



# BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 93/18

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The purpose of this paper is to ask Members to consider the draft proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission's review of the Island's current electoral arrangements.

**No. DETAILS**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) The Local Government Boundary Review of the Island has reached the stage of publishing its draft recommendations for adjustments to the parish-based constituencies for elections to the Isle of Wight Council.
  - b) The prime purpose of the review is to achieve an outcome in which all constituencies have an electorate within 10% of what would be the case if all were exactly equal in number.
  - c) A consultation on their proposals is now open for comments until 12 November.
  - d) Access the full report is available by clicking [this link](#).
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**2) DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- a) A Summary of the draft recommendations is attached to this Report.
  - b) The proposed change affecting Ventnor is for it to replace Brading, St Helens and Bembridge as the only constituency electing two Members of the Isle of Wight Council by combining it for electoral purposes with Wroxhall.
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**3) RECOMMENDATION**

- a) Members are recommended to consider the proposals and determine whether a response would be appropriate and, if so, what that response should be.
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# The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

## Have your say:

We are now consulting local people on a new pattern of divisions for Isle of Wight Council. We have an open mind about our final recommendations, and we will consider every piece of evidence we receive from local groups and people, regardless of whom it is from or whether it relates to the whole council area or just a part of it.

If you agree with our recommendations, please let us know. If you don't think our recommendations are right for the Isle of Wight, we want to hear alternative proposals for a different pattern of divisions.

We aim to propose a pattern of divisions for the Isle of Wight which delivers:

- **Electoral equality:** each councillor represents a similar number of voters.
- **Community identity:** reflects the identity and interests of local communities.
- **Effective and convenient local government:** helping your council discharge its responsibilities effectively.

## A good pattern of divisions should:

- Provide good electoral equality, with each councillor representing, as closely as possible, the same number of voters.
- Reflect community interests and identities and include evidence of community links.
- Be based on strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
- Help the council deliver effective and convenient local government.

### Electoral equality:

- Does your proposal mean that councillors would represent roughly the same number of voters as elsewhere in the council area?

### Community identity:

- **Transport links:** are there good links across your proposed division? Is there any form of public transport?
- **Community groups:** is there a parish council, residents association or another group that represents the area?

- **Facilities:** does your pattern of divisions reflect where local people go for shops, medical services, leisure facilities etc?
- **Interests:** what issues bind the community together or separate it from other parts of your area?
- **Identifiable boundaries:** are there natural or constructed features which make strong boundaries for your proposals?

### Effective local government:

- Are any of the proposed divisions too large or small to be represented effectively?
- Are the proposed names of the divisions appropriate?

### Useful tips:

- Our website has a special consultation area where you can explore the maps and draw your own proposed boundaries. You can find it at [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk).
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

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