

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Forest of Dean District 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.

Forest of Dean District Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

| Ward Name: | Number of Councillors: | Electorate (2017): | Number of Electors per Councillor: | Variance from average % | Electorate (2023): | Number of Electors per Councillor: | Variance from Average % |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Berry Hill | 2 | 3,749 | 1,875 | 6% | 3,898 | 1,949 | 1% |
| Bream | 2 | 3,711 | 1,856 | 5% | 3,935 | 1,967 | 2% |
| Cinderford East | 2 | 3,462 | 1,731 | -2% | 3,548 | 3,548 | -8% |
| Cinderford West | 2 | 3,192 | 1,596 | -9% | 3,667 | 1,834 | -5% |
| Coleford | 3 | 5,772 | 1,924 | 9% | 6,219 | 2,073 | 7% |
| Dymock | 1 | 1,650 | 1,650 | -6% | 1,736 | 1,736 | -10% |
| Hartpury & Redmarley | 2 | 3,507 | 1,754 | 0% | 3,658 | 1,829 | -5% |
| Longhope & Huntley | 2 | 3,226 | 1,613 | -8% | 3,476 | 1,738 | -10% |
| Lydbrook | 1 | 1,778 | 1,778 | 1% | 1,898 | 1,898 | -2% |
| Lydney East | 3 | 4,003 | 1,334 | -24% | 6,099 | 2,033 | 5% |
| Lydney North | 1 | 1,732 | 1,732 | -2% | 1,789 | 1,789 | -8% |
| Lydney West | 1 | 1,981 | 1,981 | 12% | 2,060 | 2,060 | 7% |
| & Aylburton | 3 | 5,822 | 1,941 | 10% | 6,135 | 2,045 | 6% |
| Mitcheldean, Ruardean & Drybrook | 3 | 4,939 | 1,646 | -7% | 5,508 | 1,836 | -5% |
| Newent & Taynton | 1 | 1,966 | 1,966 | 12% | 2,055 | 2,055 | 6% |
| Newland & Sling | 2 | 3,917 | 1,959 | 11% | 4,125 | 2,062 | 7% |
| Newnham | 1 | 1,790 | 1,790 | 2% | 1,857 | 1,857 | -4% |
| Pillowell | 1 | 1,850 | 1,850 | 5% | 2,059 | 2,059 | 6% |
| Ruspidge | 1 | 1,970 | 1,970 | 12% | 2,074 | 2,074 | 7% |
| St Briavels | 3 | 5,272 | 1,757 | 0% | 5,966 | 1,989 | 3% |
| Tidenham | 1 | 1,652 | 1,652 | -6% | 1,749 | 1,749 | -10% |
| Westbury-on-Severn | | | | | | | |
| Totals: | 38 | 66,941 | - | - | 73,509 | - | - |
| Averages: | - | - | 1,762 | - | - | 1,934 | - |



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.

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.

Why Forest of Dean?

- Forest of Dean District Council submitted a formal request to the Commission for an electoral review.

Our proposals:

- Forest of Dean District Council currently has 48 councillors.
- Based on the evidence we received, the Commission recommends that **38** councillors should serve the district in the future.
- The Commission believes the 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 Forest of Dean District Council's 38 councillors should represent 5 three-councillor wards, 7 two-councillor wards, and 9 one-councillor wards across the district.

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 |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 28 March - 19 June 2017 | Public consultation on new ward boundaries |
| 29 August - 6 November 2017 | Public consultation on draft recommendations |
| 16 January 2018 | Publication of final recommendations |
| May 2019 | Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections |

Overview of final recommendations for Forest of Dean District Council

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Summary key:

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2. Bream
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9. Lydbrook
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