



Dorset Council

Date: Thursday, 11 May 2023
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

All members of Dorset Council are requested to attend this meeting of the Full Council.

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<p>To consider a report by the Service Manager, Democratic & Electoral Services.</p>	
<p>An amendment to the recommendations contained within this report has been submitted by Cllr L O'Leary in advance of the meeting and has been appended to the report.</p>	
<p>An amendment to the recommendations contained within this report has also been submitted by Cllr R Hope and has been appended as a supplementary item to the agenda.</p>	

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Amendment to paper Dorset Council Full Council 11 May 2023 agenda item 13: Community Governance Review – Parishes in the Vale of Allen group, the Winterborne Farringdon group, Chickerell and Weymouth– Final Recommendations

Amendment 1

For clarity Recommendation 3 (appendix 1) is reproduced below and reads:

Dorset Council’s Final Recommendation is to revise parish and ward boundaries as identified in Map Recommendation No.3 with associated Ward maps and to assign Ward names councillor numbers as follows:

Parish Ward	Number of councillors	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2027	Electors per councillor 2027
Littlemoor	2	3681	4089	1873
Preston	2	4350	4350	2160
Melcombe Regis	2	3548	3970	1985
Radipole & Southill	2	3929	3870	1935
Lodmoor	2	3424	3406	1703
Wyke North	2	3517	3730	1865
Wyke South	2	3519	3732	1866
Rodwell	2	3938	4153	2077
Upwey & Broadwey	3	3846	4744	1581
Westham West	3	3670	4886	1629
Westham East	2	3231	3797	1899

The above narrative and table to be amended to read:

Dorset Council’s Final Recommendation is to revise parish and ward boundaries as identified in Map appendix B and to assign Ward names and councillor numbers as per the table below. Minor amendments required pursuant of this decision to be made by Cllr Flower in consultation with Cllr Hope and the monitoring officer.

Ward name	Number of seats	Electors / seat 2030
All Saints Wyke Regis	2	1778
Broadwey, Nottingham & Upwey	2	2012

Lanehouse	1	1803
Littlemoor	2	1869
Lodmoor	2	1760
Melcombe Regis	2	1755
Preston and Sutton Poyntz	3	1465
Radipole and Southill	2	1817
Rodwell	2	1793
Westham East	2	1881
Westham West	2	1894
Wyke South	2	1880

Should amendment 1 be carried then amendment 2 should be considered to reflect the sequential changes. Should amendment 1 be lost then amendment 2 will be withdrawn.

Amendment 2.

The table at the bottom of page 7 reproduced below for clarity:

Parish Ward	Number of councillors	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2027	Electors per councillor 2027
Charlestown & Littlesea	3	1733	1780	593
Chickerell Village	7	3205	4179	597

The above table to be amended to read:

That Appendix 1 recommendation 2 is approved but with the changes to the table at appendix 1 to reflect the sequential changes from amendment 1 as in the table below

Parish Ward	Number of councillors	Electorate 2022	Electorate 2027	Electors per councillor 2027
Charlestown	1	580	580 approx	580 approx
Chickerell Village	7	3205	4179	597

For clarification Recommendation 2 remains unchanged and reads:

That the Final Recommendations form a Reorganisation Order to take effect on 1 April 2024.

Narrative to amendment 1 and to the map in appendix A, B and C to this amendment:

The recommendation presented to Full Council (11 May 2023) fails to amend historically anomalous boundaries on our western boundary contrary to guidance §16,26,84

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/8312/1527635.pdf), nor does it address anomalies which will occur in the next few years.

This amendment is for the Weymouth Town Council area to have 24 councillors in 12 wards, with 1795 electors/councillor (predicted 2030 numbers) and addresses previous issues.

This proposal:

- Reduces the number of Councillors from 27 to 24 which the public in Weymouth have long been calling for.
- Addresses the anomalous boundaries to the west; Camp Road, Littlesea Estate and Cobham Drive Estate which are all accessed only by Weymouth Town Council roads. See Appendix B and C. This reflects the identities and interests of the different communities in the area and is consistent with the approach that has been taken in other areas of the Town.
- Includes the proposed extension to Southill within the WTC area and is consistent with the approach that has been taken in other areas of the Town.
- Provides good electoral equality and does accept that Weymouth Town Councillors will have a far higher number of electors than elsewhere in Dorset.
- Aligns with communities and ensures that properties are not separated by arbitrary lines.
- Is based on Unitary Wards as per the request by Cllr Flower.

