



Standards and General Purposes Committee agenda

Date: Thursday 14 April 2022

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, HP19 8FF

Membership:

T Broom (Chairman), M Baldwin, R Carington, B Chapple OBE (Vice-Chairman), S Chhokar, P Gomm, T Green, S Lambert, R Matthews, H Mordue, C Oliver, L Smith BEM, M Smith and D Thompson

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Members to declare any interests.

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To consider the attached report.

Contact Officer: Glenn Watson

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To consider the attached report.

Contact Officer: Nick Graham

- 6 Buckinghamshire Electoral Review Update** **33 - 42**
On 17 March, the Committee agreed a draft submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on a pattern of wards. In doing so, the Committee also recommended Full Council on 27 April to endorse the draft proposal for final submission to the Commission.

This item is simply to update the Committee that the draft submission was made to the Commission ahead of the 4 April consultation deadline. A copy of the submission is at Appendix 1. The Committee also agreed that the Electoral Review Working Group should continue to meet throughout the remaining stages of the electoral review. This is so that the Group could continue to play a useful cross-party role in refining the proposals in those respects where the Committee agreed further work was needed; as well as advising the Committee by working alongside the Commission during its own information gathering phase and in considering the Commission's own proposal, due to be consulted upon between July and September.

The Committee is recommended to endorse the proposed meeting dates for the Electoral Review Working Group:

12 May 2022
16 June 2022
25 July 2022 (Monday)
11 August 2022
8 September 2022

- 7 Draft Work Programme 2022/23** **43 - 44**
To consider the Work Programme.

- 8 Date of Next Meeting**
14 July 2022 – provisional
20 October 2022 – provisional
8 December 2022 – provisional
13 April 2023 – provisional

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Standards and General Purposes Committee minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Standards and General Purposes Committee held on Thursday 17 March 2022 in The Oculus, Buckinghamshire Council, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury HP19 8FF, commencing at 2.00 pm and concluding at 2.43 pm.

Members present

T Broom, M Baldwin, R Carington, B Chapple OBE, S Chhokar, P Gomm, T Green, R Matthews, H Mordue, C Oliver, L Smith BEM, M Smith and D Thompson

Apologies

S Lambert

Agenda Item

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr S Lambert.

2 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4 Buckinghamshire Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) had begun a consultation on the second stage of the electoral review of Buckinghamshire Council. The LGBCE was seeking views on a pattern of wards that should apply from the 2025 local election. This followed the previous consultation on 'council size' by the LGBCE, which was now minded to recommend a membership of 98 councillors. The consultation ran until 4 April (with Full Council approval scheduled for 27 April). However the Commission would like to see a draft proposal by 4 April. The Electoral Review Working Group were asked to develop a response to the consultation, making a recommendation to the Standards and General Purposes Sub-Committee as to a preferred pattern of wards, which had been arranged for 17 March 2022. Members were informed that they were also welcome to provide comments to the LGBCE individually as well as through the Electoral Review Working Group.

The Principal Governance Officer reported that the LGBCE had issued guidance on

'How to propose a pattern of wards' which was attached at Annex 1. There were three criteria which a proposal must address:-

- i) **Delivering electoral equality for local voters** – ensuring that each local councillor represents roughly the same number of electors so that the value of a vote is the same regardless of where a person lives in the local authority area.
- ii) **Reflecting the interests and identities of local communities** – establishing electoral arrangements which, as far as possible, maintain local ties and where boundaries were easily identifiable.
- iii) **Promoting effective and convenient local government** – ensuring that the new wards can be represented effectively by their elected representative(s), allowed the authority to conduct its business effectively; and adequately reflected the electoral cycle of the council.

Information was also provided on the electorate figures and mapping. The LGBCE had published electorate figures for consultees to use in framing a response. This was supplied to them by the Council. To achieve electoral equality, each councillor must represent roughly the same number of electors. The 2021 electorate for Buckinghamshire is 410,789. Based on a council size of 98, this equated to an average electorate per councillor of 4,521.

The 'electoral variance' in this context was the extent to which any proposed ward would result in a ratio of +/- 10%: i.e. above or below 4,521 electors per councillor. Annex 2 indicated what the electoral variance would be in such a scenario: 7 of the proposed wards would have a variance of either +/- 10%. In such a case, Members would ultimately need to suggest how the wards could be adjusted to achieve an acceptable electoral variance.

The Working Group of the full committee agreed to focus on Buckinghamshire as a whole, rather than become involved in detailed discussions of each individual ward – as there would be further opportunities to address details as part of the next phase of the review.

The LGBCE was invited to deliver briefings to all Buckinghamshire Councillors, and to parish and town councils, on the statutory criteria for a review. These took place on 28 February and 7 March for this Council, and 2 March and 9 March for parish and town councils.

The Electoral Review Working Group of this Committee had met twice, once online (24 February) and once in person (3 March) to work up a set of draft proposals for consideration by this Committee.

The Working Group:-

- had proposed a pattern of 50 wards based, largely, on two member representation for each ward, achieving 98 councillors overall apart from two

wards where there would be single representation. The list of proposed wards and their names was attached at Annex 1 of the report. An interactive map was available.

- had been mindful that 'one size' does not fit all. As a new unitary authority, it was important that the pattern of wards supports communities and provides the best possible reflection of community identity and effective government. This had resulted in a proposal that included a mix of one- and two member representation per ward.
- had commented that the review represented an opportunity to provide a stable basis for electoral representation following a period of considerable structural change in local governance across Buckinghamshire. In framing its proposals, the Working Group had not thought it necessary to disregard existing ward arrangements where these already reflected good community identity. Equally it did not simply follow existing structures as an easy rule. Rather, each ward had been proposed based on the best balance of the three statutory criteria.
- was aware that there were a small number of areas where further detailed work on certain boundaries was potentially necessary to achieve better community identity. The Group was recommending that the Council engaged with the LGBCE, and stakeholders, on these proposals, with a view to working them up in more detail, particularly in the next phase of the consultation.

