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Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE  
YEOVIL DISTRICT OF SOMERSET

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Yeovil District in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and of Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for that District.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 10 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Yeovil District Council, copies of which were circulated to the Somerset County Council, Parish Councils and Parish meetings in the district, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of local newspapers circulating in the area and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
3. Yeovil District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were asked also to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.

4. In accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council had exercised an option for a system of whole council elections.
5. On 27 November 1974 the Yeovil District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area into 39 wards each returning 1, 2, 3 or 4 members to form a Council of 60, the same as at present.
6. Before we considered the draft scheme in detail we pointed out to the District Council that, save only in the most exceptional circumstances, our guidelines, as set out in our Report No 6, did not permit district wards returning more than 3 members. The District Council thereupon agreed, pursuant to section 50(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements of the successor parish of Chard Town which it had been proposed should form a single district ward returning 4 members. In due course they informed us that they had made an appropriate order to establish 4 parish wards which would serve also as district wards, each returning one district councillor.
7. The District Council received no comments in response to the publication of their draft scheme. We received one letter, from a parish council suggesting that the proposed Turn Hill ward should be renamed "Pitney Hundreds"
8. We studied the District Council's draft scheme and noted that the Council expected a fairly rapid increase in the electorate of certain parts of the district over the next five years. Having regard to the generally lower rate of growth in the past we thought that the Council's forecasts were, perhaps, rather optimistic and we examined the validity of the scheme should the rate of growth prove lower than the Council expect. We concluded that the growth factor was not critical to the suitability of the scheme and that no modification was necessary for this reason.

9. We considered, in a few instances, whether the scheme might be modified to produce a better standard of representation. In most instances the pattern of local ties suggested that no change should be made, but, in the case of the proposed Yeovil South and Yeovil Central wards and the proposed Yeovil Preston and Yeovil West wards, we decided to propose alterations to the boundaries in order to secure a better balance of representation.

10. We also considered the proposal for renaming one of the wards, together with those of the suggestions made to the District Council at an earlier stage in the review which they had not felt able to adopt and incorporate in their draft scheme. In every case we considered that on the evidence before us there were insufficient grounds for us to accede to the proposals made and accordingly we resolved to reject them.

11. In relation to the names of the proposed wards we were uncertain as to the extent to which the area covered by the proposed "Martock Hundred" ward coincided with the area of the old Hundred of that name and we concluded it would be better to abbreviate the name to read simply "Martock".

12. Subject to the changes referred to in paragraphs 6, 9 and 11 above we decided that the District Council's draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements of the district and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

13. On 23 April 1975 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying maps which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 18 June 1975.

14. We received no response to our draft proposals and we decided therefore to confirm them as our final proposals.

15. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

#### PUBLICATION

16. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Yeovil District Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards, as defined on the maps, is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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3 July 1975

## DISTRICT OF YEovil : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
Blackdown	1
Blackmoor Vale	2
Brue	1
Burrow Hill	1
Camelot	1
Cary	2
Chard North East	1
Chard North West	1
Chard Parish	1
Chard South East	1
Chard South West	1
Chinnock	1
Coker	2
Crewkerne Town	3
Curry Rivel	1
Dowlish	1
Egwood	1
Hazelbury	1
Houndstone	3
Ilminster Town	2
Islemoor	1
Ivelchester	1
Langport and Huish	1
Lynches	1
Martock	2
Milborne Port	1
Mudford	1
Heroche	1
Northstone	1
St Michael's	1
South Petherton	1
Stoke	1
Turn Hill	1
Wessex	2
Wincanton	2
Windwhistle	1
Yeovil Central	2
Yeovil East	3
Yeovil North	2
Yeovil Preston	2
Yeovil South	2
Yeovil West	2

## DISTRICT OF YEOVIL : DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

## YEOVIL SOUTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of West Coker CP meets the southeastern boundary of Brympton CP, thence northwards and following the said southeastern boundary to a point opposite the northern boundary of Yeovil Airfield, thence eastwards to and along the said boundary to the stream running south of No 25 Watercombe Lane, thence generally eastwards along said stream to the footpath linking Seaton Road with West Street, thence northeastwards along said footpath to West Street, thence northwards along said street to its junction with the road known as Huish, thence eastwards along said road to Salthouse Lane thence southwestwards and southeastwards along the said lane to the road known as West Hendford thence northeastwards along the said road to the road known as Hendford thence southwestwards along the said road to the footpath linking Hendford with the railway, thence southeastwards along said footpath to the railway, thence eastwards and following said railway to the northwestern boundary of Yeovil Without (Det) CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary, the northern boundaries of Barwick CP and East Coker CP, and the north-eastern boundary of West Coker CP to the point of commencement.

