

The table lists all the divisions we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of voters in each division. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed divisions which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2020 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Division name	No. of cllrs	Electorate (2014)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2020)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
Christchurch Borough							
Burton Grange	1	7,664	7,664	6%	8,424	8,424	8%
Christchurch Central Commons	1	7,598	7,598	5%	8,284	8,284	6%
Mudford & Highcliffe	1	8,226	8,226	14%	8,366	8,366	7%
Walkford	1	8,206	8,206	13%	8,346	8,346	7%
	1	7,918	7,918	9%	8,190	8,190	5%
East Dorset District							
Colehill East & Stapehill	1	7,583	7,583	5%	7,975	7,975	2%
Colehill West & Wimborne Minster	1	7,488	7,488	3%	7,910	7,910	1%
Corfe Mullen	1	8,129	8,129	12%	8,310	8,310	7%
Cranborne Chase	1	6,891	6,891	-5%	7,210	7,210	-8%
Ferndown	2	14,262	7,131	-2%	15,615	7,808	0%
Moors	2	13,983	6,992	-4%	14,600	7,300	-6%
Verwood	2	14,063	7,032	-3%	14,470	7,235	-7%
North Dorset District							
Blackmore Vale	1	6,963	6,963	-4%	7,520	7,520	-4%
Blandford Forum	1	7,161	7,161	-1%	7,991	7,991	2%
Gillingham	2	11,851	5,926	-18%	14,230	7,115	-9%
Hambledon	1	7,586	7,586	5%	8,449	8,449	8%
Shaftesbury	1	6,106	6,106	-16%	7,390	7,390	-5%
Stalbridge & The Beacon	1	6,866	6,866	-5%	7,440	7,440	-5%
Winterborne	1	6,486	6,486	-11%	7,440	7,440	-5%
Purbeck District							
Lytchett Minster & Upton	1	6,707	6,707	-7%	7,144	7,144	-8%
North West Purbeck	1	7,154	7,154	-1%	7,780	7,780	0%
South Purbeck	1	6,913	6,913	-5%	7,650	7,650	-2%
Swanage	1	7,973	7,973	10%	8,680	8,680	11%
Wareham	1	7,601	7,601	5%	8,236	8,236	6%
West Dorset District							
Beaminster	1	7,026	7,026	-3%	7,160	7,160	-8%
Bridport	2	15,038	7,519	4%	15,468	7,734	-1%
Chickerell & Chesil Bank	1	7,127	7,127	-2%	7,700	7,700	-1%
Dorchester	2	15,371	7,686	6%	16,730	8,365	7%
Linden Lea	1	7,192	7,192	-1%	7,680	7,680	-2%
Marshwood Vale	1	6,993	6,993	-4%	7,702	7,702	-1%
Sherborne Rural	1	7,247	7,247	0%	7,110	7,110	-9%
Sherborne Town	1	7,158	7,158	-1%	8,130	8,130	4%
Three Valleys	1	8,465	8,465	17%	8,310	8,310	7%
Weymouth & Portland Borough							
Broadway	1	7,163	7,163	-1%	7,452	7,452	-4%
Lodmoor	1	7,196	7,196	-1%	7,730	7,730	-1%
Portland Harbour	1	7,136	7,136	-2%	8,440	8,440	8%
Portland Tophill	1	6,380	6,380	-12%	7,240	7,240	-7%
Rodwell	1	7,489	7,489	3%	8,137	8,137	4%
Westham	1	7,663	7,663	6%	7,841	7,841	1%
Weymouth Town	1	7,353	7,353	1%	8,360	8,360	7%
Totals	46	333,375			358,840		
Averages			7,247			7,801	

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The
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for England

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Dorset County Council

Summary report

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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. A local authority's electoral arrangements are:

- 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 representing each ward or division.

Why Dorset?

We are conducting an electoral review of Dorset County Council to deliver improved levels of electoral equality for local voters.

Dorset currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others. This means that the value of your vote - in county council elections - varies depending on where you live in Dorset.

Our proposals

Dorset County Council currently has 45 councillors. Based on the evidence we received during previous phases of the review, the Commission recommends that 46 county councillors should serve Dorset in future.

Electoral arrangements

Our final recommendations propose that Dorset's 46 county councillors should represent 34 single-member electoral divisions and 6 two-member electoral divisions across the county.

The Commission believes the final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:

- Deliver electoral equality for voters.
- Reflect local community interests and identities.
- Promote effective and convenient local government.

Stage of review	Description
23 Sep - 1 Dec 2014	Public consultation on new division pattern
12 May - 6 July 2015	Public consultation on draft recommendations
29 Sep 2015	Publication of final recommendations
May 2017	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at county elections

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during consultation on our draft recommendations.

In response to representations made to it on the draft recommendations, the Commission has made changes to the draft proposals it originally put forward for consultation in May. In Purbeck, the Commission received persuasive evidence to move away from its recommendation to divide Wareham between electoral divisions. Instead, the Commission has altered its proposals so that the town is wholly included in a Wareham division.

Elsewhere, in West Dorset, the Commission received local objections to its proposal to divide Bridport between two electoral divisions. As a result of the evidence presented to it, the Commission has decided to change its recommendation so that the whole of Bridport is included in a two-member division to avoid dividing communities.

Elsewhere in Dorset, the Commission has also changed its recommendations in light of evidence provided by local people and groups. The final recommendations propose that the parish of Turnworth should part of the Winterborne division and not the Blackmore Vale division as originally proposed. Local evidence suggested stronger community ties between Turnworth and Winterborne than Blackmore Vale so the Commission has altered its recommendation to reflect those views.

