



BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 93/18

8 OCTOBER 2018

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

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 of 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
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4 September 2018

Dear David Bartlett,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF ISLE OF WIGHT: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has published draft recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Isle of Wight Council. Today is the start of a ten-week public consultation on the Commission's draft recommendations on new division boundaries across Isle of Wight Council.

The consultation closes on **12 November 2018**

View the draft recommendations

You can view the Commission's draft recommendations at www.lgbce.org.uk, where you can find interactive maps, a report and guidance on how to have your say. The Commission has not finalised its conclusions and now invites representations on the draft recommendations.

Enclosed with this letter is a summary outlining the Commission's draft recommendations. An interactive map of the Commission's recommendations for Isle of Wight Council, electorate figures and guidance on how to propose new wards is available on the consultation portal at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>. Further information about the review and the Commission's work is also published on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

Have your say

We encourage everyone who has a view on the draft recommendations to contact us, whether you support them or whether you wish to propose alternative arrangements.

Before finalising the recommendations, the Commission will consider every representation received during consultation, whether it is submitted by an individual, a local group or an organisation. We will weigh each submission against the criteria the Commission must follow when drawing up electoral arrangements:

- To deliver electoral equality where each county councillor represents roughly the same number of electors as others across the county.
- That the pattern of divisions should, as far as possible, reflect the interests and identities of local communities.
- That the electoral arrangements should provide for effective and convenient local government.

It is important that you take account of the criteria if you are suggesting an alternative pattern of divisions. You can find additional guidance and information about previous electoral reviews on our website to help you or your organisation make a submission.

Get in touch

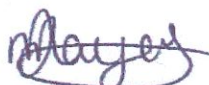
The Commission welcomes comments on the recommendations report by **12 November 2018** Representations should be made:

- Through our interactive consultation portal where you can explore the maps of the recommendations, draw your own boundaries and supply comments, at: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>.
- By email to: reviews@lgbce.org.uk.
- Or in writing to:
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The Commission aims to publish every response it receives during phases of consultation. We will remove all personal information from your submission before publication. You can find out more about how we deal with consultation responses and your personal data at: www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/privacy.

This is the last opportunity to influence the Commission's recommendations before they are finalised. We therefore encourage local people to get in touch with us and have their say. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Review Officer

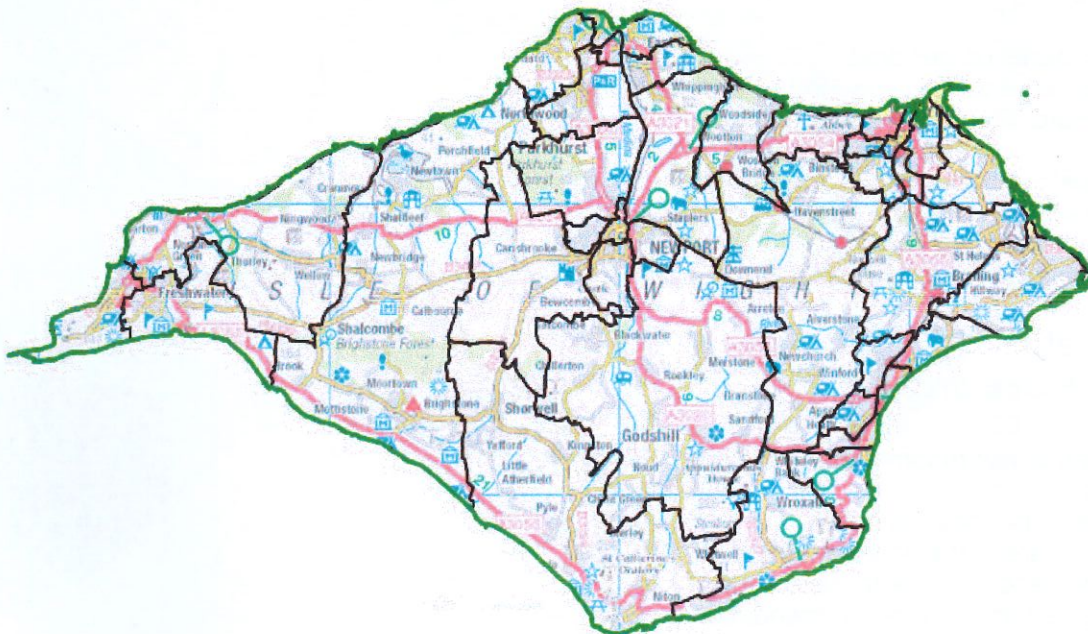
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Isle of Wight Council

Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



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 Isle of Wight?

- The Isle of Wight currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in Isle of Wight council elections, varies depending on where you live in the Isle of Wight.

Our proposals:

- Isle of Wight currently has 40 councillors.
- We propose that the council should have **39 councillors** in future, representing 1 two-councillor division and 37 one-councillor divisions across the council area.

**You have until 12 November 2018 to
have your say on the recommendations**

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the representations received in response to our request for division proposals.

Our draft recommendations propose that Isle of Wight should have **39 councillors** in future. This is **1 fewer than** the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent 1 two-councillor division and 37 one-councillor divisions, across the council area.

The Isle of Wight Council should have 38 divisions, one fewer than there are now. The boundaries of 34 divisions should change, five will stay the same.

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.

We welcome comments on our draft recommendations, whether you support the proposals or wish to put forward alternative arrangements.

In particular, we welcome proposals for alternative boundaries or division names which meet the criteria we must follow as part of electoral reviews and which are described in more detail over the page.

Have your say at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- draw your own boundaries online.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on how to have your say.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- send us your views directly.

