

APPENDIX 2

A summary of the changes to the Joint Committee Dorset submission by the LGBCE.

A detailed description of the boundary commission's recommendations can be found in their full document.

LGBCE:

'Our draft recommendations are based on the Joint Committee's submission. However, in some places we considered that its proposals did not provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and so we identified alternative boundaries.'

East Dorset

Avon Heath & Moors Valley, Verwood and West Moors South

- We have carefully considered all the comments and propose to **amend** the Joint Committee's scheme by including the Potterne area in Verwood ward. This affects only 13 electors so has almost no effect on electoral equality and, based on the evidence we have received, also better reflects the community identity of those electors.
- However, we would welcome additional evidence in relation to this area during the consultation on our draft recommendations.

Ferndown North, Ferndown South and West Parley

- We propose to adopt the proposed Ferndown North, Ferndown South and West Parley wards as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

Colehill East and Wimborne Minster & Colehill West

- We are adopting the wards proposed by the Joint Committee in this area.

Corfe Mullen

- We propose to adopt it as part of our draft recommendations without amendment

North-east Dorset

Badbury & Allen Vale, Blandford, Cranborne & Alderholt and Cranborne Chase

- We are making one small **amendment** to the Joint Committee's proposal. This is to put all of Horton parish in Badbury & Allen Vale ward. The Joint Committee included the Wedge Hill area in its Cranborne & Alderholt ward and if we were to follow this proposal we would be required to create a parish ward which is projected to have only six electors in 2023. Subject to that change, we are adopting the Badbury & Allen Vale, Cranborne Chase and Cranborne & Alderholt wards as proposed by the Joint Committee.

Hill Forts & Upper Tarrants

- We propose to adopt the Hill Forts & Upper Tarrants ward as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

North Dorset

Beacon, Gillingham and Stalbridge

- We are adopting the Joint Committee's proposed Beacon, Gillingham and Stalbridge wards as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

Blackmore Vale

- We propose to adopt the Blackmore Vale ward as part of our draft recommendations without amendment

Shaftesbury Town

- We propose to adopt a two councillor Shaftesbury Town ward as part of our draft recommendations.

Sturminster Newton

- We propose to adopt it as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

South East Dorset

Lytchett Matravers & Morden, Lytchett Minster & Upton and Wareham

- We are therefore adopting the Joint Committee's proposed Lytchett Minster & Upton ward without amendment.
- We consider that including Coldharbour in Lytchett Matravers & Morden ward will separate its residents from their natural community to the extent that we are prepared to accept a relatively high electoral variance in Lytchett Matravers & Morden ward. Therefore, **we are including the Coldharbour area in our Wareham ward as part of our draft recommendations.**
- We are adopting the Joint Committee's proposed Bere Regis & Bovington and Crossways wards as part of our draft recommendations without amendment. We would particularly welcome further community evidence relating to this area during the current consultation.

Isle of Purbeck, South West Purbeck and Swanage

- We are adopting the Isle of Purbeck, South West Purbeck and Swanage wards proposed by the Joint Committee as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

Mid Dorset

Chalk Valleys, Charminster St Mary's and Eggardon

- We have considered the wards in this area and have decided to **amend the Joint Committee's proposal**. Putting Godmanstone in Chalk Valleys ward with the rest of Cerne Valley Parish Council and then putting the area of Frome Valley Parish Council (consisting of Cattistock, Frome St Quintin and Chilfrome parishes) in Eggardon ward will lead to good electoral equality in all the wards in this area. It will also ensure that no grouped parishes are split between wards in this area.

Dorchester East and Dorchester West

- We are adopting the Dorchester East and Dorchester West wards proposed by the Joint Committee as part of our draft recommendations. However, we would welcome further evidence during the consultation on our draft recommendations either in support of this proposal or for single-councillor wards in Dorchester.

