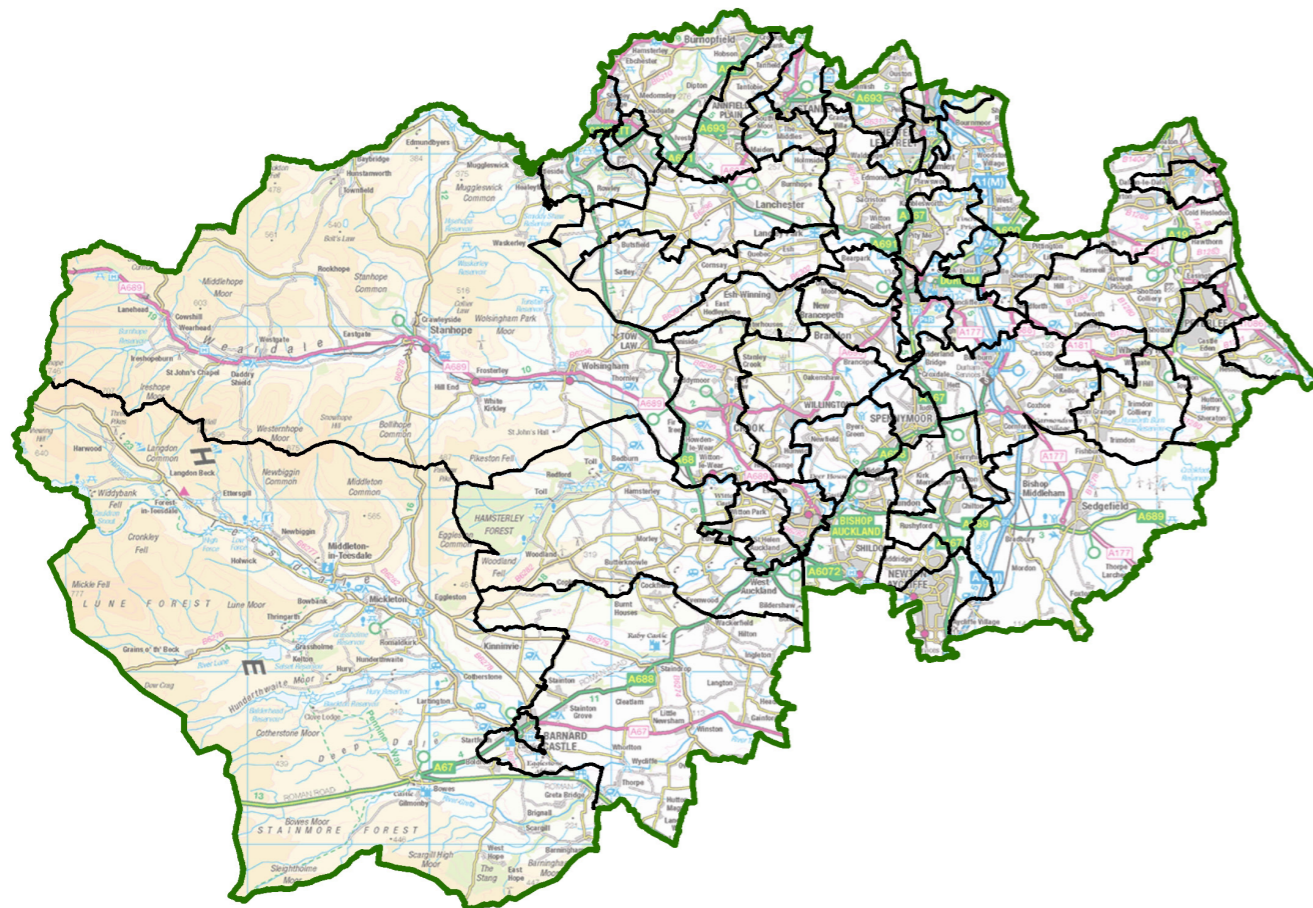


Durham County Council

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 County Durham?

- Durham County 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

- Durham County Council currently has 126 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 98 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 County Durham should have 98 councillors, a decrease of 28.

County Durham should have 51 divisions, an decrease of 12. The boundaries of most divisions should change.

The 98 councillors should represent nine three-councillor divisions, 29 two-councillor divisions and 13 one-councillor division across the county.

