The Local Government Boundary Commission for England

July 2024
Summary Report

The full report and detailed maps: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/canterbury

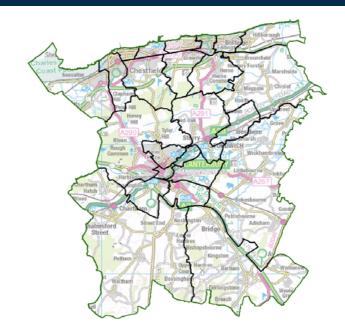
Our Recommendations

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 2029 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Ward Name	Number of Councillors	Electorate (2023)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)	Electorate (2029)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average (%)
Barton	2	4,001	2,001	-26%	5,602	2,801	-10%
Beltinge	2	5,908	2,954	9%	6,486	3,243	4%
Blean Forest	2	6,384	3,192	18%	6,814	3,407	10%
Chartham & Stone Street	2	5,037	2,519	-7%	5,316	2,658	-14%
Chestfield & South Tankerton	2	5,674	2,837	5%	6,305	3,153	2%
Gorrell	3	8,072	2,691	-1%	8,880	2,960	-5%
Greenhill	2	4,048	2,042	-25%	5,511	2,756	-11%
Hampton	2	6,324	3,162	17%	6,608	3,304	6%
Herne Village	2	4,765	2,383	-12%	5,593	2,797	-10%
Heron	2	5,749	2,875	6%	6,209	3,106	0%
Hersden with Westbere	1	1,760	1,760	-35%	3,015	3,015	-3%
Little Stour & Adisham	1	3,254	3,254	20%	3,386	3,386	9%
Nailbourne	1	3,128	3,128	15%	3,323	3,323	7%
Northgate	1	2,739	2,739	1%	3,126	3,126	1%
Reculver	1	2,059	2,059	-24%	2,955	2,955	-5%
Seasalter	2	6,146	3,073	13%	6,640	3,320	7%
St Martin's	2	5,233	2,617	-3%	6,138	3,069	-1%
St Stephen's	2	6,088	3,044	12%	6,473	3,237	4%
Sturry	2	4,485	2,243	-17%	5,906	2,953	-5%
Swalecliffe	1	3,209	3,209	18%	3,348	3,348	8%
Tankerton	1	3,086	3,086	14%	3,234	3,234	4%
Wantsum	1	3,119	3,119	15%	3,295	3,295	6%
Westgate	1	3,211	3,211	18%	3,422	3,422	10%
Wincheap	2	4,920	2,460	-9%	6,671	3,336	7%
Totals Averages	40 -	108,398 -	- 2,710	- -	124,256 -	- 3,106	:

Canterbury 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 Canterbury?

- Canterbury 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

- Canterbury City Council currently has 39 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 40 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 the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Canterbury should have 40 councillors, an increase of 1.

Canterbury should have 24 wards, an increase of 3. The boundaries of 15 of the existing wards should change.

The 40 councillors should represent 1 three-councillor ward, 14 two-councillor wards and 9 single-councillor wards across the city.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

Find out more at

https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/canterbury

- 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 26 September -Public consultation on warding arrangments 4 December 2023 27 February -Public consultation on draft recommendations 6 May 2024 Publication of final 30 July 2024 recommendations Subject to parliamentary 2027 approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Canterbury City Council

View this map online and explore it in more detail at: https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/canterbury

