



## BLACKPOOL, FYLDE & WYRE TRADE UNION COUNCIL

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Dear Sir,

BFWTUC is an umbrella body for union branches in Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre. Branches of all the major unions are affiliated to us with over 10,000 members presently 'paid-up'.

At our meeting this week, we discussed the review going on. We do not wish to state where the ward boundaries should be (at this stage anyway). What we do wish to do is state two principles we think the review should abide by –

**Principle Number 1.** This is the over-riding principle. The number of Blackpool councillors for each party or group should mirror the total popular vote in Blackpool. For instance, if party A gets 52% of the vote, and party B gets 48%, then there is no way that party B should have a majority of the councillors. We do realise that under the first past the post system, smaller parties may not be represented at all.

**Principle Number 2.** Each councillor should represent similar numbers of voters. However, if abiding by this principle prevents principle number one being upheld, then principle number two needs to be amended, and/or ward boundaries changed, to help ensure number one is upheld.

Yours faithfully,

*Ken Cridland*

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BFWTUC Secretary