

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of North Devon District 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 projected number of voters 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.

North Devon District 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 %
Barnstaple Central	1	1,853	-7%	Ilfracombe East	3	1,897	-5%
Barnstaple with Pilton	3	2,123	6%	Ilfracombe West	2	2,031	2%
Barnstaple with Westacott	3	2,162	8%	Instow	1	1,896	-5%
Bickington	3	1,894	-5%	Landkey	2	1,866	-7%
Bishop's Nympton	1	1,954	-2%	Lynton & Lynmouth	1	1,898	-5%
Bratton Fleming	1	2,041	2%	Marwood	1	2,045	2%
Braunton East	2	1,987	0%	Mortehoe	1	1,986	-1%
Braunton West & Georgeham	2	2,021	1%	Newport	2	2,107	6%
Chittlehampton	1	2,102	5%	North Molton	1	1,970	-1%
Chulmleigh	1	1,943	-3%	Roundswell	2	2,105	5%
Combe Martin	1	2,236	12%	South Molton	3	1,773	-11%
Fremington	2	2,179	9%	Witheridge	1	1,979	-1%
Heanton Punchardon	1	1,828	-8%				
				Totals:	42	-	-
				Averages:	-	1,997	-



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.

Why North Devon?

- North Devon District Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in district council elections, varies depending on where you live in North Devon.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local voters

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.

Our proposals:

- North Devon District Council currently has 43 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, the Commission recommends that **42 councillors** should serve the district in the future.
- 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 North Devon District Council should have **42 councillors**. This is **one fewer** than the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent five three-councillor wards, seven two-councillor wards and 13 one-councillor wards across the district.

North Devon District Council should have **25 wards**, two fewer than there are now.

The boundaries of 22 wards will change, five will stay the same.

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: consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- 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.

Overview of final recommendations for North Devon District Council

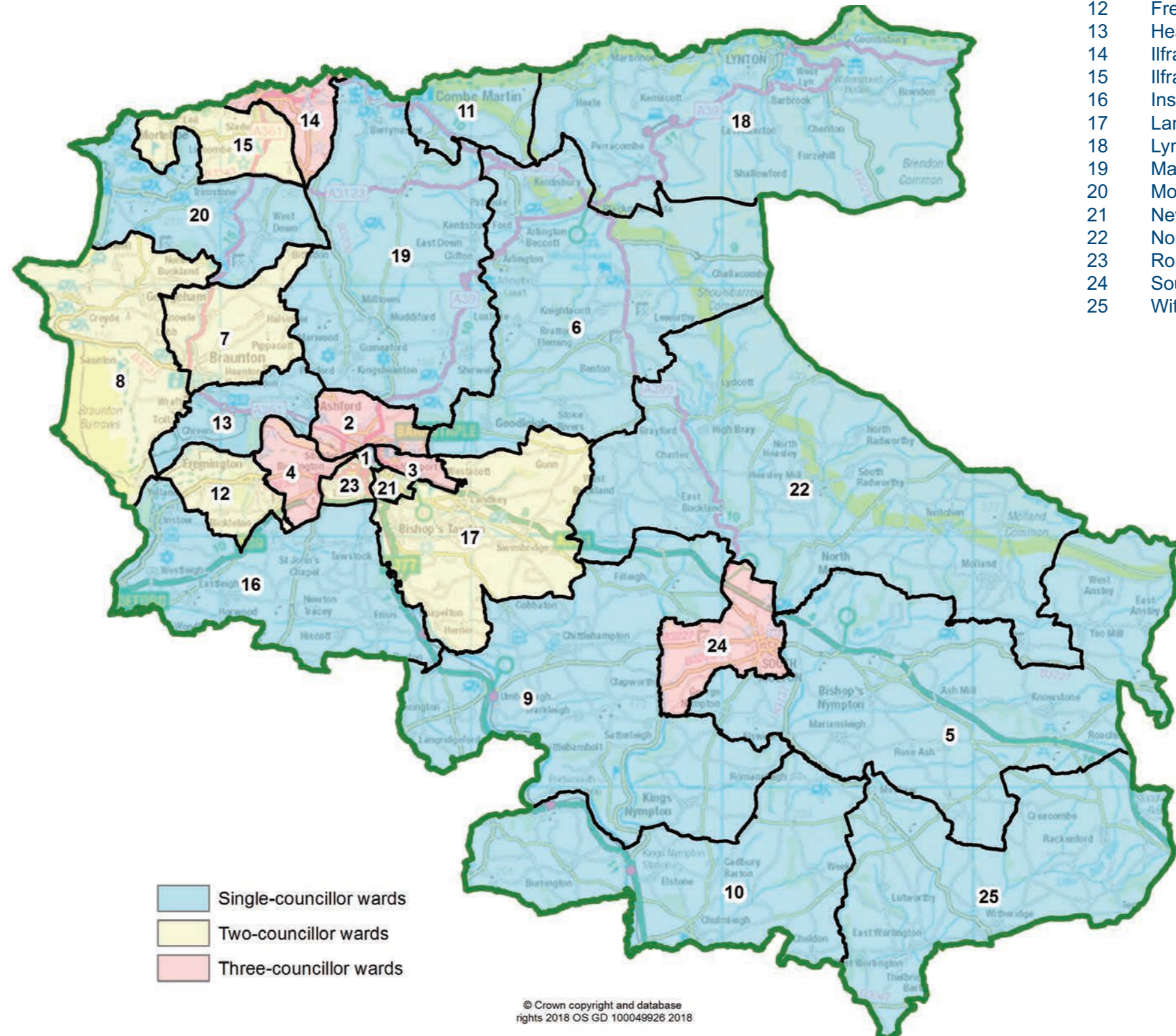
View this map online and explore it in more detail at: consultation.lgbce.org.uk

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If you are viewing this page online, click on the map to go straight to our interactive consultation area.

Key:

- 1 Barnstaple Central
- 2 Barnstaple with Pilton
- 3 Barnstaple with Westacott
- 4 Bickington
- 5 Bishops Nympton
- 6 Bratton Fleming
- 7 Braunton East
- 8 Braunton West & Georgeham
- 9 Chittlehampton
- 10 Chumleigh
- 11 Combe Martin
- 12 Fremington
- 13 Heanton Punchardon
- 14 Ilfracombe East
- 15 Ilfracombe West
- 16 Instow
- 17 Landkey
- 18 Lynton & Lynmouth
- 19 Marwood
- 20 Morteohoe
- 21 Newport
- 22 North Molton
- 23 Roundswell
- 24 South Molton
- 25 Witheridge



Stage of review	Description
25 July - 2 October 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
5 December 2017 - 19 February 2018	Public consultation on draft recommendations
8 May 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

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