## YEOVIL PRESTON WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Yeovil South Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Brympton CP, thence northwards and following said boundary and the southern boundary of Yeovil Without CP to the western boundary of No 109 Marl Close, thence southwards along said boundary, the western boundaries of Nos 87, 33 and 31 Marl Close and the western boundary of No 113 Stiby Road, to Stiby Road, thence eastwards along said road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Yeovil Girls High School, thence southwards in a straight line to said boundary



and continuing southwards, eastwards and southwards along said boundary and the eastern boundaries of Yeovil Westfield County Junior School and Yeovil Westfield County Infants School, to the northern boundary of Summerlands Hospital, thence eastwards and southwards along said boundary and the eastern boundary of said hospital to Preston Road, thence westwards along the said road to a point opposite the stream to the rear of Nos 1-87 St Andrews Road thence southwards to and along the said stream to Preston Grove thence eastwards along the said grove to the northern boundary of Yeovil South Ward, thence southwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### YEOVIL WEST WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Yeovil South Ward meets the eastern boundary of Yeovil Preston Ward, thence northwards and following said eastern boundary to the southern boundary of Yeovil Without CP, thence eastwards and following said CP boundary to the rear boundary of No 146 Ludford Road, thence southeastwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 146-92 Ludford Road to the southeastern corner of No 92 Ludford Road, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the northern boundary of No 90 Ludford Road, thence southeastwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southwestwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 90-68 Ludford Road to the rear boundary of No 254 Goldcroft, thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 254-236 Goldcroft and continuing southeastwards in a straight line to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 232-175 Goldcroft to Milford Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the road known as Goldcroft, thence southeastwards along said road to Sparrow Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Ludford Road, thence generally southwards along said road to the road known as Kingston, thence southeastwards along said road and Princes Street to Park Road thence westwards along said road to Clarence Street thence southwards along said street to a point opposite the northern boundary of the Brewery thence generally westwards along the said

boundary and continuing along the northern boundary of the Athletic Ground, thence northwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 27-31 Park Gardens, thence westwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 23-43 The Park and continuing westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 1-15 West Park to the unnamed stream to the rear of Nos 34 to 4 Grove Avenue, thence southwestwards along the said stream to the western boundary of No 192 Hains, thence southwards along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Yeovil Preston Ward, thence westwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### YEOVIL NORTH WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Yeovil West Ward meets the southern boundary of Yeovil Without CP thence southeastwards and following said southern boundary to Bucklers Mead Road, thence southwards along said road to St John's Road, thence westwards along said road to a point opposite the rear boundary of No 260 St Michael's Avenue, thence southeastwards to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 260-238 St Michael's Avenue to the northern boundary of No 226 St Michael's Avenue, thence eastwards and southwards along the northern and eastern boundaries of said property to the southeastern corner of said property, thence southwestwards in a straight line to the rear boundary at No 222 St Michael's Avenue, thence southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 222-196 St Michael's Avenue and continuing in a straight line to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 194-10 St Michael's Avenue and continuing in a straight line to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 104-56 St Michael's Avenue and in a straight line to the northern boundary of St Michael and All Angels Church, thence eastwards, southwards and westwards

along the said boundary and the eastern and southern boundaries of the said church and its vicarage to the rear boundary of No 50 St Michael's Avenue, thence southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 50-42 St Michael's Avenue and continuing in a straight line to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 40-32 St Michael's Avenue and in a straight line to the northern boundary of Pen Mill Primary School, thence eastwards, southwards, westwards and southwards along the said boundary and the eastern boundary of the said school to the rear boundary of No 20 St Michael's Avenue, thence southwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 20-2 St Michael's Avenue to Great Western Terrace, thence westwards along said Terrace to St Michael's Avenue, thence northwestwards along said avenue to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 1 St Michael's Avenue, thence southwestwards in a straight line to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of No 1 St Michael's Avenue, thence northwestwards, southwestwards and northwestwards along the rear of Nos 1-17 St Michael's Avenue to the northern boundary of No 17 St Michael's Avenue, thence northeastwards along said boundary to St Michael's Avenue, thence northwestwards in a straight line to the northeastern boundary of No 67 Matthews Road, thence northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of No 67 Matthews Road and continuing northwestwards, southwestwards, northwestwards and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 65-9 Matthews Road to the rear boundary of No 15 Gordon Road, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 15-13 Gordon Road and in prolongation thereof to the junction of said road and the road known as ~~Great~~ Royal, thence northwestwards along Gordon road and Highfield Road to King Street, thence southwestwards along said street to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 39 King Street, thence northwestwards in a straight line to and along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 39-1 King Street, thence northwestwards to and along the rear boundaries of Nos 98-120 Goldcroft and in a straight line to and along the rear boundary of No 122 Goldcroft to the southeastern boundary of No 132 Goldcroft, thence northeastwards

along said boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence north-westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 132-174 Goldcroft to the eastern boundary of Yeovil West Ward, thence northwestwards along said eastern boundary to the point of commencement.

