

## What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Cheshire West and Chester 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:

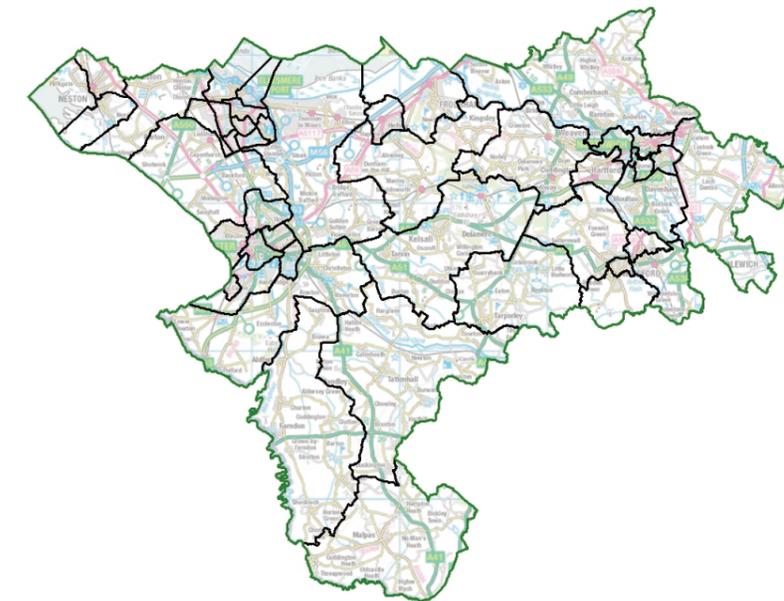
The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations, along with the number of councillors proposed for each ward, and the number of voters forecasted to be in each ward in 2023.

The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality.

# Cheshire West and Chester Council

## Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per from Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %	Ward Name:	No. of Cllrs:	No. of Electors per from Cllr (2023):	Variance Average %
Blacon	3	3,421	-15%	Parkgate	1	4,163	3%
Central & Grange	2	4,262	6%	Rudheath	1	4,175	4%
Chester City & the Garden Quarter	3	4,441	10%	Sandstone	1	4,125	2%
Christleton & Huntington	2	4,267	6%	Saughall & Mollington	1	4,308	7%
Davenham, Moulton & Kingsmead	2	4,251	6%	Shakerley	1	4,098	2%
Farndon	1	3,766	-6%	Strawberry	1	4,400	9%
Frodsham	2	3,810	-5%	Sutton Villages	2	4,223	5%
Gowy Rural	2	3,709	-8%	Tarporley	1	4,241	5%
Great Boughton	2	4,445	10%	Tarvin & Kelsall	2	3,947	-2%
Handbridge Park	2	4,121	2%	Tattenhall	1	4,150	3%
Hartford & Greenbank	2	3,666	-9%	Upton	2	3,876	-4%
Helsby	1	4,381	9%	Weaver & Cuddington	3	3,947	-2%
Lache	1	3,923	-3%	Westminster	1	4,011	0%
Ledsham & Manor	2	4,329	7%	Whitby Groves	1	3,733	-7%
Little Neston	1	4,273	6%	Whitby Park	1	4,149	3%
Malpas	1	4,085	1%	Willaston & Thornton	1	4,421	10%
Marbury	3	3,662	-9%	Winsford Dene	1	3,740	-7%
Neston	1	4,197	4%	Winsford Gravel	1	4,180	4%
Netherpool	1	4,121	2%	Winsford Over & Verdin	3	3,863	-4%
Newton & Hoole	3	3,836	-5%	Winsford Swanlow	1	3,842	-5%
Northwich Leftwich	1	4,049	1%	Winsford Wharton	1	4,248	5%
Northwich	2	3,723	-8%	Wolverham	1	3,986	-1%
Winnington & Castle							
Northwich Witton	1	4,366	8%				
				<b>Totals:</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
				<b>Averages:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,027</b>	<b>-</b>



### 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 Cheshire West and Chester?

- Cheshire West and Chester Council submitted a formal request to the Commission for an electoral review.

### Our proposals:

- Cheshire West and Chester Council currently has 75 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, the Commission recommends that **70 councillors** should serve the council in the future.
- The Council will have **45 wards** in future; one fewer than now. The boundaries of most wards should change; six will stay the same.
- The Commission believes the 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 Cheshire West and Chester Council should have **70 councillors** in future. This is **5 fewer** than the current number of councillors

Those councillors should represent six three-councillor wards, 13 two-councillor wards and 26 one-councillor wards across the council area.

In response to local feedback on its draft recommendations, the Commission has amended some of its proposals.

For example, the Commission has made major changes to the Garden Quarter area of Chester to put all of the Garden Quarter into a three-councillor **Chester City & the Garden Quarter** ward.

Changes have also been made in Chester to the boundaries in Great Boughton, between Newton & Hoole and Upton, and to split the three-councillor Overleigh ward into a single-councillor Lache ward and a two-councillor Overleigh ward.

In Ellesmere Port, the Commission revised the boundaries in Sutton following submissions from local residents. The three-councillor Neston & Parkgate ward has been replaced by three single-councillor wards. A boundary change involving no electors was also made to ensure all of the Stanlow industrial area is in the same ward.

The Commission has proposed name changes to seven wards, following the feedback that it received from local residents and others.

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](http://www.lgbce.org.uk).