During discussion the following comments were made by a Member:-

- In terms of next steps the Member wanted to make sure that there would be opportunity at the next stage to make changes and that by agreeing to this first stage, this would not restrict suggestions later in the process. Given that there was time before early April it would be helpful to look at wards in more detail now to provide reassurance. This should be undertaken by the Working Group and recorded.
- On Recommendation 2, the Member referred to what extent do the powers of delegation extend to the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services, "in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee..."? The Member expressed concerned that this recommendation enabled material changes to the draft submission without further recourse to the Electoral Review Working Group.
- On Recommendation 4, the Member asked who would determine if it was necessary for the Electoral Review Working Group to meet at further stages of the Review process? A preference would be to include this in the delegated authority to the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services and notified to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.
- On Paragraph 1.4, the Member asked whether the Ward Pattern proposed in the draft submission attached to the report reflect the output from the two Electoral Review Working Group meetings or was the output subsequently amended without further review by that Group?

- On Paragraph 4.5, it stated that further detailed work was necessary on certain boundaries to achieve better community identity. The Member asked whether a list could be provided of those areas identified to Group Leaders or to Members more widely.

The Chairman responded on process saying that the Council knew there was going to be a second phase of consultation which should commence in July which would look at that detailed work. Phase 1 related to submitting a broad warding pattern. The second phase would be based on proposals from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England once it had reviewed submissions and made its own local investigations. This was why it was important to put something forward at this stage so that the Council had an input before the Boundary Commission arrived at its own proposal, and to give the Council the opportunity to shape it. In terms of Recommendation 4 the Working Group would continue to operate and would start to look at detailed work now before the second phase of the consultation. He referred to concerns about changes made to the proposal after the Working Group had met which was to Booker, Cressex and Castlefield. The reason for this was because of the volume of data being scrutinised; when the revised figures had been put into the spreadsheet there was a higher variance than expected so the Chairman had requested that two streets be moved into another ward based in the interest of electoral equality. These kind of issues needed to be looked at in more detail in the second stage.

The Principal Governance Officer reported that in terms of the delegation to the Service Director this was purely on presentational issues to send to the Boundary Commission and there would not be any additional changes. He also added further reasons why it would be helpful for the Working Group to meet: if the Boundary Commission came back with any questions where issues had been raised in the consultation by local bodies; and then during the next consultative phase which would run from 5 July to 12 September 2022. The proposal then may be based on the Council's submission or it could be a different proposal; in either case the Working Group would be well placed to examine the detail and make recommendations as to the Council's response.

The Member asked if any further changes could be made before April, however the Chairman reported that if anything was changed it would have to be considered by a further meeting of the Standards and General Purposes Committee and there was not enough time for amendments. The Chairman offered to provide briefings to Members, if requested during the remaining phases to ensure an open and transparent process.

Following this discussion some further points were made:-

- A Member made reference to the point that a comment had been made that the Boundary Commission were minded to agree 98 councillors which some Members were not happy with. This Committee had recommended 120 councillors which they felt was more representative of workload and would

attract more candidates to stand for election as councillors, particularly those who work. He also expressed concern that the Boundary Commission were skilled at numbers but obviously needed to rely on the consultation to listen to local communities. In response it was noted that the Boundary Commission had made a decision on 98 councillors following an extended consultation period. This was now a given criteria. Any proposal from the Council that suggested anything other than a minor difference would likely be set aside by the Boundary Commission as it was not compliant with the parameters they have set for the consultation. If a good case was put forward then the Boundary Commission may consider increasing the number e.g. to 99 councillors.

- The Member also expressed concern about the 48 two member wards, and the two single member wards, and commented that there could be more areas that were better suited to one or three member wards and hoped that there would be flexibility to address this in the second stage. In response it was noted that in the second stage if the Commission was minded to follow the Council's proposal, then further revision may be possible. This was why the proposal noted that there were some areas such as Wycombe and Aylesbury that Members may wish to flag up and work on further with the Boundary Commission.
- A Member commented that the role of the councillor was an evolving one and there were now alternative ways of working. He supported the proposal and the basic parameters that had been set out. The majority of wards would work well with the two councillor model and where not, other alternative proposals could be put forward in discussion with local communities.
- A Member emphasised that it was important to put forward a good case to the Boundary Commission based on a balance of the criteria.
- Once a final decision had been made by the Commission, there was no right of appeal.

The Chairman thanked the officer team for providing detailed support at short notice and also thanked Members for their constructive comments and support.

The following recommendations were proposed by Cllr B Chapple, seconded by Cllr S Chokkar and were agreed by the Committee, with two abstentions.

RECOMMENDED to Full Council that:-

(1) the draft submission be approved, in principle, to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on a future pattern of wards for Buckinghamshire Council based on the approach in paragraph 4 and Annex 1 of the report; and

(2) the finalising of the draft submission, based on this proposal, be delegated to the Service Director for Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee and in liaison as necessary with the Commission; and

(3) the proposal be endorsed as the basis of the Council's formal submission, at this Stage of the Electoral Review process; and

(4) the Electoral Review Working Group of this Committee continues to meet as necessary, to consider any ongoing liaison with, or proposals from, the Commission at further stages of the Review process.