Similarly, the Commission has changed its recommendations so that the parish of Buckland Newton is part of the Three Valleys division and not Sherborne Rural division as previously proposed.

In North Dorset, the Commission has also made an amendment to its proposed Blandford Forum electoral division in response to local views. The final recommendations include the Bryanston Park area in the Blandford Forum division whilst the Badbury Heights area becomes part of the Hambleton division.

These changes and detailed recommendations are set out in the full report which is available on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk. Our website also includes interactive mapping where you can explore the final recommendations to street level detail.

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Dorset County 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 county elections in 2017.

Summary key

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- 10 Ferndown
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- 12 Verwood

North Dorset District

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- 15 Gillingham
- 16 Hambleton
- 17 Shaftesbury
- 18 Stalbridge & The Beacon
- 19 Winterborne

Purbeck District

- 20 Lytchett Minster & Upton
- 21 North West Purbeck
- 22 South Purbeck
- 23 Swanage
- 24 Wareham

West Dorset District

- 25 Beaminster
- 26 Bridport
- 27 Chickerell & Chesil Bank
- 28 Dorchester
- 29 Linden Lea
- 30 Marshwood Vale
- 31 Sherborne Rural
- 32 Sherborne Town
- 33 Three Valleys

Weymouth and Portland Borough

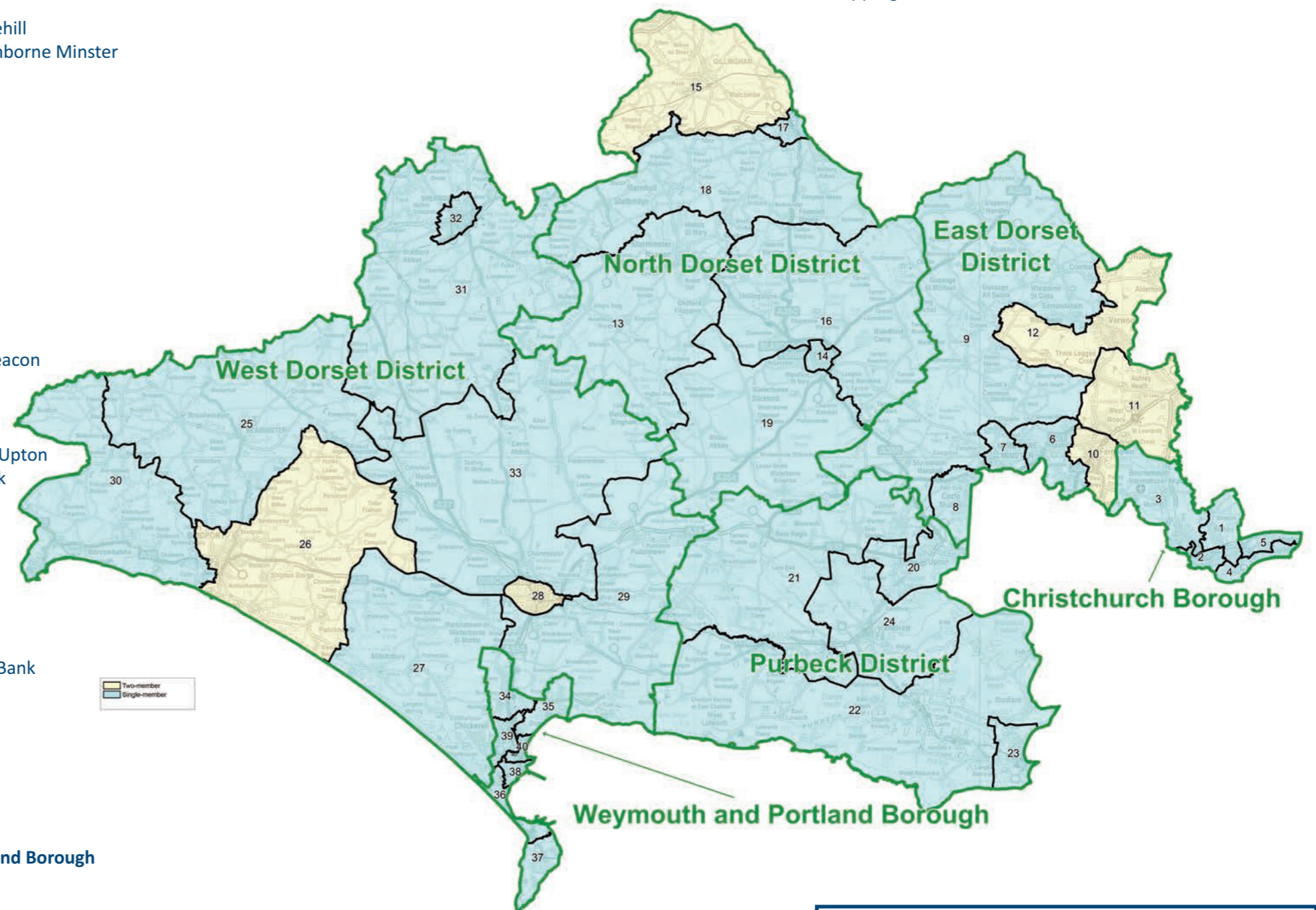
- 34 Broadwey
- 35 Lodmoor
- 36 Portland Harbour
- 37 Portland Tophill
- 38 Rodwell
- 39 Westham
- 40 Weymouth Town

Overview of final recommendations for Dorset County Council

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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.
- compare the final recommendations with the draft proposals and existing arrangements.
- find out more about the electoral review process