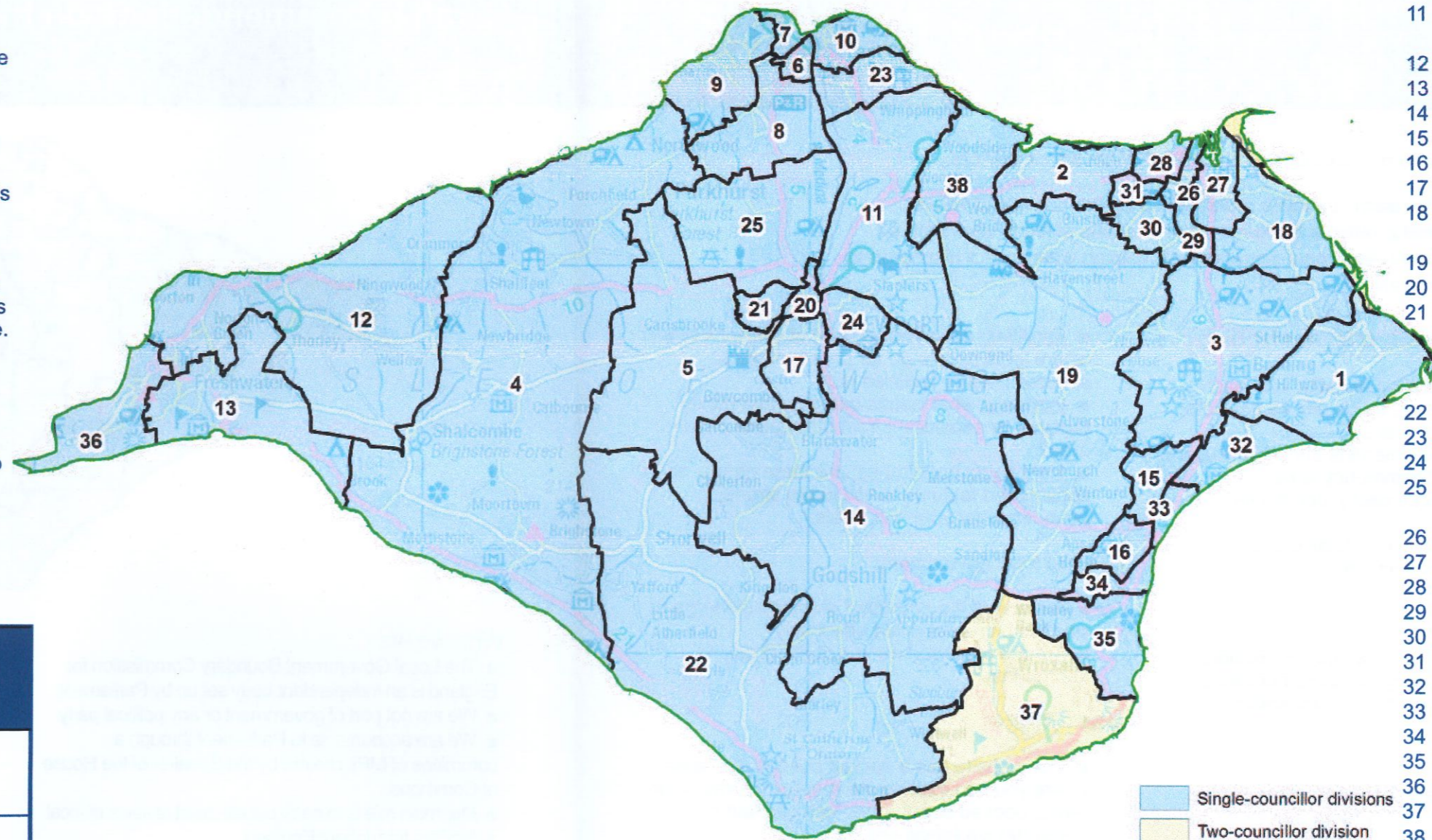
Stage of review	Description
1 May 2018 - 9 July 2018	Public consultation on new division boundaries
4 September 2018 - 12 November 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
5 February 2019	Publication of final recommendations
May 2021	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of draft recommendations for Isle of Wight

View this map online and draw your own boundaries: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

Follow the review on Twitter: [@LGBCE](https://twitter.com/LGBCE)

If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.



Key:

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| 1 | Bembridge |
| 2 | Binstead and Fishbourne |
| 3 | Brading & St Helens |
| 4 | Brighstone |
| 5 | Carisbrooke & Gunville |
| 6 | Cowes Medina |
| 7 | Cowes North |
| 8 | Cowes South & Northwood |
| 9 | Cowes West & Gurnard |
| 10 | East Cowes |
| 11 | Fairlee & Whippingham |
| 12 | Freshwater North |
| 13 | Freshwater South |
| 14 | Godshill |
| 15 | Lake North |
| 16 | Lake South |
| 17 | Mountjoy & Shide |
| 18 | Nettlestone & Seaview |
| 19 | Newchurch |
| 20 | Newport Central |
| 21 | Newport West |
| 22 | Niton |
| 23 | Osborne |
| 24 | Pan & Barton |
| 25 | Parkhurst & Hunnyhill |
| 26 | Ryde Central |
| 27 | Ryde North East |
| 28 | Ryde North West |
| 29 | Ryde South East |
| 30 | Ryde South West |
| 31 | Ryde West |
| 32 | Sandown North |
| 33 | Sandown South |
| 34 | Shanklin Central |
| 35 | Shanklin South |
| 36 | Totland |
| 37 | Ventnor & Wroxall |
| 38 | Wootton Bridge |

Single-councillor divisions
Two-councillor division

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.
- We publish all submissions we receive on our website. Go to: www.lgbce.org.uk

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