5 Date of next meeting
Thursday 14 April 2022 at 2pm



Report to Standards and General Purposes Committee

Date:	14 April 2022
Title:	Annual Review of Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure
Author and/or contact officer:	Nick Graham, Service Director, Legal and Democratic. Contact officer Glenn Watson, Principal Governance Officer.
Ward(s) affected:	All
Recommendations:	(1) to note and comment on the annual review of the Member Code of Conduct complaints for 2021/22 (2) to note and comment on the proposed actions for 2022/23 regarding procedures, timeframes, and training (in paragraphs 2.18-2.19)

Reason for decision:

The Committee has oversight of Member Code of Conduct Complaints both for this Council and for parish and town councils. The report provides an annual review of the complaints received during 2021/22 and of the effectiveness of the arrangements for handling them. The report addresses concerns and queries raised by the Committee during the year.

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with a review of the Member Code of Conduct complaints received during 2021/22. It also outlines the effectiveness of the procedure and addresses concerns from members previously as regards greater transparency and as to timeframes.

2. Review of Complaints and Procedure

2.1 During the year, the Committee asked for greater transparency about the timeliness and nature of member code of conduct complaints. This report therefore addresses four points:

- A) An outline of complaints closed – differentiating between those for this Council and those relating to parish/town councils; and including an indication of the nature and outcome of each.
- B) An indication of the time taken to address the complaints throughout the year – mindful of the Committee’s concerns about achieving a more proportionate and timely approach
- C) Current complaints
- D) A review of the procedure itself – with an indication of the planned action if the Committee agrees.

2.3 Closed Complaints

2.2 Appendices 1 and 2 set out the complaints received and concluded in 2021/22: appendix 1 relates to Buckinghamshire Council; appendix 2 to parish and town councils. It will be clear from these that the Council received more complaints about parish/town councils than about its own members.

2.3 In the appendices, an indication is given of:

- a) Time taken from start to finish
- b) The aspect of the Code of Conduct which the complainant alleged had been breached
- c) The stage of the process at which the complaint was resolved

2.4 From this, the following headlines are clear.

2.5 Only one **breach** of the Code was formally found; and the **average time** taken to complete a case is shown below:

Authority	No. of complaints	No. of breaches	Average time taken
Buckinghamshire	7	0	2.5 weeks
Parish/town	27	1	5 weeks

2.6 The Committee noted in the Autumn that complaints had not always moved on, during the year, as swiftly as envisaged within the procedures. Partly this was due to resourcing, which was supplemented early in the New Year. It was also noted that the earliest stages of the process are important. There is an essential element of information exchange at these stages: clarifying the complaint, ensuring that the person complained about has an opportunity to respond; and the complainant then being asked if they are satisfied or not.

2.7 As explained in paragraph 2.18 below, it is proposed to review the timeframes within the Council's procedures against other authorities' practice.

2.8 **Stage concluded:** Other than one town council complaint (raised by seven complainants and not included in the following table), which reached Stage 3, all other complaints were concluded at either Initial Assessment or Stage 1.

Authority	Initial Assessment	Stage 1	Stage 2 and 3
Buckinghamshire	3	4	0
Parish/town	11	9	0

2.9 **Code allegations:** The most alleged breach was against the principle of 'Respect'; that is, that a councillor failed to demonstrate respect to an individual or to the community. Some complaints raised more than one Code principle.

Code/Authority	Buckinghamshire	Parish/Town
Respect	4	12
Interests	1	4
Bullying	0	3
Bias/undue influence	0	2
Honesty	0	1
Disrepute	0	1
Disclosure of info	1	0
Lack of reply	1	0

2.10 **Current complaints**

2.11 Only eight complaints are currently live, all relating to parish and town councils. Seven of these allegations relate to one parish councillor, over four separate matters. They are necessarily being taken together and are currently at Stage 2.

2.12 The eighth is an outstanding matter from 2021/22 which will shortly be concluded within Stage 1.

2.13 **The process and actions for 2022/23**

2.14 This Council's procedures include an initial assessment and then three formal stages. This is set out as a flowchart in appendix 3, together with an indication of the timeframes at each stage. The process consists of:

- a) An initial assessment – to determine whether a councillor was acting as a councillor at the time of the alleged breach; and whether if proven, the matter would amount to a breach of the Code.

- b) Stage One – the subject member is asked to comment along with any suggestion to resolve the complaint (if appropriate)
 - c) Stage Two – the Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer determines if an informal resolution is possible or whether an investigation should take place
 - d) Stage Three – formal investigation, with a report presented to a meeting of the Hearing Sub-Committee of this Committee, if necessary.
- 2.15 During 2021/22, it is significant that only one issue was dealt with at Stage 3. That complaint was not only complex but was also contested.
- 2.16 It is encouraging that all other complaints were resolved at either the Initial Assessment stage or Stage One.
- 2.17 It is important that procedures are proportionate. It's therefore intended to carry out a benchmarking exercise against a range of other authorities' procedures to identify if there are changes that could be made to timeframes or the approach generally. The outcome of that review will be reported to the next meeting of the Committee.
- 2.18 Given the number of complaints relating to parish and town councils, the Monitoring Officer will also be liaising with the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils to explore what training could usefully be offered to members of parish and town councils, and their clerks, about code of conduct matters.

3. Other options considered

- 3.1 This report is an annual review of member code of conduct complaints and the arrangements for dealing with them. There are no alternative means of addressing this other than a report to this Committee which has oversight for member ethical governance.

4. Legal and financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 Under the Localism Act 2011, Buckinghamshire Council has a duty to investigate complaints that a councillor of this Council or of a parish and town council may have breached the Code. This report gives feedback to the Committee on the activity undertaken by the Council in fulfilment of that duty.

