

Lancaster City Council

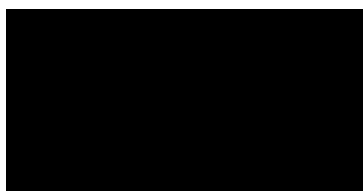
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Based upon the data provided for the Lancaster Wards there seems to be an inherent bias against certain wards. I'm no statistician but just looking at the basic data provided, the average number of votes per councillor is currently 1801 (58 Councillors 104496 voters) and in the future it will be 1880. Looking at the votes cast per ward and the votes cast per councillor per ward, very quickly shows that there is quite a significant deviation between wards. At the lowest University and Scotforth Rural votes/councillor is 1062, where as Castle is 2389. Using the forecast data these types of democratic inequality remain in place, why not adjust the ward boundaries or alter the number of councillors to move to a more consistent votes/councillor closer to the average. My rusty maths has the average votes/councillor as 1801 and a standard deviation of 253, meaning that most wards are some distance from the average. University & Scotforth rural is clearly an outlier at almost -3SD point at 1061, at the other end Castle is just over +2SD. Marsh, Halton with Aughton, Bulk are all greater than +1SD.

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