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Castle Point Constituency Labour Party propose that the size of Castle Point Borough Council after the boundary review should, as well as meeting the Boundary Commission's requirements, allow for, where possible, to have the same number of representative councillors for each ward. That is 3 councillors per ward so that there is a uniform voting obligation across the Borough.

Bearing in mind that there is a tidal creek separating Canvey Island from the Mainland part of the Borough, it is considered that no "creek side" ward should be considered as being feasible.

From this it can be established that a total of 36 councillors is probably the most appropriate number of which 21 and 15 should be allocated to the Mainland and Canvey Island respectively. Representing 7 and 5 wards for the Mainland and Canvey Island parts of the Borough respectively

This would mean that there would be 1923 (2012 after 8 years) electors per elected member for the entire Mainland and 1951(2012 after 8 years) for the entirety of Canvey Island.

It is understood that this standard of representation is well within national values.

On the Mainland it is suggested that this could be achieved by incrementally increasing the Ward sizes from the West both North and South of the London Road up to Victoria House roundabout .

On the northern side, eliminating Cedar Hall Ward and then straddling the Rayleigh Road with Victoria Ward is suggested

On Canvey Island this could be done by eliminating West ward and redistributing the electorate westward

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