#### YEOVIL EAST WARD

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Yeovil North Ward meets the southern boundary of Yeovil Without CP, thence eastwards and following said CP boundary to the southeastern boundary of the district, thence southwards and following said district boundary to a point due south of the path which is an extension of the track which runs between No 144 and No 178 Sherborne Road, thence in a straight line due north to and northwards along said path and said track to Sherborne Road, thence eastwards along said road to St Michael's Avenue, thence northwards along said avenue to the southern boundary of Yeovil North Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary and northwestwards and following the eastern boundary of Yeovil North Ward to the point of commencement.

#### YEOVIL CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at the point where the northern boundary of Yeovil South Ward meets the northwestern boundary of Yeovil Without (Det) CP, thence southwestwards and following said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Yeovil West Ward, thence northwards and following said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Yeovil North Ward, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Yeovil East Wards, thence southwards and following said boundary to the southeastern boundary of the district, thence westwards along said boundary and continuing westwards along the north western boundary of Yeovil Without (Det) CP to the point of commencement.

## CHARD NORTH EAST WARD

North East ward of the parish of Chard Town

## CHARD NORTH WEST WARD

North West ward of the parish of Chard Town

## CHARD SOUTH EAST WARD

South East ward of the parish of Chard Town

## CHARD SOUTH WEST WARD

South West ward of the parish of Chard Town

## CHARD PARISH WARD

The whole of the parish of Chard

## BLACKDOWN WARD

The parishes of Buckland St Mary, Whitestaunton, Wambrook and Combe St Nicholas

## WINDWHISTLE WARD

The parishes of Cricket St Thomas, Misterton, Wayford, West Crewkerne and Winsham

## DOWLISH WARD

The parishes of Chaffcombe, Chillington, Cudworth, Dinnington, Dowlish Wake, Hinton St George, Kingstone, Knowle St Giles, Seavington St Mary and Seavington St Michael

## ILMINSTER TOWN WARD

The whole of the successor parish of Ilminster

## NEROCHE WARD

The parishes of Ashill, Broadway, Donyatt and Ilminster Without

## CREWKERNE TOWN WARD

The whole of the successor parish of Crewkerne

## ISLEMOOR WARD

The parishes of Beercrocombe, Curry Mallet, Fivehead, Isle Brewers  
and Isle Abbots

## LYNCHES WARD

The parishes of Ilton, Shepton Beauchamp, Stocklinch and Whitelackington.

## SOUTH PETHERTON WARD

The whole of the parish of South Petherton.

## EGWOOD WARD

The parishes of Lopen and Merriott.

## CURRY RIVEL WARD

The parishes of Curry Rivel and Drayton.

## BURROW HILL WARD

The parishes of Barrington, Kingsbury Episcopi, Muchelney and Puckington.

## MARTOCK WARD

The parishes of Ash, Long Load and Martock.

## TURN HILL WARD

The parishes of Aller, High Ham, Long Sutton and Pitney.

## LANGPORT AND HUIISH WARD

The parishes of Huish Episcopi and Langport.

## STOKE WARD

The whole of the parish of Stoke sub Hamdon.

## WESSEX WARD

The parishes of Compton Dundon and Somerton.

## NORTHSTONE WARD

The parishes of Babcary, Barton St David, Charlton Mackrell, Keinton Mandeville, Kingsdon and Kingweston.

## CARY WARD

The parish of Alford, Ansford, Castle Cary, Lovington, North Barrow, South Barrow, North Cadbury and Yarlington.

## BRUE WARD

The parishes of Brewham, Bruton and Pitcombe.

## WINCANTON WARD

The parishes of Bratton Seymour, Charlton Musgrove, Cucklington, Penselwood, Shepton Montague, Stoke Trister and Wincanton.

## BLACKMOOR VALE WARD

The parishes of Abbas and Templecombe, Charlton Horethorne, Henstridge, Horsington, Maperton, Holton and North Cheriton.

## MILBORNE PORT

The whole of the parish of Milborne Port.

## CAMELOT WARD

The parishes of Compton Pauncefoot, Queen Camel, South Cadbury, Sparkford and West Camel.

## MUDFORD WARD

The parishes of Chilton Cantelo, Corton Denham, Marston Magna, Mudford and Rimpton.

## IVELCHESTER WARD

The parishes of Ilchester, Limington and Yeovilton.

## ST MICHAEL'S WARD

The parishes of Chilthorne Domer, Montacute and Tintinhull.



## HOUNDSTONE WARD

The parishes of Brympton, Yeovil Without and Odcombe.

## CHINNOCK WARD

The parishes of Chiselborough, East Chinnock, Norton sub Hamdon and West Chinnock.

## COKER WARD

The parishes of Barwick, Clossworth, East Coker and West Coker.

## HAZELBURY WARD

The parishes of Hardington Mandeville, Haselbury Plucknett and North Perrott.