5. Next steps and review

- 5.1 A report will be made to the next meeting of the Committee with an update on current, and any new complaints. An update will also be given on the proposed benchmarking exercise about the stages of our process and the timeframes of them.

6. Your questions and views

- 6.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report, please get in touch with the author of this report. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Annex 1

Parish and Town Council Complaints – Annual Overview: 2021/22

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	December 2020	3 March 2022	15 months Stage 3 Panel Hearing	Disrepute NB This represents seven complainants	Yes
2.	March 2021	14 May 2021	2 months Stage 1	Bias Undue influence	No Complainant did not substantiate
3.	March 2021	1 April 2021	3 weeks Initial Assessment	Respect Bullying	No Withdrawn
4.	March 2021	April 2021	1 month Initial Assessment	Failure to declare interest	No, not within Code
5.	March 2021	April 2021	3 weeks Initial Assessment	Respect	No, not within Code
6.	April 2021	April 2021	1 week Initial Assessment	Respect	No, not within Code
7.	May 2021	July 2021	2 months Stage 1	Respect	No

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
8.	June 2021	1 August 2021	1.5 months Initial Assessment	Unclear	No Withdrawn
9.	June 2021	1 September 2021	2.5 months Stage 1	Failure to declare interest	No
10.	June 2021	1 September 2021	2 months Stage 1	Honesty	No
11.	June 2021	15 July 2021	1.5 months Initial Assessment	Respect	No, not within Code
12.	June 2021	August 2021	2.5 months Stage 1	Respect	No
13.	July 2021	28 September 2021	2 months Stage 1	Respect	No
14.	September 2021	8 November 2021	2 months Stage 1	Respect and integrity	No Complainant did not substantiate.
15.	October 2021	3 November 2021	1 week Initial Assessment	Respect Failure to declare interest	No Complainant did not substantiate

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
16.	October 2021	November 2021	1 week Initial Assessment	Leadership	No, not within Code
17.	October 2021	October 2021	2 weeks Initial Assessment	Respect	No Complainant did not substantiate.
18.	October 2021	October 2021	1 week Initial Assessment	Respect Bullying	No, not within Code
19.	December 2021	December 2021	3 weeks Stage 1	Failure to declare interest	Technical breach but no further action needed.
20.	December 2021	January 2022	1 month Initial Assessment	Disrespect Bullying	No Complainant did not substantiate.
21.	February 2022	March 2022	1 month Stage 1	Respect	No

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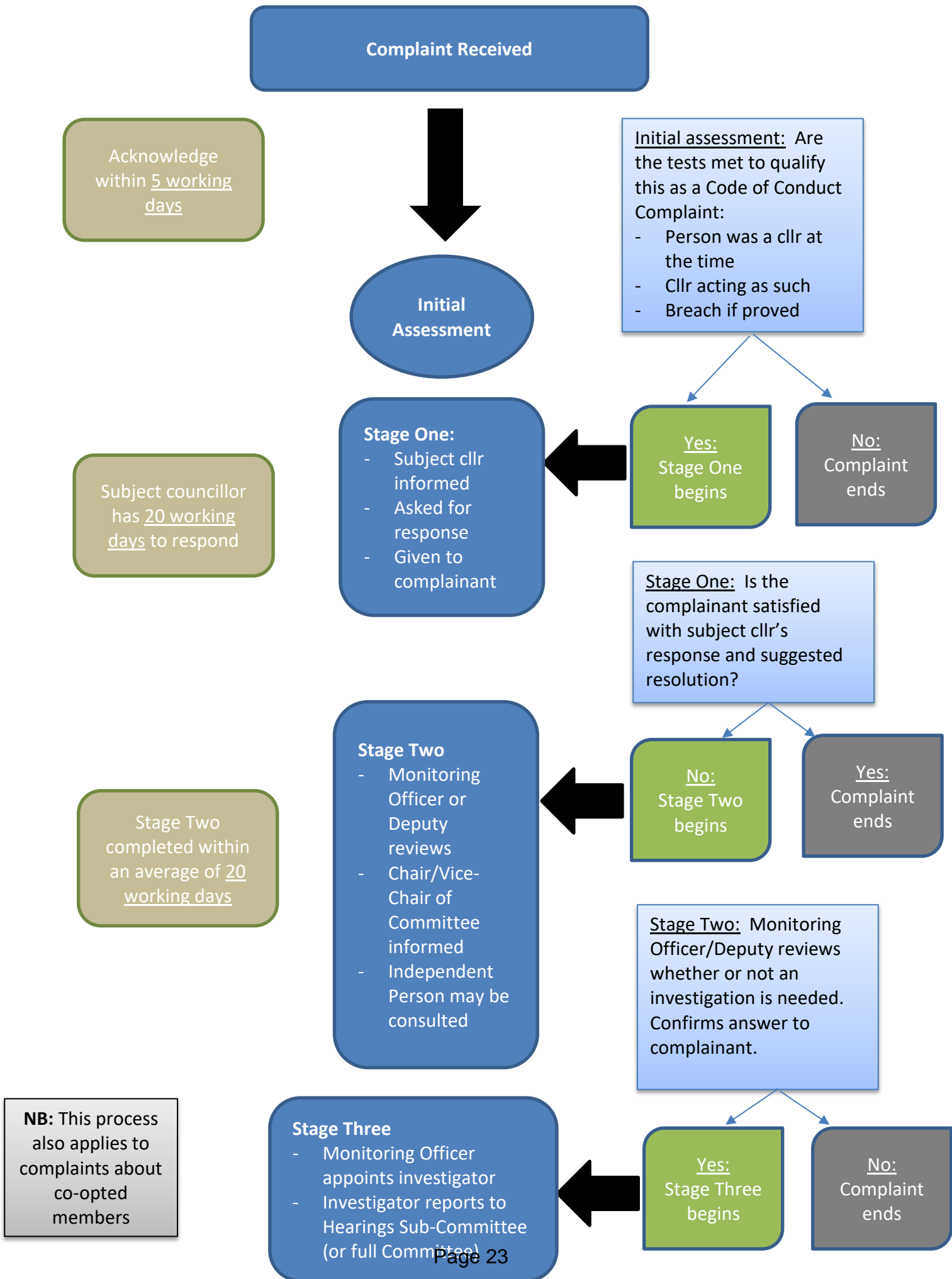
Annex 2

