The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

August 2023 Summary Report

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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 ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2028 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Arboretum	2	4,718	2,359	8%	5,023	2,512	6%
2	Battenhall	2	4,672	2,336	7%	5,150	2,575	9%
3	Cathedral	2	4,318	2,159	-1%	4,790	2,395	1%
4	Claines	3	6,438	2,146	-2%	6,908	2,303	-3%
5	Dines Green & Grove Farm	2	4,396	2,198	1%	4,974	2,487	5%
6	Fort Royal	2	3,511	1,756	-20%	4,310	2,155	-9%
7	Leopard Hill	2	4,551	2,276	4%	4,940	2,470	4%
8	Lower Wick & Pitmaston	2	4,586	2,293	5%	4,841	2,421	2%
9	Nunnery	3	6,374	2,125	-3%	7,067	2,356	-1%
10	Rainbow Hill	2	4,679	2,340	7%	4,974	2,487	5%
11	St Clement	2	4,156	2,078	-5%	4,613	2,307	-3%
12	St John's	2	4,115	2,058	-6%	4,351	2,176	-8%
13	St Nicholas	2	4,031	2,016	-8%	4,248	2,124	-10%
14	St Peter's Parish	2	4,478	2,239	3%	4,722	2,361	0%
15	St Stephen	2	4,100	2,050	-6%	4,327	2,164	-9%
16	Warndon & Elbury Park	3	7,302	2,434	11%	7,754	2,585	9%
	Totals	35	76,425	-	-	82,992	-	-
	Averages	-	-	2,184	-	-	2,371	-

Worcester City 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 Worcester?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Worcester City Council has not been reviewed since 2002 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Worcester in advance of the elections in 2024.

Our proposals

- Worcester City Council currently has 35 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 35 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 Worcester should have 35 councillors, the same as there are now.

Worcester should have 16 wards, an increase one.

The 35 councillors should represent 3 three-councillor wards and 13 two-councillor wards across the city.

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

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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

Stage of Review Description 17 May 2022 -Public consultation on warding 25 July 2022 arrangments 1 November 2022 -Public consultation on draft 9 January 2023 recommendations 9 May 2023 -Limited further public 19 June 2023 consultation on our proposals 29 August 2023 Publication of final recommendations Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of May 2024 new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Worcester City Council

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