Puddletown & Lower Winterborne and Winterborne North

- As none of the alternative proposals were explained in detail, we are unwilling to amend the Joint Committee's proposals at this stage and so are adopting them as part of our draft recommendations. However, we would welcome alternative warding patterns for this area during the current consultation that will provide for good electoral equality.

Winterborne & Broadmayne

- We propose to adopt it as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

North West Dorset

Sherborne East and Sherborne West

- We propose to adopt both wards as part of our draft recommendations subject to a very small amendment that places all the Barton Farm development in Sherborne West ward.

Sherborne Rural

- We are adopting the Sherborne Rural ward proposed by the Joint Committee without amendment.

Yetminster

- We propose to adopt the Yetminster ward as now proposed as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

West Dorset

Beaminster, Bridport, Chesil Bank and Marshwood Vale

- **All of Symondsburry parish to be placed in Bridport ward, all of Broadwindsor parish included in Marshwood Vale ward**, with Beaminster, Bridport and Marshwood Vale wards all having good electoral equality.

- We are not persuaded to make changes to the proposed Chesil Bank ward without more detailed evidence. We would welcome such evidence or any other comments on our wards for this area during the consultation on our draft recommendations.

Lyme & Charmouth

- We propose to adopt it as part of our draft recommendations without amendment.

Weymouth and environs

Chickerell, Preston & Radipole, Upwey & Broadwey, Westham and Weymouth Town

- In this area, the Joint Committee proposed four two-councillor wards. The councillors proposed four single-councillor wards for Broadwey, Melcombe Regis, Radipole and Radipole Lake. They also discussed potential single-councillor wards for Westham, Littlemoor and Preston but the descriptions were not sufficiently clear for us to draw boundaries for single-councillor wards in these areas. We have therefore assessed them as two-councillor Westham and Littlemoor & Preston wards.
- In relation to Westham - in the absence of a more detailed explanation of the councillors' proposals for Chickerell and Westham that would also ensure good electoral equality, we are adopting the Joint Committee's wards for this area.
- Creating these wards has a substantial knock-on effect on the rest of our proposals for Weymouth to the extent that we are also adopting the Joint Committee's proposed Preston & Radipole, Upwey & Broadwey and Weymouth Town wards subject to some small amendments.
- We intend to make **three small amendments** to the Joint Committee's proposals. Firstly, we have changed the boundary between the Upwey & Broadwey and Preston & Radipole wards so that the Destiny Fields development is entirely in Upwey & Broadwey ward. Secondly, the boundary between Upwey & Broadwey and Westham wards appears to run down a small residential street (Manor Road). We have moved the boundary south so that it follows the current Dorset County Council boundary between Broadwey and Westham divisions. This places all of Manor Road as well as Radipole Primary School in Upwey & Broadwey ward. Finally, we are including all the Curtis Fields development in Chickerell ward.

Rodwell & Wyke

- The Joint Committee proposed a three-councillor Rodwell & Wyke ward, whereas the councillors' proposal was for three single-councillor wards. Having assessed both proposals, the Chickerell Road area of the councillors' Old Weymouth ward appears to be cut off and separate from the rest of the ward.
- Given the lack of explanation for this proposal or evidence to support it, we consider that this may not reflect the community identity of electors in this area. Adding the Chickerell Road area to the councillors' Wyke East ward, which is how it is currently warded, leads to an electoral variance of 16%.
- Therefore, on balance, we prefer the three-councillor ward proposed by the Joint Committee and are adopting it as part of our draft recommendations.

Portland

- The Joint Committee proposed one three-councillor ward for Portland, whereas the councillors' proposal was for three single-councillor wards. However, in the latter proposal, Underhill would

have an electoral variance of -12% and Tophill East ward would have a variance of -16%. We note that, due to the number of electors in Portland, it is difficult to create single-councillor wards with good electoral equality.

However, we do not consider that this justifies the high level of electoral inequality in the councillors' proposal.

- Therefore, we are adopting the three-councillor Portland ward which was proposed by the Joint Committee.