



CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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For the attention of:
The General Purposes Committee
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All Out Elections

Dear Committee Members,

Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Councillors have mandated me to write to you to express the view of the Council that there should be one election for all Borough Councillors every 4 years, not the 'by thirds' as is currently the case.

1. Our discussions led us to agree that future 3 member wards would lead to a democratic deficit for rural areas, as large wards mean small communities can be out-voted by neighbouring larger communities which they will be 'lumped in with' meaning the demise of local individuals who do a lot for their small local community, but are not known across the wider region.
2. Having a single election should lead to a higher calibre of councillor as there is more to gain.
3. Financially there are substantial savings to be made by having a single election every 4 years. This is so important in the current straightened financial circumstances.
4. TWBC is the only council in Kent that does NOT have a single election, and it is the norm for our national elections. The Public are confused and bored by the number of elections.

Kim Fletcher – Chairman
Cranbrook and Sissinghurst Parish Council