

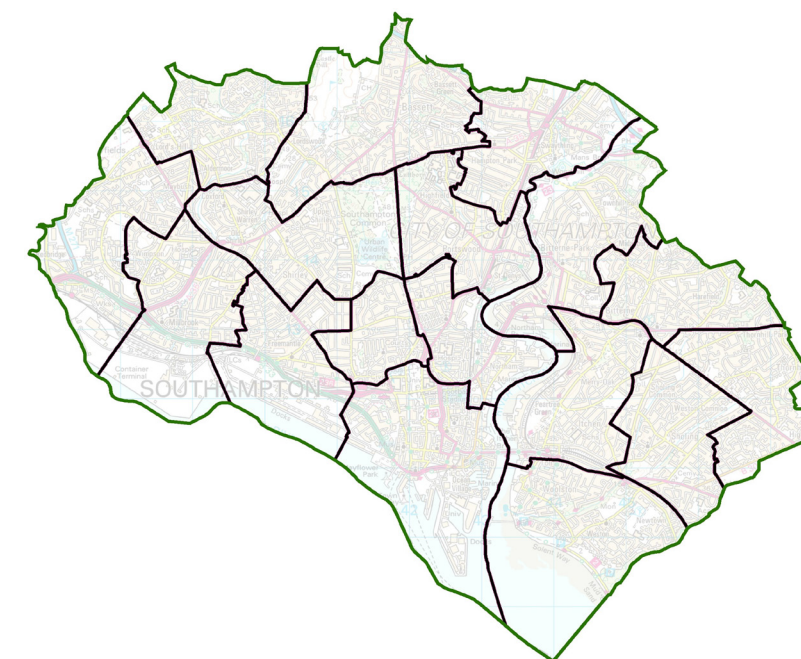
Our Recommendations

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors 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 2027 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Ward Name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2021)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)	Electorate (2027)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)
Banister & Polygon	3	10,167	3,389	-1%	11,170	3,723	4%
Bargate	3	9,218	3,073	-10%	11,655	3,885	8%
Bassett	3	10,234	3,411	0%	10,462	3,487	-3%
Bevois	3	10,353	3,451	1%	10,872	3,624	1%
Bitterne Park	3	11,048	3,683	7%	11,410	3,803	6%
Coxford	3	10,342	3,447	1%	10,541	3,514	-2%
Freemantle	3	10,272	3,424	0%	10,860	3,620	1%
Harefield	3	10,099	3,366	-2%	10,551	3,517	-2%
Millbrook	3	9,672	3,224	-6%	9,920	3,307	-8%
Peartree	3	11,194	3,731	9%	11,406	3,802	6%
Portswood	3	9,860	3,287	-4%	10,100	3,367	-6%
Redbridge	3	9,932	3,311	-3%	10,403	3,468	-4%
Shirley	3	10,735	3,578	4%	11,083	3,694	3%
Sholing	3	10,708	3,569	4%	10,830	3,610	0%
Swaythling	3	10,071	3,357	-2%	10,201	3,400	-5%
Thornhill	3	10,244	3,415	0%	10,367	3,456	-4%
Woolston	3	10,700	3,567	4%	11,487	3,829	7%
Totals	51	174,849	-	-	183,318	-	-
Averages	-	-	3,428	-	-	3,594	-

Southampton City Council

Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



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

Why Southampton?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Southampton City Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Southampton in advance of the elections in 2023.
- Southampton City Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - electors than others.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local electors.

Our proposals

- Southampton City Council currently has 48 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 51 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
 2. Reflect community interests and identities
 3. Promote effective and convenient local government

Summary of our recommendations

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

The final recommendations propose that Southampton City Council should have 51 councillors, three more than there are now.

Southampton should have 17 three-councillor wards, one more than there is now.

We propose to make minor amendments to the boundaries between Bargate and Bevois wards, Bevois and Portswood wards, Swaythling and Bassett wards, Harefield and Bitterne Park wards and Peartree and Sholing wards.

We also proposed to rename Bargate North to Banister & Polygon, Bargate South to Bargate and Bitterne to Thornhill. We propose all these changes based on the submissions we received.

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 at consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- 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.
- find more guidance on the review process

Stage of Review	Description
23 November 2021 - 31 January 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
10 May 2022 - 18 July 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
1 November 2022	Publication of final recommendations
May 2023	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Southampton City Council

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