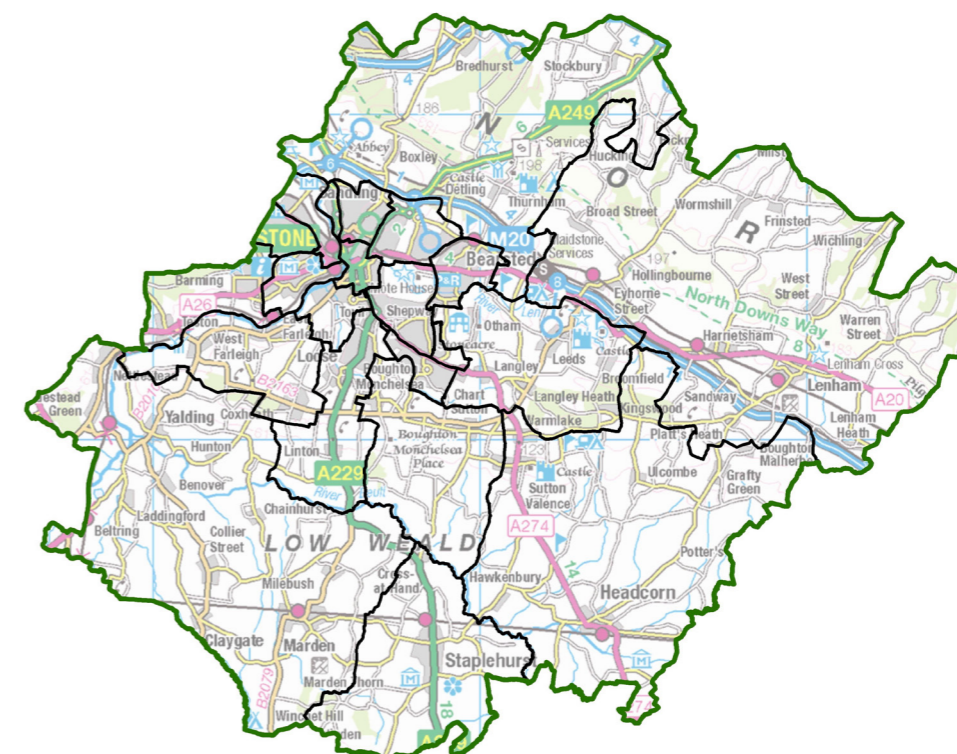


Our Recommendations

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.

Maidstone Borough 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 Maidstone?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Maidstone Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2000 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Maidstone in advance of the elections in 2024.

Our proposals

- Maidstone Borough Council currently has 55 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 49 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

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 (%)
Allington & Bridge	2	5,311	2,656	1%	6,034	3,017	1%
Barming Heath & Teston	2	5,584	2,792	6%	6,509	3,255	9%
Bearsted & Downswood	3	8,376	2,792	6%	9,064	3,021	1%
Boughton Monchelsea & Chart Sutton	1	2,836	2,836	8%	3,257	3,257	9%
Boxley Downs	2	5,791	2,896	10%	6,343	3,172	6%
Coxheath & Farleigh	2	5,499	2,750	5%	6,251	3,125	5%
Fant & Oakwood	3	8,612	2,871	9%	9,232	3,077	3%
Grove Green & Vinters Park	3	7,444	2,481	-5%	8,026	2,675	-10%
Harrietsham, Lenham & North Downs	3	7,014	2,338	-11%	7,854	2,618	-12%
Headcorn & Sutton Valence	2	6,132	3,066	17%	6,719	3,360	13%
High Street	3	6,705	2,235	-15%	8,097	2,699	-10%
Leeds & Langley	2	4,211	2,106	-20%	6,250	3,125	5%
Loose & Linton	2	6,135	3,068	17%	6,576	3,288	10%
Marden & Yalding	3	7,738	2,579	-2%	8,432	2,811	-6%
Palace Wood	2	5,855	2,928	12%	6,380	3,190	7%
Park Wood & Mangravel	2	5,059	2,530	-4%	5,676	2,838	-5%
Penenden Heath	3	7,488	2,496	-5%	8,069	2,690	-10%
Ringlestone	1	2,050	2,050	-22%	3,297	3,297	10%
Senacre	1	2,244	2,244	-14%	3,169	3,169	6%
Shepway	3	8,321	2,774	6%	9,023	3,008	1%
Staplehurst	2	5,307	2,654	1%	5,972	2,986	0%
Tovil	2	4,862	2,431	-7%	5,999	3,000	1%
Totals	49	128,574	-	-	146,228	-	-
Averages	-	-	2,624	-	-	2,984	-

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 Maidstone should have 49 councillors, six fewer than there are now.

