud Valley	970
STVB	Stroud Valley	747
	Total	8,670
	Difference to average	-834
	Percent Variance	-8.8%

Wotton-Under-Edge Division		
BVA	Alkington CP	664
BVC	Ham	165
BVD	Stone	459
CUC	Owlpen	37
KA	Alderley CP	39
KB	Hillesley and Tresham CP	396
KC	Hillesley and Tresham CP	99
KD	Kingswood CP	1,221
WUEA	North Nibley CP	675
WUEB	Stinchcombe CP	341
WUEC	Wotton-under-Edge CP	2,473
WUED	Wotton-under-Edge CP	2,009
	Total	8,578
	Difference to average	-926
	Percent Variance	-9.7%

Bisley and Painswick Division		
BA	Bisley	707
BB	Eastcombe	513
BC	Oakridge	510
PUA	Cranham	409
PUB	Miserden	393
PUD	Painswick	1,771
PUE	Sheepscombe	386
PUF	Slad	224
PUG	Pitchcombe CP	238
STTA	Stroud Trinity	1,552
TA	Butterow	624
TB	Brimscombe and Thrupp	922
TC	Brimscombe and Thrupp	886
	Total	9,135
	Difference to average	-369
	Percent Variance	-3.9%