

## What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Bath and North East Somerset Council.

The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament.

Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in May 2019.

## Our recommendations:

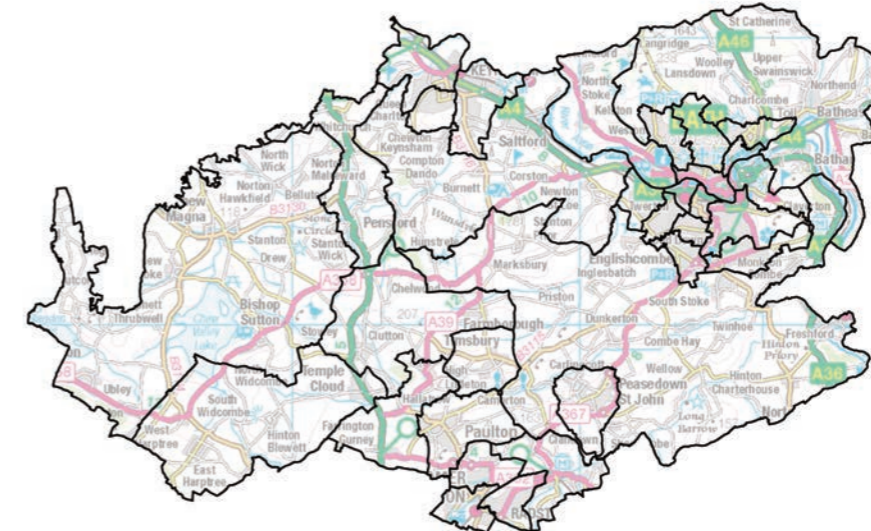
The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of councillors proposed for each ward, and the forecasted voters per councillor in 2023.

The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality.

# Bath and North East Somerset Council

## Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per from Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %	Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per from Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %
Bathavon North	2	2,628	11%	Newbridge	2	2,407	2%
Bathavon South	2	2,204	-7%	Odd Down	2	2,534	7%
Bathwick	2	2,612	10%	Oldfield Park	1	2,155	-9%
Chew Valley	2	2,333	-1%	Paulton	2	2,359	0%
Clutton & Farmborough	1	2,247	5%	Peasedown	2	2,549	8%
Combe Down	2	2,535	7%	Publow & Whitchurch	1	2,527	7%
High Littleton	1	2,307	-3%	Radstock	2	2,158	-9%
Keynsham East	2	2,373	0%	Saltford	2	2,321	-2%
Keynsham North	2	2,560	8%	Southdown	2	2,490	5%
Keynsham South	2	2,544	7%	Timsbury	1	2,137	-10%
Kingsmead	2	2,229	-6%	Twerton	2	2,274	-4%
Lambridge	2	2,166	-9%	Walcot	2	2,175	-8%
Lansdown	2	2,166	-9%	Westfield	2	2,379	0%
Mendip	1	2,308	-3%	Westmoreland	2	2,368	0%
Midsomer Norton North	2	2,277	-4%	Weston	2	2,261	-5%
Midsomer Norton Redfield	2	2,401	1%	Widcombe & Lyncombe	2	2,474	4%
Moorlands	1	2,457	4%				
				<b>Totals:</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>Averages:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>-</b>



### Who we are:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

### Why Bath and North East Somerset?

- Bath and North East Somerset currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in council elections, varies depending on where you live in Bath and North East Somerset.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local voters

### Electoral review:

- An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:
- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
  - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
  - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Our proposals:

- Bath and North East Somerset Council currently has 65 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **59 councillors** should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
  - (1) Deliver electoral equality for voters.
  - (2) Reflect community interests and identities.
  - (3) Promote effective and convenient local government.

