

# Overview & Scrutiny Board

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# Middlesbrough Council Electoral Review

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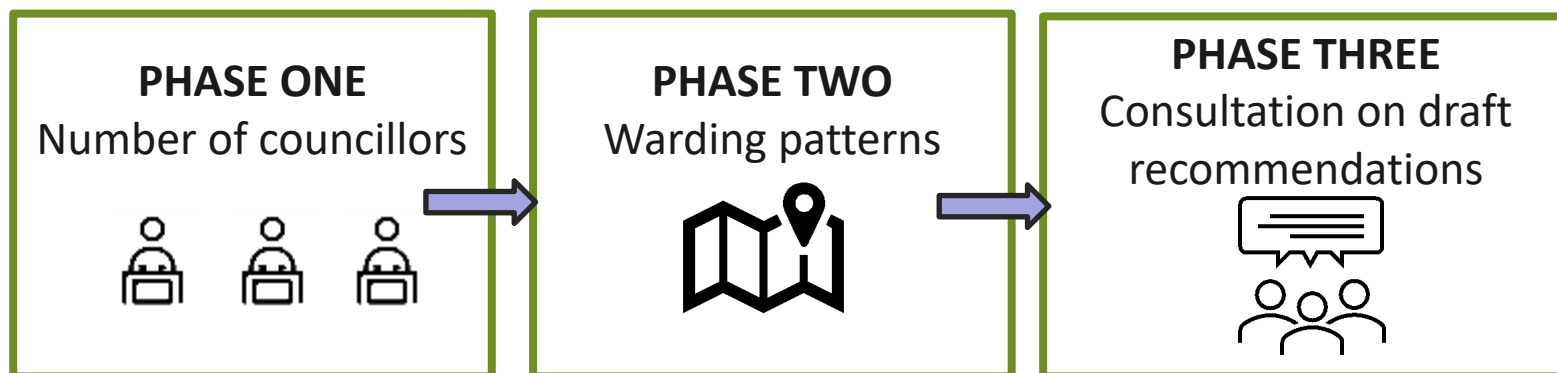
# 1. Electoral Review Update

# What is an Electoral Review?

An electoral review considers the electoral arrangements for a local authority

*By Whom?*

Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)



# Draft Recommendations

- Draft recommendations published on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- LGBCE propose that 46 councillors should be elected to Middlesbrough
- They have also proposed new ward boundaries across the authority
- A public consultation on the proposals will run from **9 July 2024 to 16 September 2024**.
- Confirmed that they considered all representations received from local people and organisations during the initial consultation (inc MBC)
- The LGBCE are now inviting comments on the proposals before they finalise the new electoral arrangements
- They will then consider every response received during the consultation period and will weigh each response against the statutory criteria
- Draft recommendations can be viewed at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/middlesbrough>. Interactive pages give access to the full recommendations. They also allow people to explore maps of the proposals in greater detail and make comments.

## 2. How to submit comments

# How to submit comments

Responses to the proposals can be made by any individual, group, or organisation, by way of any of the means below:

- **Online** at the LGBCE website at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/middlesbrough>
- **by email** [reviews@lgbce.org.uk](mailto:reviews@lgbce.org.uk)
- **by post** The Review Officer (Middlesbrough)  
LGBCE, PO Box 133, Blyth, NE24 9FE
- The Commission's main website contains further information about the electoral review and their work: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk>

# 3. What to consider



# Statutory criteria

Electoral  
equality for  
voters

All votes should carry the same weight, based on forecast electorate

Councillors should represent the same number of electors

Community  
identities and  
interests

Communities should be represented

Different communities may be joined together

Effective and  
convenient local  
government

Clear and identifiable boundaries

Coherent wards – logical to represent



## Making a clear submission

- Think about the three criteria – try not to jettison one in favour of another, it should be a balance
- Anticipate where issues might arise – are there any known flashpoints?
- Let the LGBCE know your views on the proposals (positive or negative) and any alternatives
- LGBCE advise that Boundaries can change between draft and final recommendations as a direct result of evidence received

# 4. KEY DATES

# Review Timeline

Consultation on draft  
recommendations  
**9 July 2024 to  
16 September 2024**

Final recommendations  
Published  
**February 2025**

Order Made  
**Spring/Summer 2025**

Elected upon  
**2027**



# 5. Role of OSB

- Discussion point – do we want to submit a join response to the draft recommendations
- If so – what will that look like?

# 5. Questions

