

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Pendle 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 2020.

Our recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the 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. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2024 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Pendle Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	Number of Councillors:	Electorate (2019):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from average %	Electorate (2024):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from Average %
Barrowford & Pendleside	3	5,974	1,991	-1%	6,190	2,063	-1%
Barnoldswick	3	6,571	2,190	8%	6,711	2,237	7%
Boulsworth & Foulridge	3	6,128	2,043	1%	6,430	2,143	3%
Bradley	3	5,835	1,945	-4%	5,912	1,971	-6%
Brierfield East & Clover Hill	3	5,860	1,953	-3%	6,062	2,021	-3%
Brierfield West & Reedley	2	4,270	2,135	6%	4,573	2,287	10%
Earby & Coates	3	6,525	2,175	8%	6,830	2,277	9%
Fence & Higham	1	1,943	1,943	-4%	1,956	1,956	-6%
Marsden & Southfield	3	5,982	1,994	-1%	6,133	2,044	-2%
Vivary Bridge	3	5,495	1,832	-9%	5,714	1,905	-9%
Waterside & Horsfield	3	5,634	1,878	-7%	5,898	1,966	-6%
Whitefield & Walverden	2	6,409	6,409	6%	6,427	2,142	3%
Totals:	33	66,626	-	-	66,836	-	-
Averages:	-	-	2,019	-	-	3,578	-



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 Pendle?

- The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Pendle Borough Council to deliver electoral equality for voters across Pendle, because of a request from the Council.

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:

- Pendle Council currently has 49 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that **33 councillors** should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our 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 Pendle should have **33** councillors. This is **sixteen less** than the current number of councillors.

Those councillors should represent **10** three-councillor wards, **1** two-councillor ward, and **1** one-councillor ward across the council.

The boundaries of **all wards** will change. As a result of the submissions we received in our consultation on draft recommendations we have made changes to warding arrangements in the areas of Brierfield, Reedley, Fence and Higham, as well as some modifications to the names of others wards across the rest of 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: 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.

Stage of review	Description
February 2019 - May 2019	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
July 2019 - October 2019	Public consultation on draft recommendations
17 December 2019	Publication of final recommendations
May 2020	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Pendle Council

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