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Dear officer.

Please find attached the Blackpool Conservative Councillor's group local ward boundary submission.
I would be grateful if you could acknowledge the receipt of this email and attachments.
Many Thanks

Cllr Tony Williams
Leader of the Conservative Group Blackpool Council
Councillor for Anchorsholme

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Blackpool Conservative Group Warding arrangements 2021 Submission

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The Blackpool Conservative Group have used the following two principals to determine our submission on a ward by ward basis:

- **Recognising areas that are homogenous with strong community and historic identities with good social links including schools, parks and community centres.**
- **Establishing wards that allow each councillor to represent a Blackpool medium of voters and recognising confirmed housing developments in each of the wards and their impact on population growth over the next five years.**

The net result of applying these two formulas generates the following results:

Anchorsholme Ward: No change:

Anchorsholme has a strong identity which has grown in recent time with the growth and popularity of a number of Anchorsholme public areas and institutions including Anchorsholme Park, Anchorsholme Library and Anchorsholme Academy. Both Councillors have an established formal link with East Pines Park and Anchorsholme Park in partnership with the local community.

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Norbreck Ward: No change

Norbreck has a strong local identity and a stable population with only limited proposed housing growth.

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Bispham Ward: Everything to the West of All Hallows Road; Blackpool Road and Bispham Road up to Moor Park avenue should be moved in to Bispham ward from Ingthorpe ward. These areas all have strong Bispham connections and contain most of the areas that allow residents to identify as culturally Bispham including: Bispham village, Bispham Market, Bispham All Hallows Church and Bispham Endowed School.

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Ingthorpe Ward: The area to the West of All Hallows Road; Blackpool Road and Bispham Road up to Moor Park avenue should be moved in to Bispham ward as these areas have a stronger cultural tie to Bispham ward (see Bispham ward proposal)

These areas are thinly populated so will only have a minor impact on the population of Ingthorpe.

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Greenlands Ward: Greenlands to include Dudley, Banbury and Raymond Roads that are currently in the Warbreck ward. These three roads identify with their surrounding neighbours as feeling and being in Greenlands but are currently situated in Warbreck. Also, as the Ward name suggests there is a lot of Green areas in the Ward including The Blackpool Wyre and Fylde Arboretum; Devonshire Road Rock Gardens & a large section of the Blackpool North Pond Trail, there are also strong community links with Lowmoor Community Centre & St Anne's in Greenlands Church.

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Warbreck Ward: to lose Dudley, Banbury and Raymond Roads (see Greenlands Ward proposal)

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Layton Ward: No Change

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Park Ward: No Change:

Number of proposed Councillors: 2

Claremont Ward:

To be extended southward from the current Talbot road border to Chapel Street in the south and Buchanan Street on the East, running towards Park Road and Reads Avenue heading towards Chapel Street.

This would allow Claremont ward to cover the entire Blackpool town centre and benefit from the specialist focus this would allow Councillors. Whilst the population increase because of the amount of retail and commercial property in the ward would be slight it would be significant this would be reflected in the increased number of Councillors for this ward from two to three.

Number of proposed Councillors: 3

Talbot Ward: Following the removal of the Town Centre part of the ward to Claremont Ward, the largely residential section of the ward should merge with Brunswick Ward under the name of Talbot Ward. This would formally recognise the cultural and closeness of this enlarged residential area.

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Revoe Ward:

Creation of a new ward **Revoe Ward**. This would largely replace Tyldsley ward but crucially would include Revoe School, Revoe Park and Revoe Library. Revoe has a strong Blackpool history and many residents in the area identify as being from Revoe or a Revoite. This new ward would help cement civic pride in the area and it's local Revoe institutions. The new boundary of the ward by including Revoe Park and school would share a boundary with Central Drive across to Bloomfield Road and Andsell Road. Continue boundary along Bloomfield road and across Kirkham Avenue up to the Whitegate drive border with Marton ward.

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Victoria Ward:

Following the creation of the new Revoe Ward, the remaining area of Tyldsley south of the A573 would be merged with Victoria Ward. This area is south of a busy road and is traditionally much more connected to Victoria Ward.

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Bloomfield Ward:

Bloomfield would remain unchanged but would be renamed **Foxhall Ward**. Foxhall has a strong history with it being one of the oldest areas of Blackpool with one of the first Pubs called the Foxhall, this has been reinforced with the recent housing development of Foxhall Village.

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Marton

No Change

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Waterloo

No Change

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Squires Gate:

No Change

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Highfield

No Change

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Clifton

No Change

Number of proposed Councillors 2

Stanley: No Change

Stanley ward has seen a steady increase in its electorate and new housing developments are scheduled to see that population increase by 25% to around 7300 electors.

Stanley has strong community cohesion and is a popular place for residents to reside with good school and church catchment areas in the ward.

Natural boundaries surround the ward, including Yeadon Way so opportunities to reduce the ward's size are limited, in fact a reduction would jeopardise the ward's unique dynamics of farming, land, housing, industry, new builds and its many social focal points.

Ward Councillors have played a big part in the formation and continued support of the Marton Moss Forum.

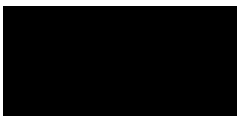
Number of proposed Councillors 3

Summary of submission:

Blackpool should be re-represented by 20 wards 1 fewer than present with two wards Stanley and Claremont having 3 councillors due to their increased size and demand in Claremont's case of representing the entire town centre with a new ward being created in Revue to represent the strong cultural identity this area has and is reflected in the name of a popular Park, Library and school in that area. B

Brunswick Ward would also be removed and instead replaced with a merged purely residential Talbot ward.

Bloomfield Ward should also be renamed Foxhall Ward in honour of its rich history and recent building developments by that name in honour of its' proud past.



Cllr Tony Williams,

Leader of the Blackpool Conservative Group

October 29th 2021