

CHICHESTER CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW 2017
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

For response by Friday 12 JANUARY 2018

Introduction

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has carried out an electoral review of Chichester District.

The LGBCE has now concluded the district council review and a request for a review has been submitted to the district council from Chichester City Council.

The LGBCE has concluded that 5 new wards be created for the district council. These wards would be named:

Chichester Central
Chichester East
Chichester North
Chichester South
Chichester West

This means that new district council ward boundaries will be drawn; the LGBCE has also concluded that the new City Council should comprise of 20 councillors (as at present) representing 8 wards:

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| Chichester Arundel Park | 1 Councillor |
| Chichester Central | 2 Councillors |
| Chichester East | 4 Councillors |
| Chichester East Broyle | 1 Councillor |
| Chichester North | 4 Councillors |
| Chichester Priory | 1 Councillor |
| Chichester South | 3 Councillors |
| Chichester West | 4 Councillors |

Chichester City Council has requested that the wards be conterminous with the new district council wards. It has also requested that a reduction of 2 councillors be made from 20 to 18.

Any pattern of ward boundaries needs to take into account three statutory criteria:

- 1. Electoral Equality:** This means that each councillor should represent roughly the same number of voters. Based on the amount of councillors the district will have representing the city wards, the City Council has requested that for every 1 district councillor there be 2 representing the City Council
- 2. Interests and identities of local communities:** This means respecting local ties and setting easily identifiable boundaries. The patterns of community life, represented by transport links, community groups, facilities such as shops, health services and community halls, and shared interests should be taken into account. In many cases parishes can be used as building blocks.
- 3. Effective and convenient local government:** This means ensuring that the wards can be represented effectively by their elected councillor(s) – that wards

are neither too big nor too small in extent and all parts of the wards are linked together. Wards may have more than one councillor, but not more than three.

Chichester District Council invites you to comment on its draft proposals set out in this document by 12 January 2018.

Representations should be sent to elections@chichester.gov.uk or to Electoral Services, Chichester District Council, East Pallant House, Chichester, PO19 1TY

Chichester City Council Proposal

We believe that Chichester City has a strong distinct community identity, separate from the surrounding rural areas and the rest of the district with its pattern of villages and small towns. It is the only substantial urban area in the district and forms a centre for its extensive neighbourhood, with its cathedral, hospital, retail and employment centres, secondary schools, college and university, and county and district council offices. It is also a transport hub with main railway and bus stations and roads radiating out to the rest of the district and beyond.

Chichester City is also served by an active and historic city council. Although this review does not change the city boundary, it does impact on the pattern of city council wards. Each district council ward and each county electoral division boundary create a city council ward boundary. Where electoral division and district ward boundaries diverge, they create city wards between them.

Proposal

To amend the planned city council wards to be the same as the district council wards as set out below:

Central Ward (2 members) (Electorate: 2,506)

| Polling District | Projected Electorate |
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| CHN1 Chichester North [1] Except Broyle Road [46 electors] | 515 |
| CHS2 Chichester South [2] | 1,751 |
| Part of CHE1 Chichester East [1] | 240 |

Chichester East Ward (4 members) (Electorate: 4,940)

| Polling District | Projected Electorate |
|--|-----------------------------|
| CHE1 Chichester East [1], except St Pancras, Hornet, East Walls area | 1,496 |
| CHE2 Chichester East [2] | 1,681 |
| CHE4 Chichester East [4] | 1,469 |
| Part of CHE3 Chichester East [3] | 109 |
| Part of CHN3 Chichester North [3] | 185 |

Chichester North Ward (4 members) (Electorate: 5,275)

| Polling District | Projected Electorate |
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| CHN2 Chichester North [2], except the East Broyle Estate, but adding Broyle Road [46 electors] from CHN1 | 1,548 |
| CHN3 Chichester North [3], except the Bostock Road area and the arc south of Kingsmead Avenue | 3,727 |

Chichester South Ward (4 members) (Electorate: 5,666)

| Polling District | Projected Electorate |
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| CHS1 Chichester South [1] | 2,007 |
| CHS3 Chichester South [3] | 2,010 |
| CHE3 Chichester East [3], except south side of Oving Road | 1,649 |

Chichester West Ward (4 members) (Electorate: 4,889)

| Polling District | Projected Electorate |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHW1 Chichester West [1] | 966 |
| CHW2 Chichester West [2] | 3,134 |
| Part of CHN2 Chichester North [2] | 789 |

The proposal means a total of 5 wards would be made, represented by 18 councillors. In the district council's view this is the simplest and sensible way to move forward. The electorate would not be voting for different named wards and administration of the

electoral register would be more manageable. There would be fair representation within all of the 5 wards by City Councillors.