There is an internal “internal” boundary alteration: Goldcroft Road, which is clearly in Westham, and separate from and not connected to Southill/Radipole ward. This is not in line with Cllr Flower’s request but is a sensible approach.

Narrative to amendment 2 and to the map in appendix A and B to this amendment:

Addresses the sequential changes required to Chickerell Council warding resulting from Amendment 1

Appendix A: Proposed boundaries and warding arrangement of Weymouth Town Council

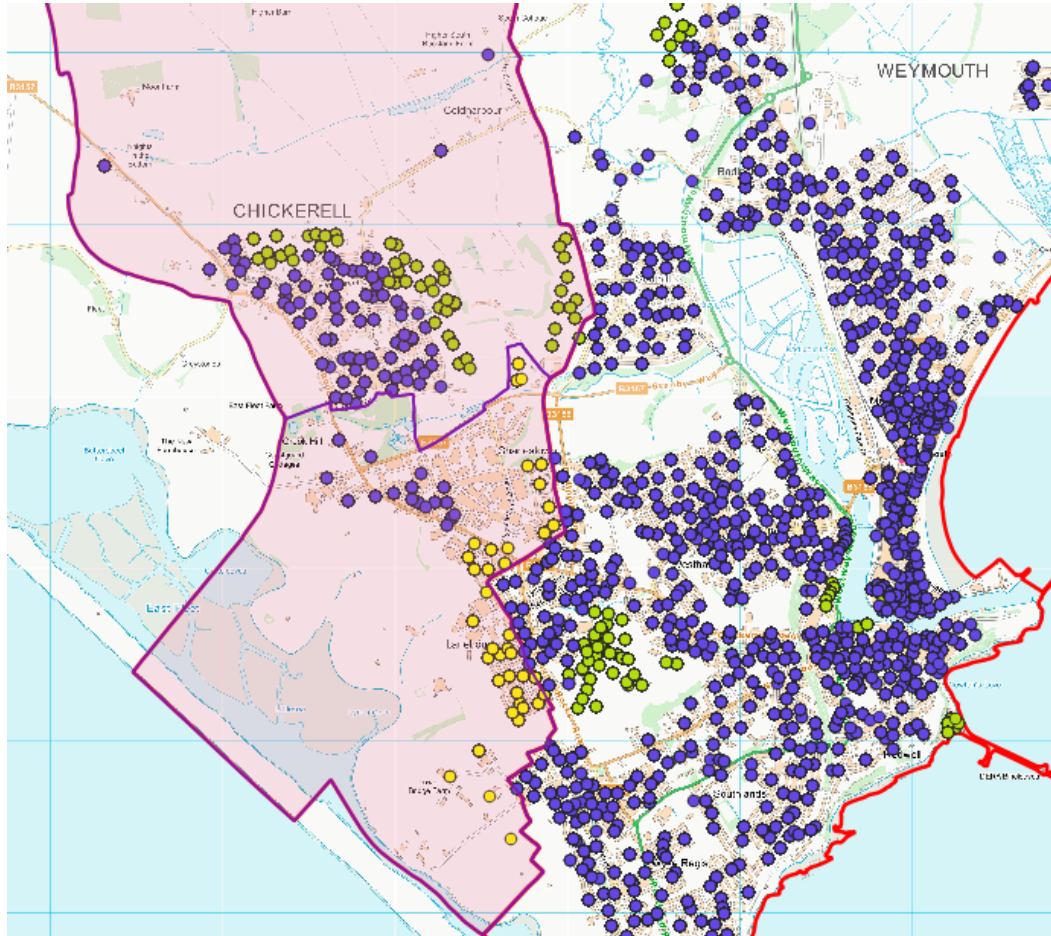


Appendix B: This map shows existing and forecast electors by postcode (the data DC provided).

Blue - existing electors

Green - forecast electors

Yellow - electors transferred by WTC proposal.



Appendix C: Residential properties (businesses excluded) with the existing ward boundaries superimposed.

Orange dots: Existing properties

Blue: Proposed or existing development sites

Yellow line: Existing boundaries

