

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Dover District Council.

The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament.

Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in May 2019.

Our recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters 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 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Dover District Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	Number of Councillors:	Electorate (2017):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from Average %
Alkham & Capel-le-Ferne	1	2,694	2,694	-1%	2,925	2,925	1%
Aylesham, Eythorne & Shepherdswell	3	7,676	2,559	-6%	8,698	2,899	0%
Buckland	2	5,548	2,774	2%	5,556	2,778	-4%
Dover Downs & River	2	5,383	2,692	-1%	5,497	2,749	-5%
Eastry Rural	2	4,951	2,476	-9%	5,402	2,701	-7%
Guston, Kingsdown & St Margaret's-at-Cliffe	2	5,738	2,869	5%	5,945	2,973	2%
Little Stour & Ashstone	2	5,544	2,772	2%	6,060	3,030	4%
Maxton & Elms Vale	1	3,047	3,047	12%	3,050	3,050	5%
Middle Deal	2	5,536	2,768	2%	5,774	2,877	-1%
Mill Hill	2	6,079	3,040	12%	6,018	3,009	4%
North Deal	2	5,877	2,939	8%	5,687	2,844	-2%
Sandwich	2	5,163	2,582	-5%	6,079	3,040	5%
St Radigunds	2	4,639	2,320	-15%	5,501	2,751	-5%
Tower Hamlets	1	2,893	2,893	6%	2,963	2,963	2%
Town & Castle	2	5,815	2,908	7%	6,290	3,145	8%
Walmer	2	5,833	2,917	7%	6,010	3,005	4%
Whitfield	2	4,714	2,357	-13%	5,424	2,712	-7%
Totals:	32	87,130	-	-	92,879	-	-
Averages:	-	-	2,723	-	-	2,902	-



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 voters ('council size').
 - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
 - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Dover?

- Dover District Council submitted a formal request to the Commission for an electoral review

Our proposals:

- Dover District Council currently has 45 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **32 councillors** should serve the district in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 - (1) Deliver electoral equality for voters.
 - (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 Dover District Council should have **32 councillors**. This is **13 fewer than** the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent 1 three-councillor ward, 13 two-councillor wards and 3 one-councillor wards across the district.

The boundaries of 15 wards will change, two will stay the same.

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.

Find out more: consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on the review process.
- read the full report of our recommendations.

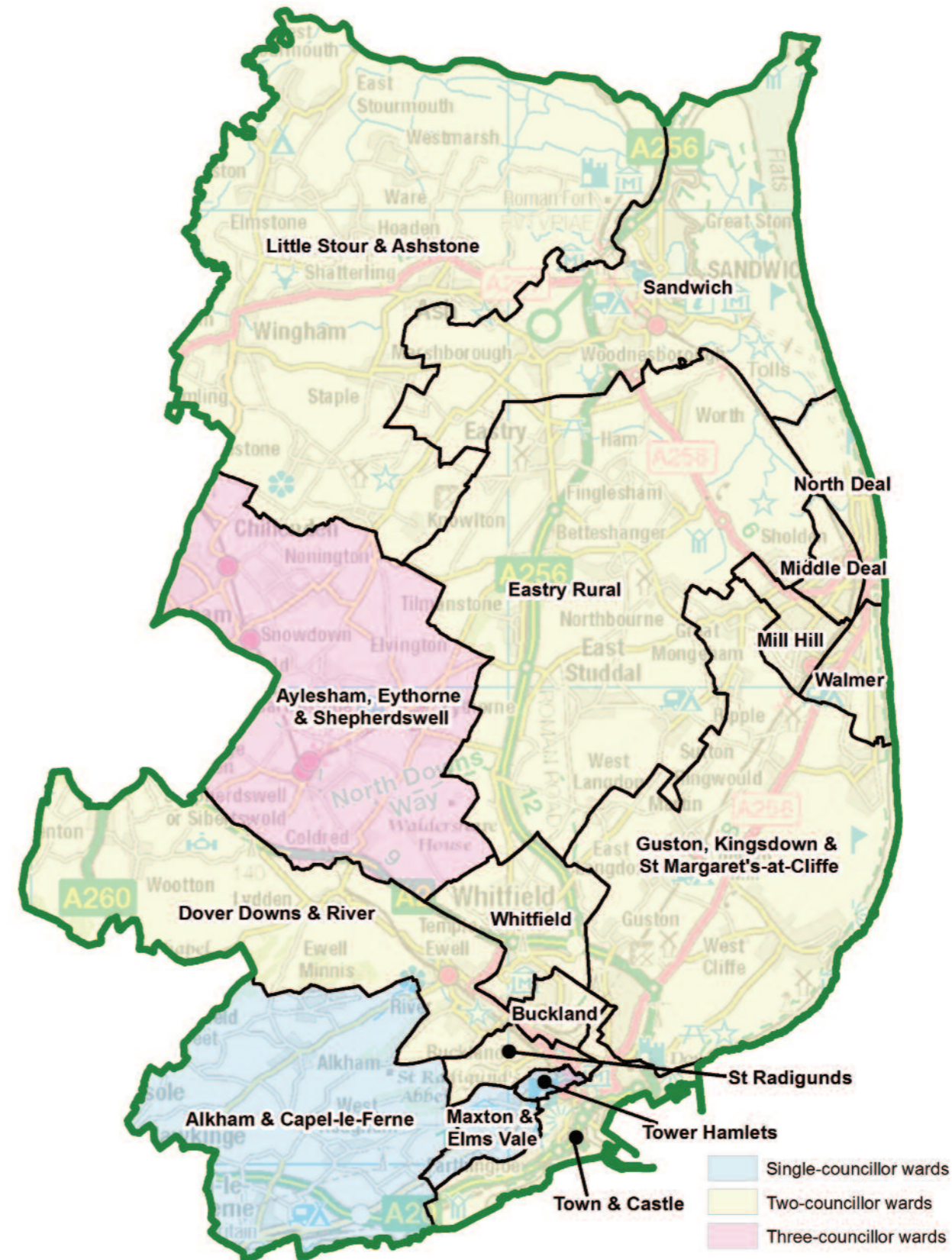
Stage of review	Description
30 January 2018 - 9 April 2018	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
5 June 2018 - 13 August 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
2 October 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Dover District Council

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