The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

October 2023

Summary Report

The full report and detailed maps: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/northumberland

Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors in each division. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed divisions which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2025 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

	Division name	Number of	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per	Variance from	Electorate	Number of electors per	Variance from
		councillors		councillor	average %	(2028)	councillor	average %
1 2	Alnwick Castle Alnwick Hotspur	1	3,631	3,631	0% -1%	4,021	4,021 3,798	-2%
3	Amble Amble	1	3,408	3,408	-6%	3,798 4,060	4,060	5%
4	Amble West with Warkworth	1	3,534	3,534	-3%	3,863	3,863	0%
- 5	Ashington Central	1	3,515	3,515	-4%	3,602	3,602	-7%
6	Bamburgh	1	3,807	3,807	5%	3,957	3,957	3%
7	Bebside & Kitty Brewster	1	3,549	3,549	-3%	3,655	3,655	-5%
8	Bedlington Central	1	4,008	4,008	10%	4,106	4,106	6%
9	Bedlington East Bedlington West	1	3,876 3,912	3,876 3,912	6% 7%	3,933 4,232	3,933 4,232	10%
11	Bellingham	1	3,360	3,360	-8%	3,446	3,446	-11%
12	Berwick East	1	3,492	3,492	-4%	3,729	3,729	-3%
13	Berwick North	1	3,501	3,501	-4%	3,917	3,917	2%
14	Berwick West with Ord	1	3,226	3,226	-11%	3,492	3,492	-9%
15	Bothal	1	3,521	3,521	-3%	3,605	3,605	-7%
16	Choppington & Hepscott	1	3,250	3,250	-11%	3,674	3,674	-5%
17	College with North Seaton Corbridge	1	3,741 3,854	3,741 3,854	3% 6%	3,801 4,089	3,801 4,089	-1% 6%
19	Cowpen	1	3,816	3,816	5%	3,894	3,894	1%
20	Cramlington East & Double Row	1	3,716	3,716	2%	3,770	3,770	-2%
21	Cramlington Eastfield	1	3,838	3,838	5%	3,941	3,941	2%
22	Cramlington North	1	4,049	4,049	11%	4,131	4,131	7%
23	Cramlington North West	1	3,389	3,389	-7%	3,504	3,504	-9%
24	Cramlington South East	1	3,672	3,672	1%	3,757	3,757	-3%
25	Cramlington South West	1	1,834	1,834	-50%	3,519	3,519	-9%
26	Cramlington Village Croft	1	3,803 3,730	3,803 3,730	4% 2%	3,896 3,808	3,896	1% -1%
28	Druridge Bay	1	3,504	3,504	-4%	3,803	3,803	-1%
29	Haltwhistle	1	3,703	3,703	2%	3,789	3,789	-2%
30	Hartley	1	3,903	3,903	7%	4,371	4,371	13%
31	Haydon	1	3,660	3,660	0%	3,744	3,744	-3%
32	Haydon & Hadrian	1	3,619	3,619	-1%	3,689	3,689	-4%
33	Hexham East	1	3,718	3,718	2%	3,816	3,816	-1%
34	Hexham North	1	3,366	3,366	-8%	3,460	3,460	-10%
35	Hexham West Hirst	1	3,431	3,431 3,513	-6% -4%	3,541 3,596	3,541 3,596	-8% -7%
37	Holywell	1	3,914	3,914	7%	4,028	4,028	4%
38	Humshaugh	1	3,383	3,383	-7%	3,454	3,454	-10%
39	Isabella	1	3,428	3,428	-6%	3,505	3,505	-9%
40	Longhirst	1	3,381	3,381	-7%	3,857	3,857	0%
41	Longhorsley	1	3,594	3,594	-1%	4,020	4,020	4%
42	Longhoughton	1	3,875	3,875	6%	3,934	3,934	2%
43	Lynemouth Margath Kirkhill	1	3,696	3,696	1%	4,015	4,015	4%
45	Morpeth Kirkhill Morpeth North	1	3,966 3,952	3,966 3,952	9% 8%	4,062 4,083	4,062 4,083	5% 6%
46	Morpeth Stobhill	1	3,723	3,723	2%	3,779	3,779	-2%
47	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea	1	3,883	3,883	7%	3,976	3,976	3%
48	Newsham	1	3,802	3,802	4%	4,189	4,189	9%
49	Norham & Islandshires	1	3,553	3,553	-2%	3,675	3,675	-5%
50	Pegswood	1	2,844	2,844	-22%	3,887	3,887	1%
51	Plessey	1	3,457	3,457	-5%	3,579	3,579	-7%
52	Ponteland East & Stannington Ponteland North	1 1	3,679 3.847	3,679 3,847	1%	4,013 3,954	4,013 3.954	4% 3%
53	Ponteland North Ponteland South with Heddon	1	4,046	4,046	6% 11%	3,954 4,155	3,954 4,155	8%
55	Ponteland West	1	3,683	3,683	1%	3,746	3,746	-3%
56	Prudhoe North & Wylam	1	3,916	3,916	7%	4,004	4,004	4%
57	Prudhoe South	1	3,739	3,739	3%	4,226	4,226	10%
58	Prudhoe West & Mickley	1	3,906	3,906	7%	4,012	4,012	4%
59	Rothbury	1	4,059	4,059	11%	4,280	4,280	11%
60	Seaton with Spital	1	3,418	3,418	-6%	4,207	4,207	9%
61	Seghill with Seaton Delaval Shilbottle	1 1	4,069 3,414	4,069 3,414	12% -6%	4,165 3,640	4,165 3,640	-6%
63	Sleekburn	1	3,414	3,414	-6%	3,630	3,630	-6%
64	South Blyth	1	3,878	3,878	6%	3,959	3,959	3%
65	South Tynedale	1	3,929	3,929	8%	4,005	4,005	4%
66	Stakeford	1	3,678	3,678	1%	3,766	3,766	-2%
67	Stocksfield & Bywell	1	3,416	3,416	-6%	3,494	3,494	-9%
68	Wensleydale	1	3,536	3,536	-3%	3,612	3,612	-6%
69	Wooler	1	4,060	4,060	11%	4,176	4,176	8%
	Totals	69	251,363			266,098		-
	Averages			3,643			3,856	-