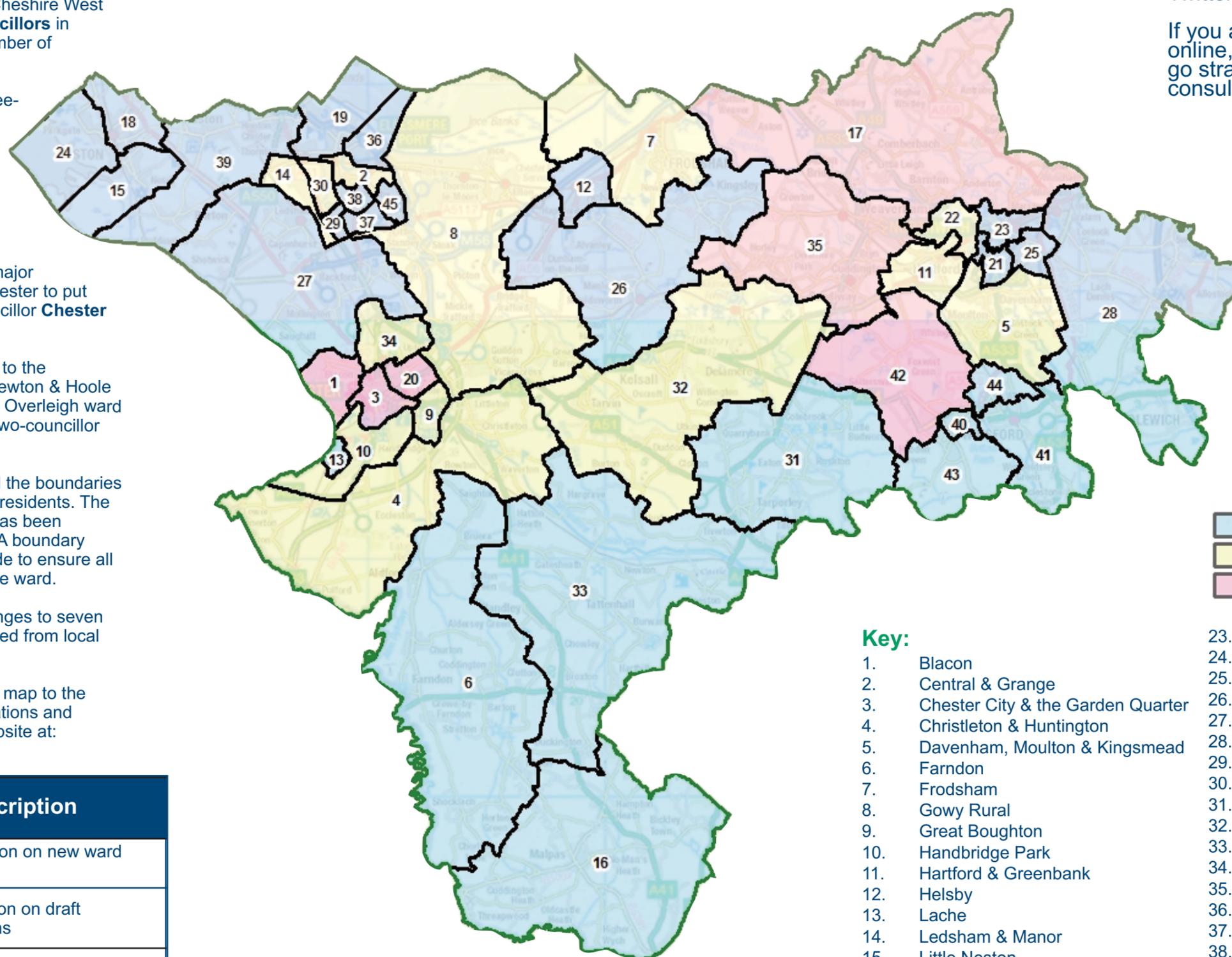
Stage of review	Description
28 March - 5 June 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
29 August - 6 November 2017	Public consultation on draft recommendations
9 January - 5 February 2018	Public consultation on further draft recommendations
6 March 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at next local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Cheshire West and Chester Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk)

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- One-member wards
- Two-member wards
- Three-member wards

### Key:

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Blacon                            | 23. Northwich Witton       |
| 2. Central & Grange                  | 24. Parkgate               |
| 3. Chester City & the Garden Quarter | 25. Rudheath               |
| 4. Christleton & Huntington          | 26. Sandstone              |
| 5. Davenham, Moulton & Kingsmead     | 27. Saughall & Mollington  |
| 6. Farndon                           | 28. Shakerley              |
| 7. Frodsham                          | 29. Strawberry             |
| 8. Gowy Rural                        | 30. Sutton Villages        |
| 9. Great Boughton                    | 31. Tarporley              |
| 10. Handbridge Park                  | 32. Tarvin & Kelsall       |
| 11. Hartford & Greenbank             | 33. Tattenhall             |
| 12. Helsby                           | 34. Upton                  |
| 13. Lache                            | 35. Weaver & Cuddington    |
| 14. Ledsham & Manor                  | 36. Westminster            |
| 15. Little Neston                    | 37. Whitby Groves          |
| 16. Malpas                           | 38. Whitby Park            |
| 17. Marbury                          | 39. Willaston & Thornton   |
| 18. Neston                           | 40. Winsford Dene          |
| 19. Netherpool                       | 41. Winsford Gravel        |
| 20. Newton & Hoole                   | 42. Winsford Over & Verdin |
| 21. Northwich Leftwich               | 43. Winsford Swanlow       |
| 22. Northwich Winnington & Castle    | 44. Winsford Wharton       |
|                                      | 45. Wolverham              |

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- 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.

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