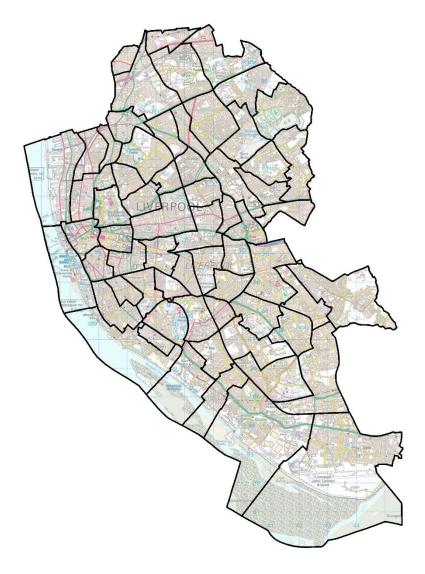
News Release from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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New political map for Liverpool City Council

Liverpool is set to have new boundaries for its council wards.



New wards for Liverpool

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High resolution map available at https://s3-eu-west-

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The Local Government Boundary Commission is the independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Liverpool to make sure councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the council work effectively.

The previous electoral review of Liverpool City Council concluded in March 2003. The Commission is required by law to carry out electoral reviews of councils 'from time to time' and decided in 2018 to carry out a review of Liverpool.

The Commission has now published its final recommendations for changes in Liverpool. It says residents should be represented by 85 councillors. This is five fewer than the current arrangements.

There will be 64 wards representing 46 single-councillor wards, 15 two-councillor wards and 3 three-councillor wards across the city. The boundaries of all existing wards should change.

Publishing the recommendations Professor Colin Mellors, Chair of the Commission, said:

"We are very grateful to people in Liverpool. We looked at all the views they gave us. They helped us improve our earlier proposals.

"We believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties."

401 local residents and organisations made comments to help decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Norris Green and City Centre South will both be represented by threecouncillor wards, reflecting the community evidence received
- The Scotland Road ward contained in earlier proposals will be split, with the southern area of this ward becoming a single-councillor Everton West ward. This is following strong community evidence received.

The Commission has made further changes to its earlier proposals. Details can be found on its website at https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-west/merseyside/liverpool.

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the 2023 council elections.

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Notes to editors:

This consultation relates to the arrangements for <u>local government</u> elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for <u>parliamentary</u> elections.

For further information contact the Commission's press office on 0330 500 1525 / 1250 or email press@lgbce.org.uk

An interactive map is available at https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/30069.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body accountable to Parliament. It recommends fair electoral and boundary arrangements for local authorities in England. In doing so, it aims to:

- Make sure that, within an authority, each councillor represents a similar number of electors
- Create boundaries that are appropriate, and reflect community ties and identities
- Deliver reviews informed by local needs, views and circumstances