Northumberland County Council

Final 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 electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Northumberland?

- Northumberland Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors

Our proposals

- Northumberland Council currently has 67 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 69 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 - 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
 - 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 Northumberland should have 69 councillors, an increase of two.

Northumberland should have 69 divisions, an increase of three.

The 69 councillors should represent 69 divisions.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

Find out more at

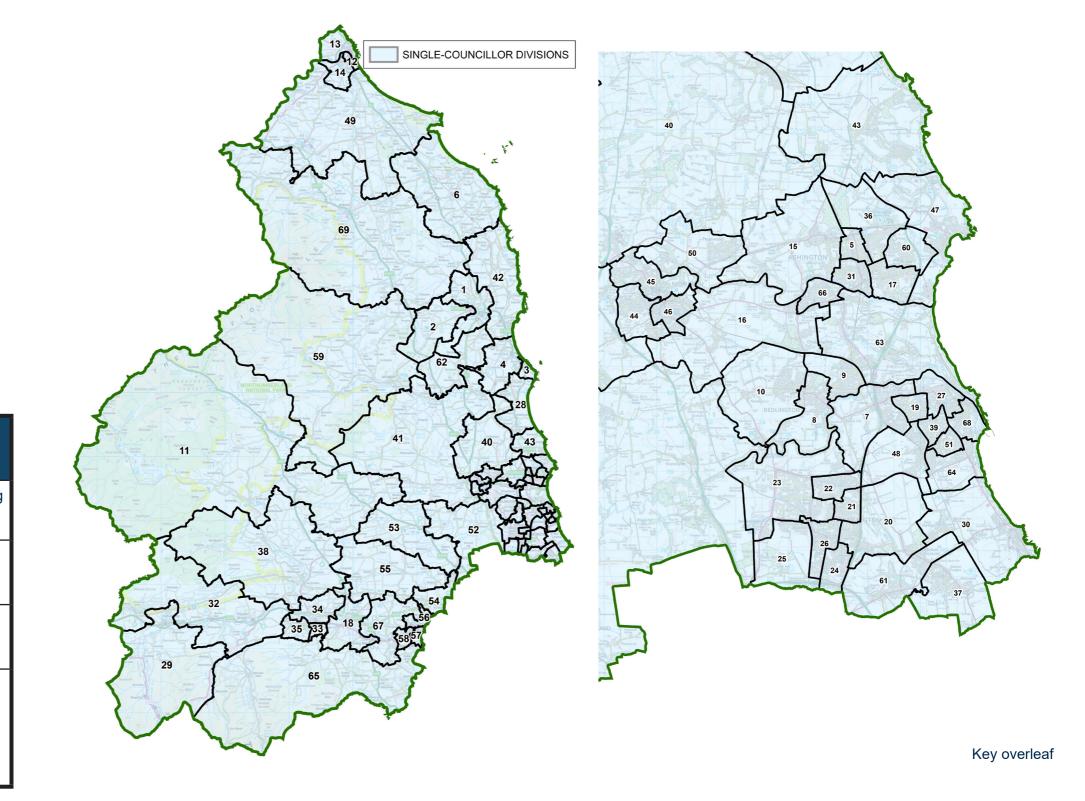
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- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

Overview of final recommendations for Northumberland County Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/northumberland

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- 24 Cramlington South East
- 25 Cramlington South West
- 26 Cramlington Village
- 27 Croft
- 28 Druridge Bay
- 29 Haltwhistle
- 30 Hartley
- 31 Haydon
- 32 Haydon & Hadrian
- 33 Hexham East
- 34 Hexham North
- 35 Hexham West
- 36 Hirst
- 37 Holywell
- 38 Humshaugh
- 39 Isabella
- 40 Longhirst
- 41 Longhorsley
- 42 Longhoughton
- 43 Lynemouth
- 44 Morpeth Kirkhill
- 45 Morpeth North
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- 57 Prudhoe South
- 58 Prudhoe West & Mickley

- 59 Rothbury
- 60 Seaton with Spital
- 61 Seghill with Seaton Delaval
- 62 Shilbottle
- 63 Sleekburn
- 64 South Blyth
- 65 South Tynedale
- 66 Stakeford
- 67 Stocksfield & Bywell
- 68 Wensleydale
- 69 Wooler