

Thanet District Council LGBCE First Consultation Response

The Boundary and Electoral Arrangements Working Party met on the [23 April 2024](#), at that meeting the Working Party made the following recommendations to TDCs Full Council:

“Councillor Everitt proposed, Councillor Kup seconded and Members agreed the following recommendations:

1. That the working party do not make any recommendations on where the electoral boundaries should be;
2. That TDC should submit a consultation response to the LGBCE asking for two Member Wards with a flexibility for one Member Wards where applicable, but wards should not be bigger than this (no three or four member wards).

The working party gave the following as the reasons for the above proposals:

1. Three Member Wards would be too big under the new calculation model to be used;
2. Historically three Member Wards have not worked well;
3. Giving Broadstairs as an example: With the new population estimates Broadstairs based on the current town border would have to be represented by 7.4 councillors to maintain electoral equality. This would mean that using exclusively two member wards would not work, but with seven councillors, three wards with two councillors each and one ward with one councillor would work. Thanet Villages could work in a similar way.”

TDC then called an extraordinary meeting of Council on [9 May 2024](#) to consider the recommendations where Full Council agreed the following:

“The Chair proposed and the Vice-Chair seconded and Council AGREED:

1. That the working party do not make any recommendations on where the electoral boundaries should be;
2. That TDC should submit a consultation response to the LGBCE asking for two Member Wards with a flexibility for one Member Wards where applicable, but wards should not be bigger than this (no three or four member wards).
3. Council should also delegate to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council, agreement on the final wording of any submission to the LGBCE, based upon the recommendation from Council.