

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Somerset West and Taunton 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.

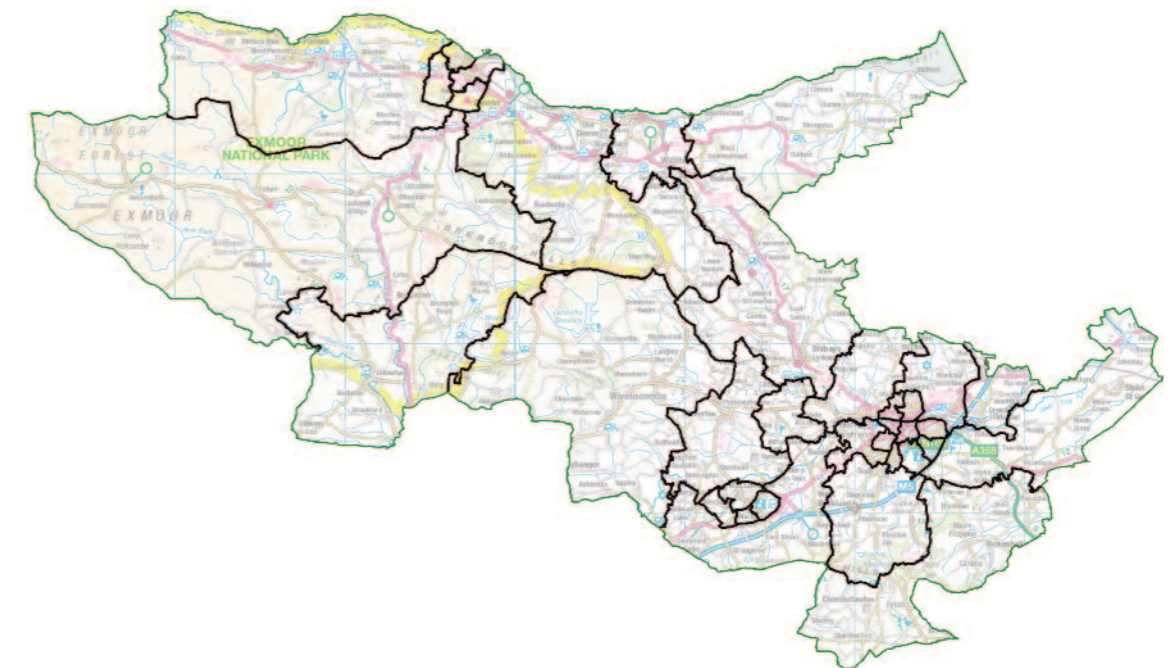
Our recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Somerset West and Taunton 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 %
Alcombe	1	1,915	-6%	Periton & Woodcombe	1	1,895	-7%
Blackbrook & Holway	2	2,182	8%	Porlock & District	1	1,864	-8%
Comeytrove & Bishop's Hull	3	2,154	6%	Priorswood	3	2,097	3%
Cotford St Luke & Oake	1	2,178	7%	Quantock Vale	1	2,220	9%
Creech St. Michael	2	1,807	-11%	Rockwell Green	1	1,968	-3%
Dulverton & District	1	1,969	-3%	South Quantock	2	2,119	4%
Exmoor	1	1,901	-6%	Trull, Pitminster & Corfe	2	1,921	-5%
Halcon & Lane	2	2,059	2%	Victoria	2	2,018	-1%
Hatch & Blackdown	1	2,138	5%	Vivary	2	1,902	-6%
Manor & Tangier	1	2,193	8%	Watchet & Williton	3	2,015	-1%
Milverton & District	1	2,042	1%	Wellington East	2	1,980	-2%
Minehead Central	2	1,856	-9%	Wellington North	2	1,967	-3%
Minehead North	1	1,865	-8%	Wellington South	1	2,128	5%
Monument	1	2,095	3%	Wellsprings & Rowbarton	2	2,171	7%
North Curry & Ruishton	2	1,973	-3%	West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine	3	2,078	2%
North Town	1	1,956	-4%	Wilton & Sherford	1	2,025	0%
Norton Fitzwarren & Staplegrove	3	2,078	2%	Wiveliscombe & District	2	2,022	0%
Old Cleeve & District	2	2,043	1%				
				Totals:	59	-	-
				Averages:	-	2,028	-



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 Somerset West and Taunton?

- In May 2018, the government decided to create a new local authority called Somerset West and Taunton Council.
- This Council Consists of the former West Somerset Council and Taunton Deane Borough Council.
- The Commission agreed to carry out an electoral review to draw up new wards for the new council

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:

- We propose that the council should have **59 councillors** 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.

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Somerset West and Taunton Council should have **59 councillors**.

Those councillors should represent 5 three-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and 16 one-councillor wards across Somerset West and Taunton Council.

Somerset West and Taunton should have 35 wards.

Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the new council – these have been decided by Parliament and we cannot amend them.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more: consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on the review process.
- read the full report of our recommendations.

