

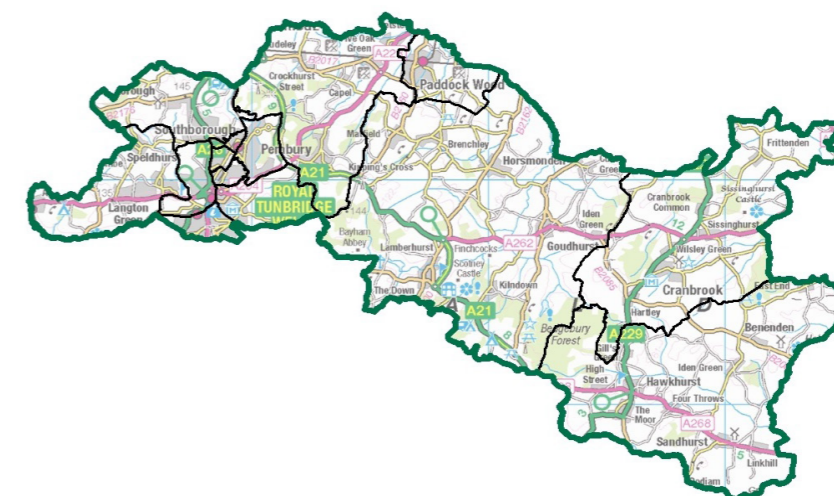
Our Recommendations

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 2028 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Ward Name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2022)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)	Electorate (2028)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)
Cranbrook, Sissinghurst & Frittenden	3	5,579	1,860	-15%	6,041	2,014	-14%
Culverden	3	6,192	2,064	-6%	6,391	2,130	-9%
Goudhurst, Lamberhurst & Horsmonden	3	7,761	2,587	18%	8,051	2,684	15%
Hawkhurst, Sandhurst & Benenden	3	6,394	2,131	-3%	6,671	2,224	-5%
High Brooms	1	2,403	2,403	10%	2,500	2,500	7%
Paddock Wood	3	6,176	2,059	-6%	7,337	2,446	5%
Pantiles	3	6,819	2,273	4%	7,133	2,378	2%
Park	3	6,417	2,139	-2%	6,839	2,280	-2%
Pembury & Capel	3	6,281	2,094	-4%	7,450	2,483	6%
Rusthall & Speldhurst	3	7,505	2,502	14%	7,844	2,615	12%
Sherwood	3	6,234	2,078	-5%	6,603	2,201	-6%
Southborough & Bidborough	3	7,311	2,437	11%	7,597	2,532	8%
St James'	3	6,025	2,008	-8%	6,286	2,095	-10%
St John's	2	4,174	2,087	-5%	4,291	2,146	-8%

Tunbridge Wells 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 Tunbridge Wells?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2001 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Tunbridge Wells in advance of the elections in 2024.

Our proposals

- Tunbridge Wells Borough Council currently has 48 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 39 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 Tunbridge Wells should have 39 councillors, a decrease of 9.

Tunbridge Wells should have 14 wards, a decrease of 6. The boundaries of all of the existing wards should change.

The 39 councillors should represent twelve three-councillor wards, one two-councillor ward and one one-councillor ward across the borough.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

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- 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

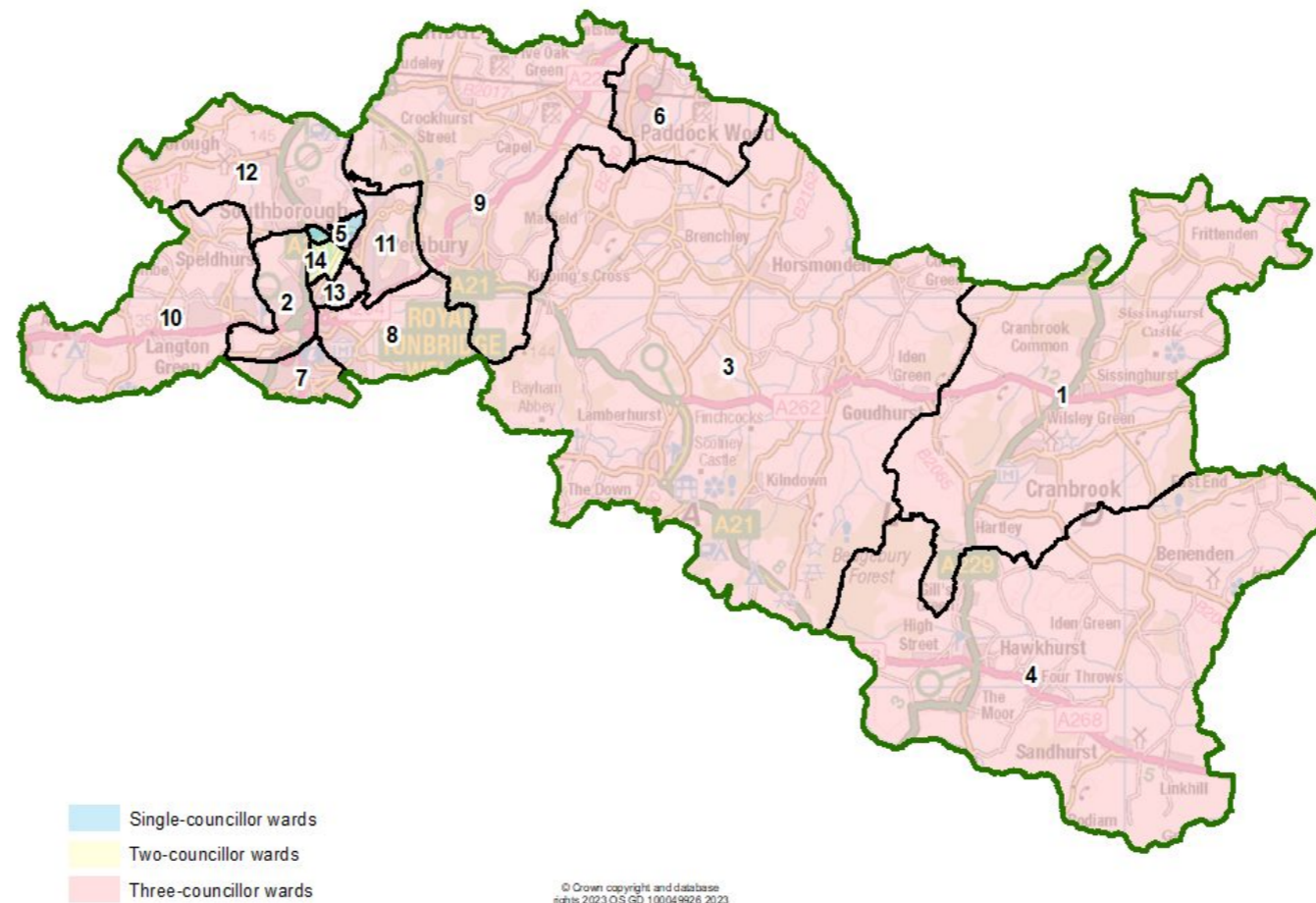
Stage of Review	Description
11 January 2022 - 21 March 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
2 August 2022 - 10 October 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
16 May 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

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