Buckinghamshire Council Complaints – Annual Overview: 2021/22

Complaint	Date of Complaint	Date Closed	Length/Stage Concluded	Allegation/Code Principle	Breach?
1.	May 2021	June 2021	Initial Assessment 1 week	Respect	No
2.	August 2021	September 2021	Stage 1 5 weeks	Respect	No
3.	August 2021	September 2021	Stage 1 3 weeks	Respect	No
4.	August 2021	September 2021	Stage 1 3 weeks	Respect	No
5.	October 2021	October 2021	Stage 1 3 weeks	Disclosure of confidential info This complaint was made by two people	No
6.	December 2021	January 2022	Initial Assessment 2 weeks	Lack of contact/response to emails	No
7.	February 2022	February 2022	Initial Assessment 1 week	Interests	No

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Buckinghamshire Council – Councillor Complaints Process



Buckinghamshire Council – Councillor Complaints Process

Stage Three: Investigation

Investigation completed within 6 months of the decision to investigate (i.e. within 6 months from date of the decision at Stage Two)



Outcome

Stage Three decision:

- i) Has breach occurred?
- ii) If so, what remedy should apply?
- iii) Is formal hearing needed to assess if breach occurred?
- iv) Any further action needed?

Breach found:

- Sanction determined and applied
- Complaint ends
- No appeal by either party

Breach not found:

- Complaint ends
- No appeal by either party

See separate flowchart for detailed *Procedure for Investigations*

NB: This process also applies to complaints about co-opted members



Report to Standards & General Purposes Committee

Date:	14 April 2022
Title:	Review of the Constitution
Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor John Chilver, Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources, Property & Assets
Contact officer:	Nick Graham, Service Director Legal and Democratic Services, nick.graham@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
Ward(s) affected:	None specific
Recommendations:	<p>The Committees is recommended:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note and endorse the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1; 2. subject to any changes proposed, to recommend that Full Council adopt the proposed changes; 3. to recommend to Full Council the appropriate delegations to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Members' Constitutional Working Group, to finalise the textual changes to the constitution following approval of the principles as set out in Appendix 1.
Reason for decision:	To give effect to proposed updates to the Council's Constitution to allow for better and more transparent decision-making.

1. Content of report

- 1.1 Under s9P Local Government Act 2000 the Council is required to prepare and keep up to date a Constitution containing the standing orders of the Council and such

other information as is required or is desirable. Buckinghamshire Council's Constitution was effective as from 1 April 2020 and is regularly reviewed to ensure the Council's operation is properly supported and governed by the Constitution. The last review took place in April 2021.

- 1.2 Oversight of the Constitution is shared between the Audit and Governance Committee and the Standards and General Purposes Committee. The power to change the Constitution is reserved to full Council via recommendation from the Standards and General Purposes Committee. The Monitoring Officer also has delegated authority to make amendments to ensure the Council conducts itself lawfully, and minor amendments where appropriate.
- 1.3 A Constitution Members Working Group consisting of the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of both the Audit and Governance Committee and the Standards and General Purposes Committee has met a number of times to consider proposed changes and provide initial comments to help inform the review of the Constitution as required by full Council. Feedback from appropriate members and officers to the proposals has also been obtained.
- 1.4 The Committee will note that within Appendix 1 the changes are set out in principle to allow drafting of the proposed changes to take account of member feedback, further legal input or ensure other affected parts of the Constitution can be amended accordingly. It is therefore recommended that the Monitoring Officer determines the final wording of the in-principle proposals and any associated/incidental amendments with the approval of the Constitution Working Group, and to then change the Constitution accordingly together with any other necessary incidental amendments.
- 1.5 On the 22 March 2022 the Audit & Governance Committee considered the proposed changes to the Constitution as outlined in Appendix 1 and approved them. They made a number of suggestions to improve on the reasons for the changes proposed which have been incorporated into the Appendix to this report.

2. Other options considered

- 2.1 The proposed changes are considered desirable to allow the Council to operate more effectively, however amendments could also be delayed to allow greater feedback on the proposed changes.

3. Legal and financial implications

- 3.1 None except as set out in the body of the report.

4. Corporate implications

- 4.1 The effectiveness of the Constitution is central to the operation of the Council as a whole and supports transparency, governance and good decision making. Reviews to ensure the Constitution is fit for purpose and effective should be undertaken regularly.

5. Local councillors & community boards consultation & views

- 5.1 The Constitution will be updated on the Council's website and will be communicated to members and officers when appropriate to ensure the correct procedures are being used.

6. Communication, engagement & further consultation

7. Next steps and review

- 7.1 Changes to the Constitution will require the approval of Full Council. A paper outlining the proposed changes will be presented to the Council meeting scheduled for the 27 April 2022.

8. Background papers

- 8.1 None.

