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Summary report
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26 Feb - 8 Apr 2013 Public consultation on council size
28 May - 5 Aug 2013 Public consultation on new warding patterns
15 Oct 2013 - 6 Jan 2014 Public consultation on draft recommendations
25 Mar 2014 Publication of final recommendations

May 2015 Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections
Summary of our recommendations
The Commission considered all representations received during consultation on its draft recommendations.

We have made amendments to some of the boundaries proposed in our draft recommendations in Bamber Bridge, Farlington, Leyland and Walton-le-Dale. These changes were made to improve electoral equality, and to provide for wards which better reflect community identities.

We have also changed some ward names in Leyland. Bannister Brook, Turpin Green and Wade Hall will instead be named Leyland Central, St Ambrose and Seven Stars respectively.

In the rest of the borough we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

You can read the full report on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Overview of final recommendations for South Ribble Borough Council

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What happens next?
We have now completed our review of South Ribble Borough 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 2015.