Maidstone should have 22 wards, a decrease of 4. The boundaries of most of the existing wards should change, Staplehurst will stay the same.

The 49 councillors should represent eight three-councillor wards, 11 two-councillor wards and three single-councillor wards across the borough.

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

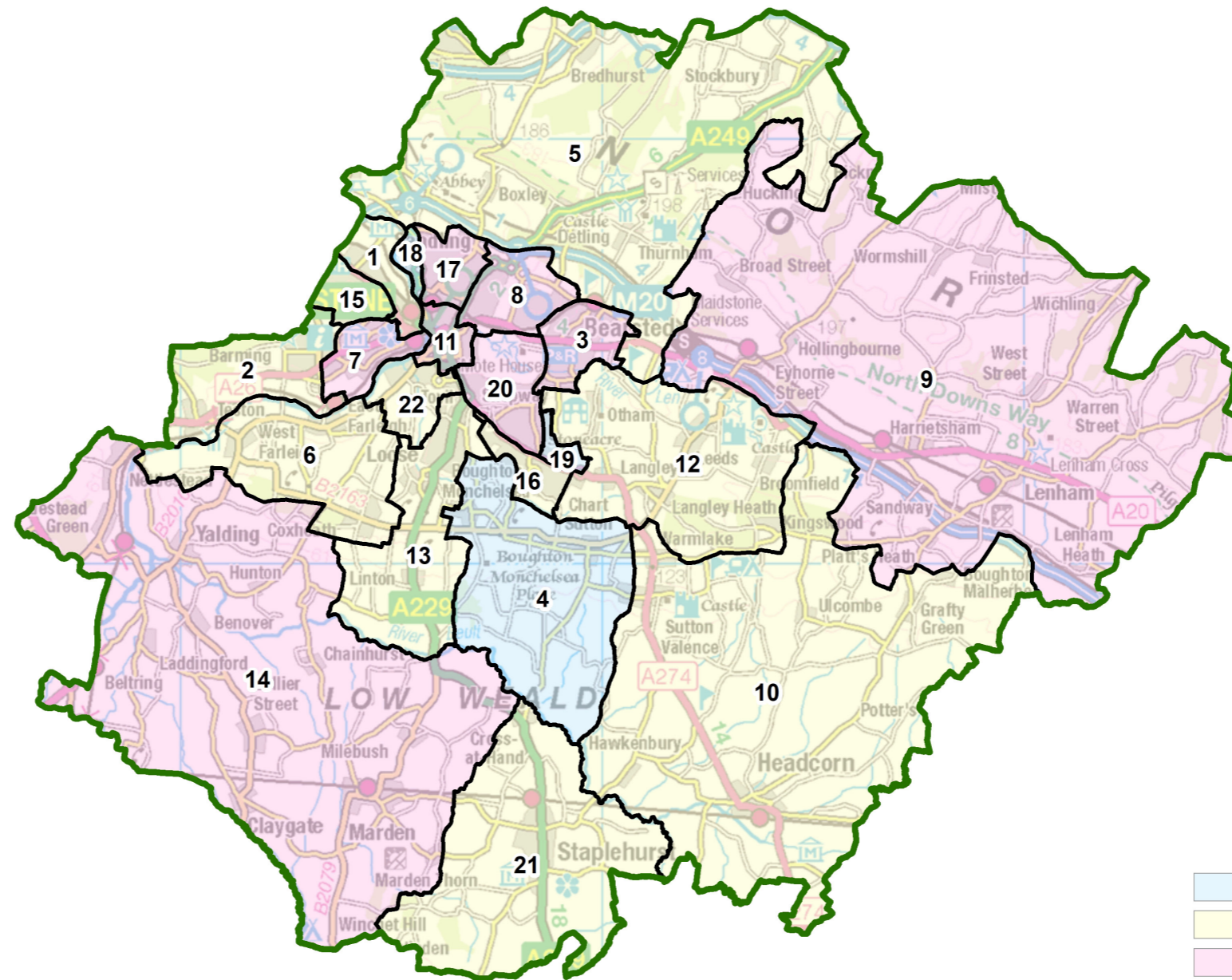
Stage of Review	Description
25 January 2022 - 4 April 2022	Public consultation on warding arrangements
5 July 2022 - 28 September 2022	Public consultation on draft recommendations
29 November 2022	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Maidstone Borough Council

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11	High Street
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14	Marden & Yalding
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16	Park Wood & Mangravet
17	Penenden Heath
18	Ringlestone
19	Senacre
20	Shepway
21	Staplehurst
22	Tovil

- One councillor ward
- Two councillor ward
- Three councillor ward

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