9. Your questions and views

- 9.1 If you have any questions about the matters contained in this report please get in touch with the author of this report. This can be done by telephone 01296 382343 or email democracy@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

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Report to Audit & Governance Committee

Appendix 1

Amendments to the Constitution

Area of the Constitution	Proposed Change	Reasons
General	Ensure that, other than for the Leader of the Council, where only one Member is nominated they are merely appointed and no election is required	If only one person is proposed for the position of Chairman then they should be appointed unopposed. (NB: Save for the Vice Chairman of the Council, Vice Chairman of all other Committees are appointed by the Chairman of that Committee.)
	Ensure that a Member cannot nominate themselves for roles on Committee/as Leader	The nomination to a role should involve both a person other than the nominee, and a seconder, so as to ensure any nominations have the sufficient support of the meeting.
	Ensure that the role of the Chairman of Committee is made explicit, including the extent of their discretion in approving agendas, running meetings etc	To ensure clarity for those running meetings.
	Strengthen provisions in the Constitution to requiring officers to share information with local Members about issues impacting their areas	To ensure better communication with Members.

Full Council Rules of Procedure	Ensure the wording is clear that only those items listed for the AGM meeting are considered at that meeting.	The AGM has a prescribed agenda in the Constitution and should be adhered to. This would not affect the ability for the Council to call an urgent/Exceptional meeting where required for urgent business.
	Ensure that the wording is clear that the Chairman of the Council can add or subtract to items of business proposed for Ordinary Meetings of the Council	To ensure flexibility to deal with Council business.
	Make provision for a process to deal with Motions deferred from Council to be dealt with by another body, including how the body should address the Motion, and arrangements for reporting back to Council.	To provide more clarity around how such Motions are dealt with by the body to which they are referred.
Cabinet Rules of Procedure	To provide greater clarity in the Constitution that Members are permitted to ask one question of Cabinet / Cabinet Members	Currently the provisions are slightly unclear and refer to 'a Question' and 'Questions'.
Planning	Extend the right of Call in to 'Permission in Principle' planning applications	These are currently only dealt with by officers
	Planning Site visits – to consider changes for those Cllrs who work and cannot attend pre-arranged group visits	
	To provide for draft recommendations of planning officers on planning applications should be shared with local Members.	This will assist Members to determine whether they should confirm their request for a call in under The Planning Committee Procedure Rules para 3.31 (c)

Scrutiny	To change the timing of when questions should be received to ensure that Members and members of the public could have sight of the agenda before submitting their question.	To enable questions to relate to the agenda items.
Licensing	To make provision in the Licensing Committee Terms of Reference that this Committee can deal with Street Consents	
Community Boards	To provide a comprehensive Terms of Reference for Community Boards to include provision for membership ...	
Changes made by the Monitoring under delegated powers	In compliance with the statutory requirements set out under sections 36 – 41 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Buckinghamshire Council has a Channel Panel in place for its Area, and has regard to the Channel duty guidance 2020 and is committed to complying with the requirements within it.	Each local authority is required to have a Channel Panel as a means of addressing radicalisation and extremism and to comply with the Government's legislation, including compliance with the Prevent Duty.

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Buckinghamshire Council
Electoral Review 2022
DRAFT Response to Consultation on Pattern of Wards

1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is undertaking an electoral review of Buckinghamshire Council. This submission is the Council's **draft** response to the Commission's consultation on the **pattern of wards** to apply from the 2025 council elections.
2. Our response has taken into account the Commission's [published criteria](#) for achieving a pattern of wards:
 - Electoral equality
 - Community identity
 - Effective local government
3. We have taken into account the Commission's recommendation of 98 councillors as the target 'council size'. As such, we have followed the councillor-electors ratio of one councillor per 4,521 electors, based on the projected 2027 electorate published by the Commission.

Our draft proposal

A pattern of 50 wards – comprising two one-member and 48 two-member wards. The list of proposed wards and their names is attached at **Annex 1**.

Annex 2 items the changes and the variances. **Annex 3** maps the proposals in PDF. An interactive version is [here](#).

4. The Council has been very mindful that 'one size' does not fit all. It has been important to us, in recommending a pattern of wards, that our recommendations should involve a pattern of representation suited to our communities.
5. In framing our proposals, we have not simply followed existing structures as an easy rule. We have sought to ensure our proposals reflect, and promote, community identity. Neither have we thought it necessary simply to disregard existing ward arrangements if there have been good reasons to build on them.
6. In our view, the review represents an opportunity to provide a stable basis for electoral representation after a period of considerable structural change for Buckinghamshire's local governance. As a new unitary authority, it is important that the pattern of wards meets the needs of our communities and provides the best possible reflection of community identity and effective government.
7. We are a member-led authority which sees our democratic relationship with the electorate and local communities as pivotal to Buckinghamshire's future. This perspective has been important to us from the outset; for example as expressed through our 16 innovative community boards, which provide action-based local forums where

our elected members meet regularly with parish and town councils, community groups and local stakeholders to identify key local priorities.

8. Our proposals are consistent with sustaining this effective, community-based commitment to local governance.
9. The proposals were worked up by a cross-party Electoral Review Working Group of the Standards & General Purposes Committee of Buckinghamshire Council. The Group met twice over February and March, making a recommendation to the Committee on 17 March, which was approved, with no votes against. With the agreement of the Commission, our Full Council will formally consider the proposal on 27 April, for final submission.

