

Electoral Review – Proposed Warding Pattern

Portfolio	Leader
Ward(s) Affected:	n/a

Purpose

To consider recommendations from the Governance Working Group in relation to the Council's submission on the proposed warding pattern of the Borough as part of the current electoral review.

Introduction

1. In July 2016, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England announced that it was minded to support a reduction in Members from 40 to 34. This reduction had been recommended by the Council in its submission on Council size. The Boundary Commission has now launched its public consultation on warding patterns. The deadline for the submission of proposals is 10 October.
2. The Governance Working Group was tasked with developing the Council's submission on the warding pattern and has met on 31 August, 12 September and 27 September 2016. The notes of these meetings are available on the Intranet. Groups of ward members also held informal meetings to discuss proposals in conjoined wards.
3. The Governance Working Group has drawn up a warding pattern which it believes takes into account the objectives of the Electoral Review, achieving a balance between recognition of community links and the need to achieve, as far as possible, a balanced electorate across the wards.

Proposals

4. The Governance Working Group proposals are as set out at Annex A. Maps showing the changes described in the Annex will be available electronically on the following link
http://surreydigitalservice.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/boundaries_commission_review.html

Options

5. The Council may or may not submit proposals on the future warding pattern of the Borough.
6. In addition, the proposals at Annex A offer two options for Heatherside and Parkside Wards and the Council is invited to consider which of these proposals to include in its submission to the Boundary Commission.

Recommendation

7. The Council is advised to RESOLVE that

- (i) the Chief Executive, after consultation with the Leader, be authorised to finalise the Council's submission on the proposed warding pattern of the Borough to the Local Government Boundary Commission of England, based on the proposals described in Annex A; and
- (ii) in respect of Heatherside and Parkside Wards, either Option 1 or Option 2 be included in the Council's submission.

Annexes	Annex A – Proposed Warding Pattern
Background Papers:	None
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Proposed Warding Pattern

St Michaels

It is proposed that the boundaries of St Michaels remain unchanged. St Michaels would elect 2 councillors as at present with a variance of 0%.

Watchetts

It is proposed that the boundaries of Watchetts remain unchanged. Watchetts would also continue to elect 2 councillors with a variance of -4%.

Old Dean, Town and St Pauls

It is proposed to amend the boundaries between Old Dean, Town and St Pauls and to reduce the number of councillors in St Pauls to 2, whilst retaining 2 councillors in Old Dean and Town.

Old Dean

It is proposed to amend the boundaries between Old Dean and Town and to add the following roads from Town into Old Dean:

Barossa Road
College Close
College Ride
Cromwell Road
Diamond Hill
Diamond Ridge
Fossewood Drive
Hartford Rise
Lawrence Lodge
Old Dean Road
Upland Road
Whitehill Close
York Road

With an increase of 897 electors moving to the Old Dean ward, this will bring the electorate to 4230. With 2 councillors this will give a variance of 2%.

Town

It is proposed to amend the boundaries between Town, Old Dean and St Pauls. The proposal move the roads listed above to Old Dean and to transfer the following roads to Town from St Pauls:

Amberwood Drive
Carlinwark Drive
Cornwall Close

Crosby Hill Drive
Devonshire Drive
Gainsborough Close
Hall Close
Knightsbridge Road
Linden Court
London Rd - Nos 43 to 69
Marlborough Rise
Middleton Road
Shalbourne Rise
Tekels Park
Upper Park Road

This represents 897 electors given to Old Dean and 666 taken from St Pauls - a net decrease of 231. This results in a projected electorate in Town ward of 4033 in 2021, and with 2 councillors represents a variance of -3%.

St Pauls

It is proposed to reduce the number of councillors in St Pauls to 2 and with the transfer of the roads listed above to Town (666 electors) the electorate in St Pauls will be 4081 a variance of -2%.

Heatherside and Parkside

There are 2 options for the boundary between Heatherside and Parkside wards.

Option 1

To move the following roads from Heatherside Ward to Parkside Ward and to retain 3 councillors in Parkside and reduce to 2 councillors in Heatherside.

Upper Chobham Road (part)
Winding Wood Drive
Westmorland Drive
Lincoln Close
Warwick Close
Byron Avenue
Cairn Close
Carlton Close
Goldney Road (part)
Calvin Close
Old Bisley Road (part)
Westerdale Drive
Hambleton Close
The Ridings
Holly Avenue
Fern Close

This proposal would move 663 electors to Parkside bringing the electorate to 5779. With the retention of 3 councillors for Parkside this would represent a variance of 7.2%. Heatherside ward would reduce to 4146 electors. With 2 councillors there would be a variance of less than 1%.

Option 2

To move the following roads from Parkside Ward to Heatherside Ward and to retain 3 councillors in Heatherside and reduce to 2 councillors in Parkside.

Azalea Way
Beverley Close
Clewborough Drive
Copped Hall Drive
Copped Hall Way
Fairway Heights
Green Hill Close
Greenhill Road
Heathside Park
Hillborough Park
Middle Close
Roundway
Roundway Close
Stonegate
The Spinney
Upper Chobham Road

This proposal would move 1009 electors to Heatherside bringing the electorate to 5818. With the retention of 3 councillors for Heatherside this would represent a variance of 6.6%. Parkside ward would reduce to 4107 electors with 2 councillors which would represent a variance of 1 %.

Frimley and Frimley Green

It is proposed to move the following roads from Frimley Green Ward to Frimley Ward and to retain 3 councillors in Frimley and reduce to 2 councillors in Frimley Green.

Beaumaris Parade
Wansdyke Close
Sandringham Way
Morton Close
Dunbar Rd
Peel Ave
Pevensey Way
Tenby Road
Clevedon Court
Raglan Close
Berkley Crescent
Glencoe
Osbourne Close

Windsor Way
Caernarvon
Broadlands
Barnard Close
Elgin Way
Glamis Close
Chilham Close
Winterbourne Walk

The proposal results in 1154 electors transferring from Frimley Green to Frimley giving Frimley ward an electorate of 5,948, a variance of -5% with 3 councillors. The electorate of Frimley Green would reduce to 3,385 with a variance of -19% with 2 councillors.

Mytchett & Deepcut

It is proposed that no changes be made to the Mytchett and Deepcut Ward. With 3 councillors and an electorate of current of 5,425 the variance would be -13% and in 2021 with a projected electorate of 7,425, the variance would be 19%.

Bagshot and Windlesham

It is proposed to amend the boundary between Bagshot and Windlesham wards using the A322 as the boundary. This is a major road which divides the communities. The roads moving from Bagshot to Windlesham are;

Dukes Covert
Dukes Hill
Grove End
Swift Lane
London Road
Guildford Road

The proposal results in approximately 86 electors moving from Bagshot to Windlesham.

The electorate for Windlesham would be 3,580. With 2 councillors, the variance would be -14%.

The electorate for Bagshot would be 4696 and with a reduction to 2 councillors, would be a variance of 13%.

Lightwater

It is proposed that Lightwater Ward remain unchanged except with the addition of Sundew Close (32 electors) and Blackstroud Lane West (22 electors) from West End. With an electorate of 5,609 and 3 councillors, the variance will be 10%.

Bisley and West End

It is proposed to combine West End Ward and Bisley Ward into one ward with 3 councillors. As above it is proposed to move Sundew Close and Blackstroud Lane West from West End into Lightwater. As a result the combined electorate would be 6,274 representing a variance of 1%.

Chobham

Whilst it is felt that Chobham should retain 2 councillors it is acknowledged that, with an electorate of 3,107 there would be a variance of -25%. It is proposed that no recommendations be made in respect of Chobham.

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