

The
**Local Government
 Boundary Commission**
 for England

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Dear Mr Hall

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHORLEY

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body responsible for determining the electoral arrangements of local authorities across England. We recently wrote to you informing you that your Council met the LGBCE's intervention criteria for conducting an electoral review. The LGBCE has now had the opportunity to consider your and other councils' responses to our correspondence and I am writing to you to inform you that the Commission has decided to include an electoral review of Chorley in its 2018/19 review programme.

The purpose of an electoral review is to consider the number of councillors elected to the council, the names, number and boundaries of the wards, and the number of councillors to be elected to each ward.

In advance of the review formally starting, the Commission will undertake a preliminary period during which it will gather information from your Council, including detailed mapping and electorate forecasts. We will also brief your members and officers on the detail of the review process. We intend to start these briefings off with a discussion between Colin Mellors and Jolyon Jackson, Chair and Chief Executive respectively of the LGBCE, the Leader of Chorley and yourself. My colleagues will be in touch to make the arrangements for this meeting which I would anticipate taking place at the end of this calendar year.

Stage starts	Description
June 2018	Number of councillors decided
June 2018	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards

September 2018	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
November 2018	Publication of draft recommendations, start of second consultation
January 2019	End of consultation; we begin analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
March 2019	Publication of final recommendations
Ordinary day of elections 2020	Election on new electoral arrangements

This review will give you an opportunity to examine how many councillors you now need to provide the governance and representation requirements for the next 15 years. We have examples of best practice that we would be happy to share with you.

Councils play a major part in promoting local democracy and provide pathways by which people can influence decision-making. We see our task as establishing and maintaining the conditions for a fair and representative democracy at a local level. During an electoral review, we will work closely alongside your members and officers in order to determine the best electoral arrangements that will work to support your Council's ambitions for the people of Chorley.

If you need further information regarding the review, please get in touch with myself or the Review & Programme Manager at the Commission, Alison Evison. Her contact details are: telephone - 0330 500 1270
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Yours sincerely

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