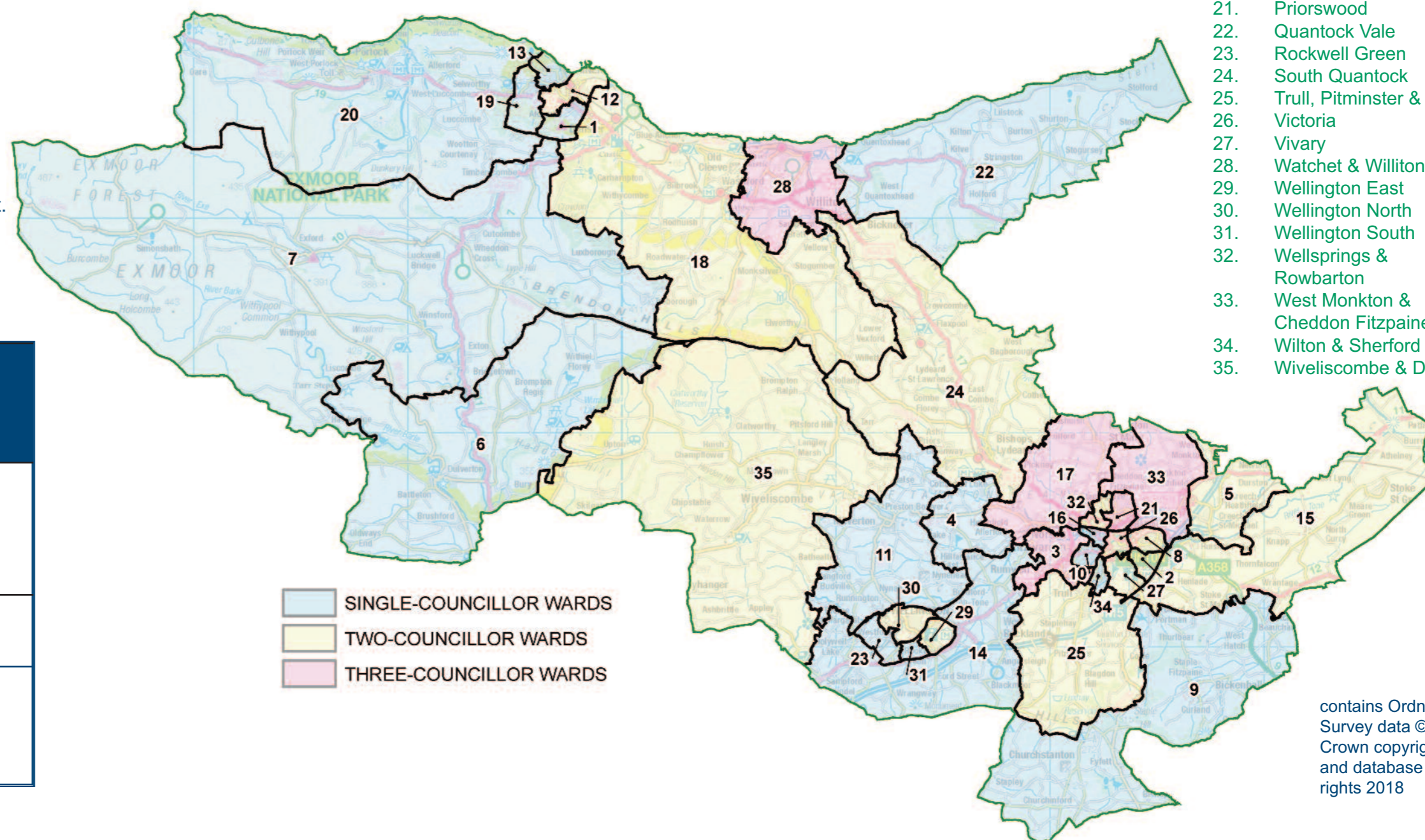
Stage of review	Description
3 July 2018 - 27 August 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
23 October 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Somerset West and Taunton Council

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- Key:
1. Alcombe
 2. Blackbrook & Holway
 3. Comeytrove & Bishop's Hull
 4. Cotford St Luke & Oake
 5. Creech St Michael
 6. Dulverton & District
 7. Exmoor
 8. Halcon & Lane
 9. Hatch & Blackdown
 10. Manor & Tangier
 11. Milverton & District
 12. Minehead Central
 13. Minehead North
 14. Monument
 15. North Curry & Ruishton
 16. North Town
 17. Norton Fitzwarren & Staplegrove
 18. Old Cleeve & District
 19. Periton & Woodcombe
 20. Porlock & District
 21. Priorswood
 22. Quantock Vale
 23. Rockwell Green
 24. South Quantock
 25. Trull, Pitminster & Corfe
 26. Victoria
 27. Vivary
 28. Watchet & Williton
 29. Wellington East
 30. Wellington North
 31. Wellington South
 32. Wellsprings & Rowbarton
 33. West Monkton & Cheddon Fitzpaine
 34. Wilton & Sherford
 35. Wiveliscombe & District

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