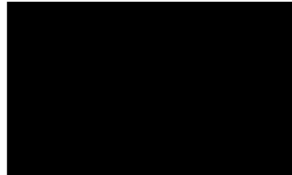
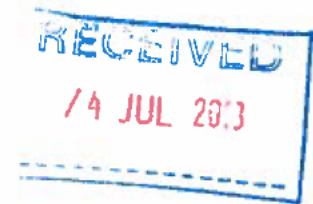


Sandown & Shanklin Labour Party



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Dear Sir,

Isle of Wight Council Ward Review

The Sandown & Shanklin Branch of the Labour Party covers wards in the Bay and Bembridge area of the Isle of Wight.

We have looked at the current boundaries of the wards with a view to creating two wards with single members to replace the existing two member ward of Brading, St. Helens and Bembridge. We also looked at the anomaly of the electorates not meeting the required criteria. The two-member ward, adjoins Sandown North, a ward that falls 12.07 % short of the average number of electors required by the review, 2402 electors.

These anomalies can best be addressed by dividing the Brading, Bembridge and St. Helens Ward into two. One ward Brading and St. Helens, formed from the two polling stations covering these areas (1072 electors from St. Helens and 1724 electors from Brading) giving a total number of electors of 2796.

The remaining Bembridge Ward would have 3270 voters – well above the average 2700 required by the review. By incorporating around three hundred electors from this ward into Sandown North, a fairer distribution could be achieved. Sandown North would then have 2702 electors and Bembridge 2970.

The new ward could be renamed Sandown North and Culver – or retain some reference to Bembridge in its title – but Sandown North and Bembridge South sounds a bit long.

The transfer of around 300 electors from Bembridge to Sandown North& Culver could be achieved if the boundary was redrawn to include Hillway (65) Peacock Hill (13), Sandown Road (11), Culver Down (9), Howgate Road up to its junction with Walls Road, Downs View Road and Lincoln Road in the new ward Sandown North and Culver.

It is our view that the remaining wards in the Bay Area do not need revised boundaries as they meet the population criteria set by the boundary review.

This will also be sent by e-mail.



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