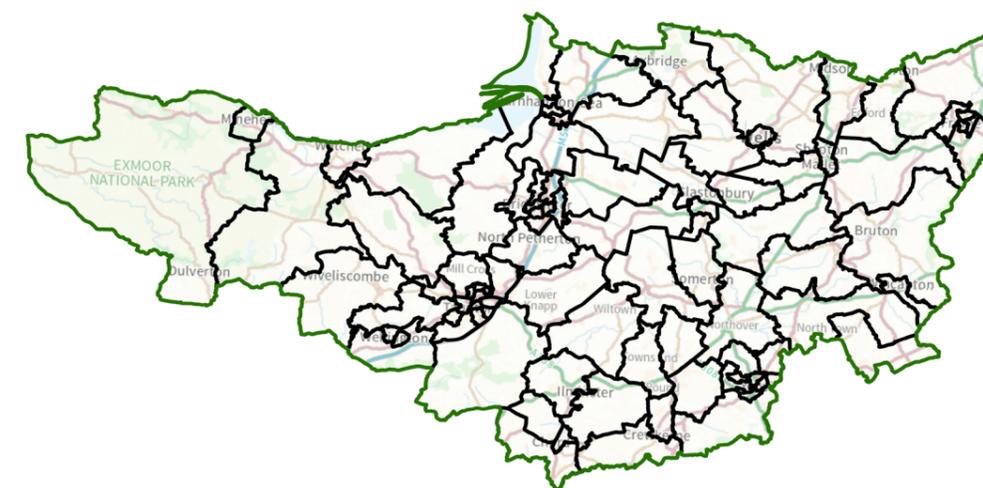


# Somerset Council

## 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 Somerset?

- The Commission is carrying out an electoral review of Somerset as it is a new local authority.

### Our proposals

- Somerset Council currently has 110 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 96 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

Division name	No of cllrs	Electorate (2031)	Variance from average %	Division name	No of cllrs	Electorate (2031)	Variance from average %
1 Avalon	1	4,631	-5%	47 Ilminster North	1	5,113	5%
2 Bishop's Hull & Oake	1	4,764	-2%	48 Ilminster South	1	4,707	-3%
3 Blackdown & Neroche	1	5,362	10%	49 King Alfred	1	5,135	6%
4 Blackmoor Vale	1	5,256	8%	50 Langport	1	5,268	8%
5 Brendon Hills & Coast	1	4,530	-7%	51 Lydeard & Stogumber	1	4,854	0%
6 Brent	1	4,539	-7%	52 Martock	1	4,949	2%
7 Bridgwater Bower	1	4,730	-3%	53 Mendip Hills	1	4,611	-5%
8 Bridgwater Central	1	5,242	8%	54 Milborne Port	1	4,781	-2%
9 Bridgwater Eastover	1	5,311	9%	55 Minehead	2	9,341	-4%
10 Bridgwater Hamp	1	5,050	4%	56 Monument	1	4,817	-1%
11 Bridgwater Kingsdown	1	5,327	9%	57 North Petherton	1	4,560	-6%
12 Bridgwater Victoria & Chilton Trinity	1	5,336	10%	58 Norton Fitzwarren & Cotford St Luke	1	4,943	2%
13 Bridgwater Wembdon & Durleigh	1	5,123	5%	59 Polden Hills	1	5,342	10%
14 Bruton	1	4,679	-4%	60 Quantock Vale	1	4,486	-8%
15 Brympton & Preston	1	4,817	-1%	61 Rodney, Westbury & Wookey	1	4,533	-7%
16 Burnham-on-Sea Central	1	4,868	0%	62 Shepton Mallet East	1	4,616	-5%
17 Burnham-on-Sea North, Berrow & Brean	1	5,151	6%	63 Shepton Mallet West & Pilton	1	5,309	9%
18 Burnham-on-Sea South & Highbridge North	1	5,085	4%	64 Somerton	1	5,313	9%
19 Cannington	1	4,426	-9%	65 South Petherton	1	4,855	0%
20 Castle Cary	1	5,338	10%	66 Stockmoor & Willstock	1	4,796	-1%
21 Chard East	1	5,044	4%	67 Street North	1	4,538	-7%
22 Chard North West	1	5,214	7%	68 Street South	1	5,238	8%
23 Chard South West	1	4,569	-6%	69 Taunton Blackbrook & Holway	1	4,363	-10%
24 Cheddar & Axbridge	2	8,716	-10%	70 Taunton Comeytrove	1	5,013	3%
25 Cheddar, Kingston & Staplegrove	1	4,710	-3%	71 Taunton Halcon & Lane	1	4,414	-9%
26 Chilcompton	1	5,001	3%	72 Taunton Lyngford	1	4,359	-10%
27 Coker	1	4,659	-4%	73 Taunton Nerrols & Pyrland	1	4,663	-4%
28 Coleford	1	4,858	0%	74 Taunton North Town & Tangier	1	4,618	-5%
29 Creech & North Curry	1	5,196	7%	75 Taunton Victoria	1	4,372	-10%
30 Crewkerne North & Merriott	1	4,968	2%	76 Taunton Vivary	1	4,510	-7%
31 Crewkerne South	1	5,314	9%	77 Taunton Wellsprings	1	4,526	-7%
32 Curry Rivel	1	4,557	-6%	78 Taunton Wilton, Sherford & Trull	1	4,373	-10%
33 Evercreech	1	5,182	6%	79 Watchet & Williton	1	5,389	11%
34 Exmoor	1	5,478	13%	80 Wedmore & Mark	1	4,452	-9%
35 Frome Central	1	5,258	8%	81 Wellington East	1	5,019	3%
36 Frome East	1	4,379	-10%	82 Wellington West	1	5,278	8%
37 Frome North	1	4,369	-10%	83 Wells	2	9,505	-2%
38 Frome South	1	4,548	-7%	84 West Monkton	1	5,110	5%
39 Frome Valley	1	5,050	4%	85 Wincanton	1	5,300	9%
40 Frome West	1	5,174	6%	86 Wiveliscombe	1	5,197	7%
41 Glastonbury North & West Pennard	1	4,609	-5%	87 Yeovil Central	1	5,204	7%
42 Glastonbury South & Meare	1	4,959	2%	88 Yeovil College	1	5,120	5%
43 Ham Hill Villages	1	4,698	-3%	89 Yeovil East	1	4,585	-6%
44 Highbridge South	1	5,297	9%	90 Yeovil North East	1	4,861	0%
45 Huntspill, Pawlett & Puriton	1	5,006	3%	91 Yeovil North West	1	4,511	-7%
46 Ilchester	1	4,387	-10%	92 Yeovil South	1	4,871	0%
93 Yeovil West	1	4,793	-2%				
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>446,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>446,698</b>	

## Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Somerset should have 96 councillors, a decrease of 14.

Somerset should have 90 single councillor divisions and three two-councillor divisions, an increase of 38.

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

Find out more at

[www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset](http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset)

- 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
22 October 2024 - 4 March 2025	Public consultation on division arrangements
3 June 2025 - 11 August 2025	Public consultation on draft recommendations
25 November 2025 - 14 January 2026	Public consultation reopened on draft recommendations
3 March 2026	Publication of final recommendations
May 2027	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Somerset Council

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