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Divisions (Question 1 to 5):

- 1) Yes
- 2) I believe the division representative should reside in the division they stand for
- 3) Why should there be such high error margins?
- 4) No, they should all be divided. Same for everyone
- 5) Yes, 3 year terms. If they don't perform to expectation then they are out.

Conduct of elections (Question 6 and 7):

- 6) No remains with Electoral Commission
- 7) No, current regime should be upheld

Conduct of elections (Question 8 and 9):

- 8) Yes
- 9) Would prefer to see the term pulled back to 3 year terms and held when they should be - not changed on whim.

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 10 to 15):

10) Yes If the candidate is serious in regard to nominating for either for Mayor or Councillor or the division they wish to represent - then only one candidature should be permitted. Next best is not an option.

- 11) I believe so
- 12) Yes
- 13) Yes
- 14) No
- 15) No

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 16 to 19):

- 16) Yes
- 17) Yes
- 18) Yes
- 19) If you want a level playing field - allow all or disallow all - take your pick

Candidates - requirements and conduct (Questions 20 to 24):

20) Yes

21) Yes

22) I don't think we need to see this advertising all over the place prior to the election - on polling day at the booths is enough.

23) Yes

24) No I don't see the point

Voting (Question 25):

25) Yes - one rule for all government elections

Voting (Questions 26 to 30):

26) Yes

27) If travel to polling booths in the larger areas is an issue then postal ballots should be automatic.

28) No - this has been an accepted practice and I don't see the need to change.

29) No I don't believe so.

30) Yes within the local government area. These areas due to forced amalgamation are now quite large.

Voting (Questions 31 to 35):

31) No

32) No

33) No

34) No

35) Not an issue No to the above

Voting systems (Questions 36 to 38):

36) First past the post

37) First past the post across the board

38) No

Other (Question 39):

Other) Leave the formation and election of our Local Government representatives to us - the ratepayer and voter. Too much interference from State Governments in local governance is becoming too much like a Police State. Local Government needs to be kept in check and not permitted to make decisions on the run. The Committee needs to address what is good for the South East is not compatible with the Regional areas.