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

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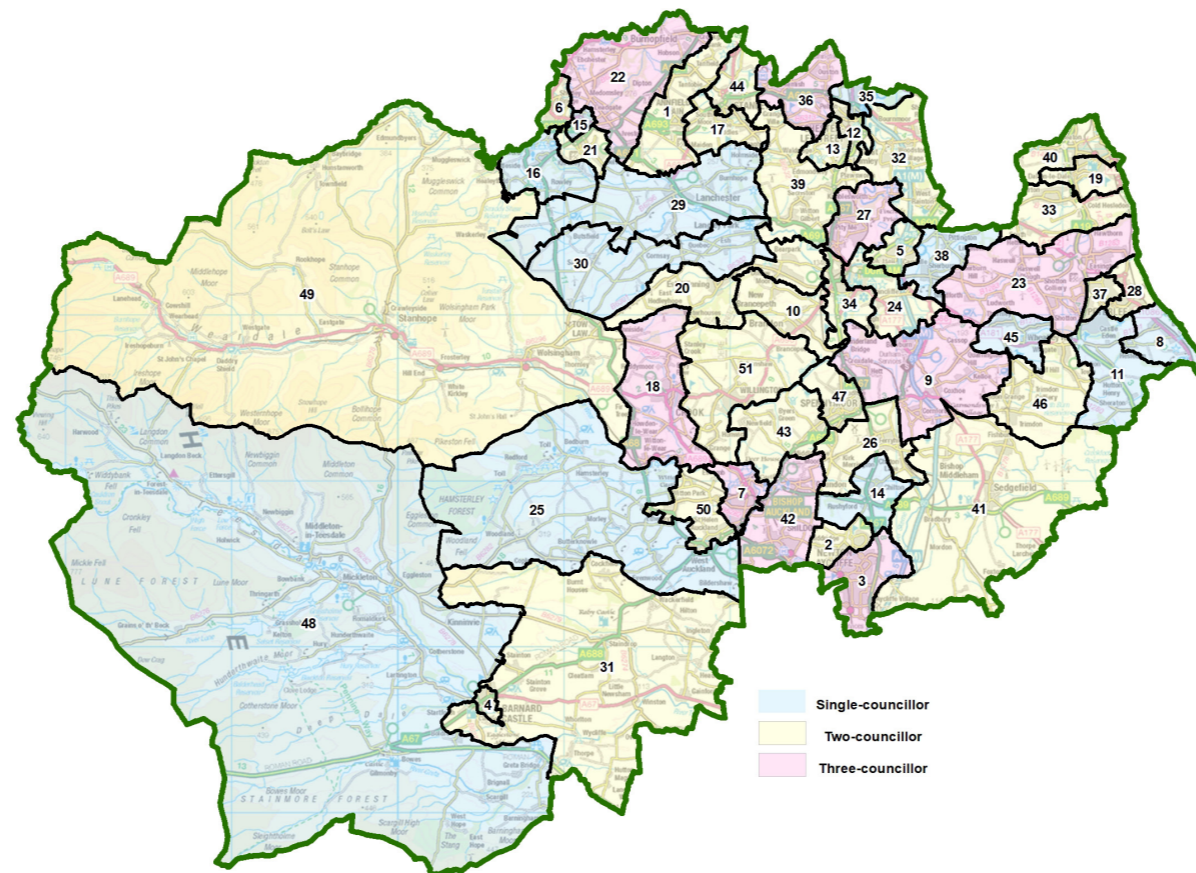
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- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
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Overview of final recommendations for Durham County Council

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Stage of Review	Description
22 November 2022 - 30 January 2023	Public consultation on warding arrangements
2 May 2023 - 10 July 2023	Public consultation on draft recommendations
November 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2025	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Number	Division name	Number	Division name
1	Annfield Plain & Tanfield	30	Langley & Esh
2	Aycliffe North & Middridge	31	Lower Teesdale
3	Aycliffe South	32	Lumley & West Rainton
4	Barnard Castle	33	Murton
5	Belmont	34	Neville's Cross
6	Benfieldside	35	North Lodge
7	Bishop Auckland	36	Pelton
8	Blackhalls & Hesledens	37	Peterlee
9	Bowburn & Coxhoe	38	Pittington & Sherburn
10	Brandon	39	Sacriston & Witton Gilbert
11	Castle Eden & Passfield	40	Seaham
12	Chester-le-Street North	41	Sedgefield
13	Chester-le-Street South	42	Shildon & Dene Valley
14	Chilton	43	Spennymoor
15	Consett North	44	Stanley
16	Consett South	45	Thornley & Wheatley Hill
17	Craghead & South Moor	46	Trimdon & Wingate
18	Crook	47	Tudhoe
19	Dalton & Dawdon	48	Upper Teesdale
20	Deerness	49	Weardale
21	Delves Lane	50	West Auckland
22	Derwent & Pont Valley	51	Willington & Hunwick
23	Easington & Shotton		
24	Elvet, Gilesgate & Shincliffe		
25	Evenwood		
26	Ferryhill		
27	Framwellgate & Newton Hall		
28	Horden & Dene House		
29	Lanchester & Burnhope		