Draft proposals – further work

10. This is the Council's draft submission, which gives the broad proposal that the Council wishes to make. We are conscious that several areas still require attention, and we will work on these prior to Full Council and would also value working closely with the Commission.
11. We are conscious that the areas around Wycombe and Aylesbury require additional attention to ensure a sound balance of the three criteria: for example, while the draft proposals around Wycombe provide good electoral equality, we would like to explore the potential for increasing yet further the degree of community identity.
12. Also, while 96% our ward proposals achieve electoral equality within +/- 10% of the target figure, seven wards require further attention, five of these only marginally so. Our draft proposal for Aston Clinton and Weston Turville reflects community identity but requires further work to bring a better balance of electoral variance.
13. Our Electoral Review Working Group will continue to meet to explore further options for these areas. We would particularly value working closely with the Commission during its own fact-finding phase to explore those options. We would welcome such dialogue now, following our submission, and throughout the next formal consultation period.
14. We will articulate our submission further. However, we wanted the Commission to see, in draft form, the direction of the Council's thinking and aspiration.

Cllr Thomas Broom
Chairman of the Standards and General Purposes Committee and its Electoral Review Working Group.

March 2022

Annex 1 DRAFT Warding Proposals, Buckinghamshire Council

Key:

- **Summary:** A council membership of 98 councillors. 50 wards (48 with two-member representation; 2 with one-member representation).
- **Red lettering:** Variance above/below 10% of the average 'electors per councillor' ratio (4,521). Further work needed.
- **Yellow highlight:** Ward with some changes to boundary/name. These can be cross-checked with Annex 2 (spreadsheet of electoral data) which itemises what the specific changes are.

	Proposed ward/name	Electorate 2027	No. of Cllrs	Variance
1.	Abbey	9679	2	7%
2.	Amersham & Chesham Bois	8243	2	-9%
3.	Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	10640	2	18%
4.	Aylesbury East	8632	2	-5%
5.	Aylesbury North	8492	2	-6%
6.	Aylesbury North West	10038	2	11%
7.	Aylesbury South East	9235	2	2%
8.	Aylesbury South West	9155	2	1%
9.	Aylesbury West	8089	2	-11%
10.	Beaconsfield	9330	2	3%
11.	Bernwood	9860	2	9%
12.	Bierton & Wing	10322	2	14%
13.	Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	9157	2	1%
14.	Buckingham East	9731	2	8%
15.	Buckingham West	9390	2	4%
16.	Chalfont St Giles	8792	2	-3%
17.	Chalfont St Peter	8505	2	-6%
18.	Chesham	8274	2	-8%
19.	Chess Valley	8508	2	-6%
20.	Chiltern Ridges	8536	2	-6%
21.	Chiltern Villages	9192	2	2%
22.	Cliveden	8100	2	-10%
23.	Denham & Wexham	8896	2	-2%
24.	Downley	8792	2	-3%
25.	Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches	8748	2	-3%
26.	Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	8632	2	-5%
27.	Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	8213	2	-9%
28.	Great Brickhill	9967	2	10%
29.	Great Missenden	8240	2	-9%
30.	Grendon Underwood	9814	2	9%

	Proposed ward/name	Electorate 2027	No. of Cllrs	Variance
31.	Hazlemere	7916	2	-12%
32.	Iver	9306	2	3%
33.	Ivinghoe	8947	2	-1%
34.	Little Chalfont & Amersham Common	8333	2	-8%
35.	Marlow	8819	2	-2%
36.	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	8803	2	-3%
37.	Ridgeway East	8910	2	-1%
38.	Ridgeway West	8572	2	-5%
39.	Ryemead & Micklefield	9567	2	6%
40.	Stoke Poges	4389	1	-3%
41.	Stone & Waddesdon	10050	2	11%
42.	Terriers & Amersham Hill	9308	2	3%
43.	The Risboroughs	9420	2	4%
44.	The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	9354	2	3%
45.	Totteridge & Bowerdean	8411	2	-7%
46.	Tylers Green & Loudwater	8792	2	-3%
47.	Watermead & Buckingham Park	4619	1	2%
48.	Wendover Halton & Stoke Mandeville	9647	2	7%
49.	West Wycombe	8638	2	-4%
50.	Winslow	10061	2	11%
	Grand Total	443064		

