

Chichester District Council



Electoral review of Chichester District

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Changes since 2002



- Streamlined decision-making and committee structures
- Reduced volume of ward work through more online transactions
- Out-sourcing of services, eg housing stock transfer
- Smaller managerial and officer organisation
- Difficulty in recruiting councillors

Council Resolution

10 March 2015



RESOLVED

That the proposal on council size (Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report), for a reduction in the number of councillors **to approximately 35 or 36**, to be implemented for the district council elections in 2019, be approved for submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

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for England

About Us

- We are independent of Government and political parties, and directly accountable to Parliament through the Speaker's Committee
- We are responsible for reviewing local authority electoral arrangements, administrative boundaries and structure
- Our recommendations for this review will be implemented by Parliament

Scope of the review

- Review will decide the pattern of wards for the entire district
- We will decide:
 - Total number of councillors (council size)
 - Number of wards
 - Names of wards
 - Boundaries of wards

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**Review
process**

Review Timetable	
Stage	Date
Council size LGBCE meeting	19 January 2016
Warding patterns consultation start	26 January 2016 – 4 April 2016
LGBCE meeting on draft recommendations	May 2016
Draft recommendations consultation	7 June 2016 – 2 August 2016
LGBCE meeting on final recommendations	September 2016
Final recommendations published	November 2016
Order laid	November 2016
Implementation at ordinary elections (full council)	May 2019

How?

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

Council size:

Effective representations will address:

Governance and
decision making

Scrutiny and outside
bodies

Representational
role of district
councillors

Effective representations will address:

Electoral equality for
voters

Community interests
and identities

Convenient and
effective local
government

Electorate Forecasts



LGCE requires from us:

- Register of Electors (Sept 2015)
- Electorate data: current (Sept 2015) and projected (2021)
- Maps
- List of stakeholders

Electorate Forecasts Methodology



District wide:

A. Adult population forecast 2021

B. Ratio Electors:Adult population 2015

Electorate 2021 = A x B

Polling District Level

Electorate 2021 = Current electorate + (net new occupied dwellings x electors per dwelling) ± change in existing housing stock

Warding stage



26 January – 4 April 2016

- **Electoral Equality**

Total forecast electorate ÷
Council size ± 10%

- **Community Identity**

- **Effective & Convenient
Local Government**

What about Parishes?



- In rural areas, polling districts are usually the same as parishes. Natural building blocks.
- 'A parish which doesn't lie wholly within a district ward must itself be warded. A parish ward must lie wholly within a district ward.' (*LGBCE*)

Suggested Timetable



- December/January: Brief Community Forums and City Council
- January/early February: Warding workshops: Chichester City/Rest of the South/North
- Mid February: Boundary Review Panel (BRP) approves draft warding scheme for consultation
- Late February/March: Consultation (Parishes/WSCC/Political parties/other stakeholders/public)
- Late March: BRP/ Cabinet/Council approve submission to LGBCE