Stages of the Electoral Review Process

Preliminary stage

Initial information gathering from the local authority, including electoral forecasts and data.

Meetings with the council, council officers, councillors and political group leaders.

Councillor numbers

Decision on the number of elected councillors (can be subject to change).

Initial consultation

Public consultation on:

- Number of wards/divisions
- Name of wards/divisions
- Where boundaries should lie
- Number of councillors for each ward/division.

Draft recommendations

Public consultation on draft recommendations of new electoral arrangements.

Draft recommendations are based on information received in the initial consultation.

Further draft recommendations

Further limited consultation - only if evidence is received in favour of a significant change to draft recommendations (usually affects only some areas of the local authority).

Final recommendations

Based on information received from draft stage, final recommendations for new electoral arrangements are published and will be put before Parliament to be made into law.

Parliamentary approval

Order is laid in
Parliament for 40 days
to accept or reject final
recommendations for
new electoral
arrangements.

Implementation

New electoral arrangements implemented at local elections.