

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 2030 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future. All 24 wards have three councillors with a total of 72 councillors overall.

Ward name		Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2030)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Bearwood	9,907	3,302	3%	10,527	3,509	5%
2	Blackheath	10,910	3,637	14%	10,710	3,570	7%
3	Bristnall	10,134	3,378	6%	10,335	3,445	3%
4	Charlemont & Grove Vale	9,816	3,272	2%	9,756	3,252	-3%
5	Cradley Heath & Old Hill	10,107	3,369	5%	10,154	3,385	1%
6	Friar Park & Stone Cross	9,449	3,150	-1%	9,503	3,168	-5%
7	Great Barr, Tamebridge & Yew Tree	9,625	3,208	0%	9,868	3,289	-2%
8	Great Bridge	10,358	3,453	8%	10,768	3,589	7%
9	Greets Green & Lyng	8,805	2,935	-8%	9,742	3,247	-3%
10	Hateley Heath	9,333	3,111	-3%	9,715	3,238	-3%
11	Hill Top	9,388	3,129	-2%	10,256	3,419	2%
12	Langley	10,340	3,447	8%	10,760	3,587	7%
13	Newton & Valley	9,468	3,156	-1%	9,479	3,160	-6%
14	Old Warley	9,234	3,078	-4%	9,156	3,052	-9%
15	Oldbury	8,388	2,796	-13%	8,942	2,981	-11%
16	Princes End	9,898	3,299	3%	9,903	3,301	-1%
17	Rowley	9,851	3,284	3%	10,192	3,397	2%
18	Smethwick	9,285	3,095	-3%	9,938	3,313	-1%
19	Soho & Victoria	8,557	2,852	-11%	10,228	3,409	2%
20	St Pauls	9,069	3,023	-5%	10,460	3,487	4%
21	Tipton Green	9,790	3,263	2%	10,571	3,524	5%
22	Tividale	9,437	3,146	-2%	9,541	3,180	-5%
23	Wednesbury	10,338	3,446	8%	10,381	3,460	3%
24	West Bromwich Central	8,579	2,860	-11%	9,999	3,333	0%
Totals		230,066	-	-	240,884	-	-
Averages		-	3,196	-	-	3,346	-

Sandwell Metropolitan Borough 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 Sandwell?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2003 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Sandwell in advance of the elections in 2026.

Our proposals

- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council currently has 72 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 72 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 Sandwell should have 72 councillors, the same as there are now.

Sandwell should have 24 wards, the same as there are now. The boundaries of all of the existing wards should change.

The 72 councillors should represent 24 three-councillor wards across the borough.

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

Find out more at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/sandwell>

- 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
23 July - 30 September 2024	Public consultation on warding arrangements
4 March - 12 May 2025	Public consultation on draft recommendations
2 September 2025	Publication of final recommendations
May 2026	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

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