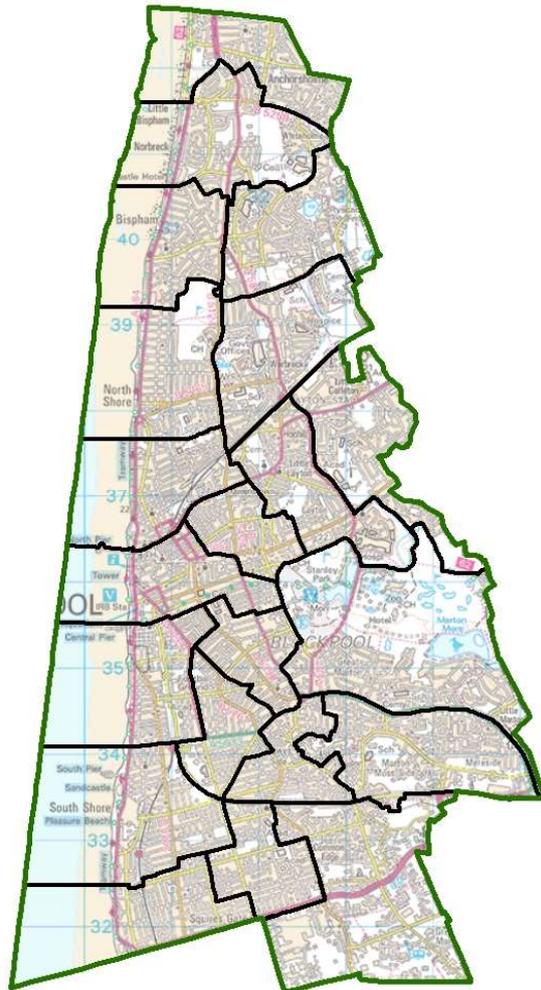


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New political map for Blackpool Council

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



New wards for Blackpool

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High resolution map available at <https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/lgbce/Reviews/North%20West/Lancashire/Blackpool/Final/FR%20No%20Labels.jpg>

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

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The Commission has published final recommendations for changes in Blackpool. It says residents should be represented by 42 councillors. This is the same as the current arrangements.

There will be 21 two-councillor wards. The boundaries of most wards should change, six will stay the same.

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

“We are very grateful to people in Blackpool. 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.”

45 comments from local people and organisations helped to decide the new wards. Changes in response to what local people said include:

- Moving the boundary between Claremont and Brunswick wards to Talbot Road, ensuring Laburnam Street is not divided
- Ensuring properties bordering Claremont Park and Claremont Community Primary School are in Claremont ward

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/lancashire/blackpool>.

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 local government elections. It is separate from consultations that are currently taking place across England on arrangements for parliamentary 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/29508>.

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