			Yellow = change	Yellow = where a polling district has had streets moved this is shown as a formula in this cell to show what change has been made	red = variance (+/- 10%)	Orange = Polling District Change	
Polling	Parish	Parish ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2027	variance check	Ward Change	Notes
WA			Abbey	1376			
WB			Abbey	3044			
WC			Abbey	2737			
WD			Abbey	1834			
WF2			Abbey	688			
			Abbey Total	9679	7%		
CB	Amersham	Amersham on the Hill	Amersham & Chesham Bois	3962			
CL	Amersham	Weedon Hill	Amersham & Chesham Bois	1809			
CLA	Chesham Bois		Amersham & Chesham Bois	2472			
			Amersham & Chesham Bois Total	8243	-9%		
AAT	Aston Clinton		Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	4712			
AAV	Buckland		Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	647			
AAZ	Drayton Beauchamp		Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	126			
ABH	Weston Turville		Aston Clinton & Weston Turville	5156			
			Aston Clinton & Weston Turville Total	10640	18%		
AAA	Aylesbury Town	Bedgrove	Aylesbury East	2644			
AAB	Aylesbury Town	Bedgrove	Aylesbury East	2422			
AAL	Aylesbury Town	Oakfield	Aylesbury East	3422			
BEC	Provis Wharf	Aylesbury Oakfield ward	Aylesbury East	144			
			Aylesbury East Total	8632	-5%		
AAC	Aylesbury Town	Central	Aylesbury North	1978			
AAD	Aylesbury Town	Central	Aylesbury North	1629			
AAF	Aylesbury Town	Elmhurst	Aylesbury North	2683			
AAG	Aylesbury Town	Elmhurst	Aylesbury North	2203			
			Aylesbury North Total	8492	-6%		
AAH	Aylesbury Town	Gatehouse	Aylesbury North West	6391			
AAN	Aylesbury Town	Quarrendon	Aylesbury North West	1967			
AAO	Aylesbury Town	Quarrendon	Aylesbury North West	1675			
BEE	Quarrendon No 3	Aylesbury Quarrendon ward	Aylesbury North West	5			
			Aylesbury North West Total	10038	11%		
AAJ	Aylesbury Town	Mandeville & Elm Farm	Aylesbury South East	2352			
AAK	Aylesbury Town	Mandeville & Elm Farm	Aylesbury South East	2990			
AAE	Aylesbury Town	Walton	Aylesbury South East	1887			
ABB	Stoke Mandeville	Stoke Grange	Aylesbury South East	1034			
				971			Part of ABD to ABC (Athens, Atlanta, Rome, Sydney, Beethoven, Elgar mews, Brubeck Road, Ravel Lane, Brahms Lane, & Mozart End + 469 electors)
ABC	Stoke Mandeville	Stoke Leys	Aylesbury South East				
			Aylesbury South East Total	9235	2%		
AAI	Aylesbury Town	Hawkslade	Aylesbury South West	2304			
				2677			Plus Briskman Way, Jakeman Way, Dixon Close, Hinds Way, Drake Close, Bond Close, Burrell Close & Chapman Close (+378)
AAP	Aylesbury Town	Southcourt	Aylesbury South West				
AAQ	Aylesbury Town	Southcourt	Aylesbury South West	2639			
ABA	Stoke Mandeville	Hawkslade	Aylesbury South West	1536			
			Aylesbury South West Total	9155	1%		
			Aylesbury West	3161			Minus Briskman Way, Jakeman Way, Dixon Close, Hinds Way, Drake Close, Bond Close, Burrell Close & Chapman Close (-378)
AAM	Aylesbury Town	Oxford Road	Aylesbury West				
AAS	Aylesbury Town	Walton Court	Aylesbury West	1335			
AAW	Coldharbour		Aylesbury West	3593			
			Aylesbury West Total	8089	-11%		
SA	Beaconsfield	North	Beaconsfield	2083			
SBC	Beaconsfield	Central	Beaconsfield	2380			
SB	Beaconsfield	South East	Beaconsfield	898			GX to Beaconsfield
SC	Beaconsfield	West	Beaconsfield	3969			
			Beaconsfield Total	9330	3%		
BBF	Aston Sandford		Bernwood	43			
BBV	Chearsley		Bernwood	457			
BCS	Haddenham		Bernwood	5348			
BDI	Long Crendon		Bernwood	2054			
BEG	Shabbington		Bernwood	453			
BBK	Bishopstone	Stone Bishopstone and Hartwell	Bernwood	253			Stone & Waddesdon to Bernwood
BCB	Cuddington		Bernwood	527			Stone & Waddesdon to Bernwood
BCD	Dinton with Ford & Upton		Bernwood	548			Stone & Waddesdon to Bernwood
BCL	Dinton with Ford & Upton		Bernwood	179			Stone & Waddesdon to Bernwood
			Bernwood Total	9860	9%		
BBJ	Bierton	Bierton with Broughton	Bierton & Wing	1254			AC & Bierton to Bierton & Wing
BBS	Broughton Hamlet	Bierton with Broughton	Bierton & Wing	48			AC & Bierton to Bierton & Wing
BCX	Hulcott		Bierton & Wing	104			AC & Bierton to Bierton & Wing
BDB	Kingsbrook		Bierton & Wing	2684			AC & Bierton to Bierton & Wing
			Bierton & Wing Total	10322	14%		
AAE	Aylesbury Town	Coppice Way	Bierton & Wing	976			Aylesbury North to Bierton & Wing
BBE	Aston Abbots		Bierton & Wing	339			Wing to Bierton & Wing
BBZ	Creslow		Bierton & Wing	13			Wing to Bierton & Wing
BCA	Cublington		Bierton & Wing	303			Wing to Bierton & Wing
BFC	Whitchurch		Bierton & Wing	866			Wing to Bierton & Wing
BFD	Wing		Bierton & Wing	2339			Wing to Bierton & Wing
BFE	Wingrave with Rowsham		Bierton & Wing	1396			Wing to Bierton & Wing
			Bierton & Wing Total	10322	14%		
WA2			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	28			
WE			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	1388			
WF			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	1037			
WL			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	3961			
WM			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield	2743			Spearing Rd, Grenfell Av to West Wycombe (-773)
			Booker, Cressex & Castlefield Total	9157	1%		
BBC	Akeley		Buckingham East	408			
BBN	Buckingham Town	Highlands & Watchcroft	Buckingham East	362			
BBO	Buckingham Town	North	Buckingham East	5120			
BCM	Foscott		Buckingham East	32			
BDE	Leckhamstead		Buckingham East	173			
BDP	Lillingstone Dayrell		Buckingham East	77			
BDG	Lillingstone Lovell		Buckingham East	114			
BDK	Maids Moreton		Buckingham East	955			
BEQ	Stowe		Buckingham East	250			
BEQ	Thornborough		Buckingham East	535			
BBi	Biddesden		Buckingham East	108			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BEF	Radclive Cum Chackmore		Buckingham East	207			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BEH	Shalstone		Buckingham East	98			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BET	Turweston		Buckingham East	168			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BEX	Water Stratford		Buckingham East	116			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BEZ	Westbury		Buckingham East	393			Buckingham West to Buckingham East
BBH	Beachampton		Buckingham East	133			Winslow to Buckingham East
BDQ	Nash		Buckingham East	387			Winslow to Buckingham East
BER	Thornton		Buckingham East	94			Winslow to Buckingham East
			Buckingham East Total	9731	8%		

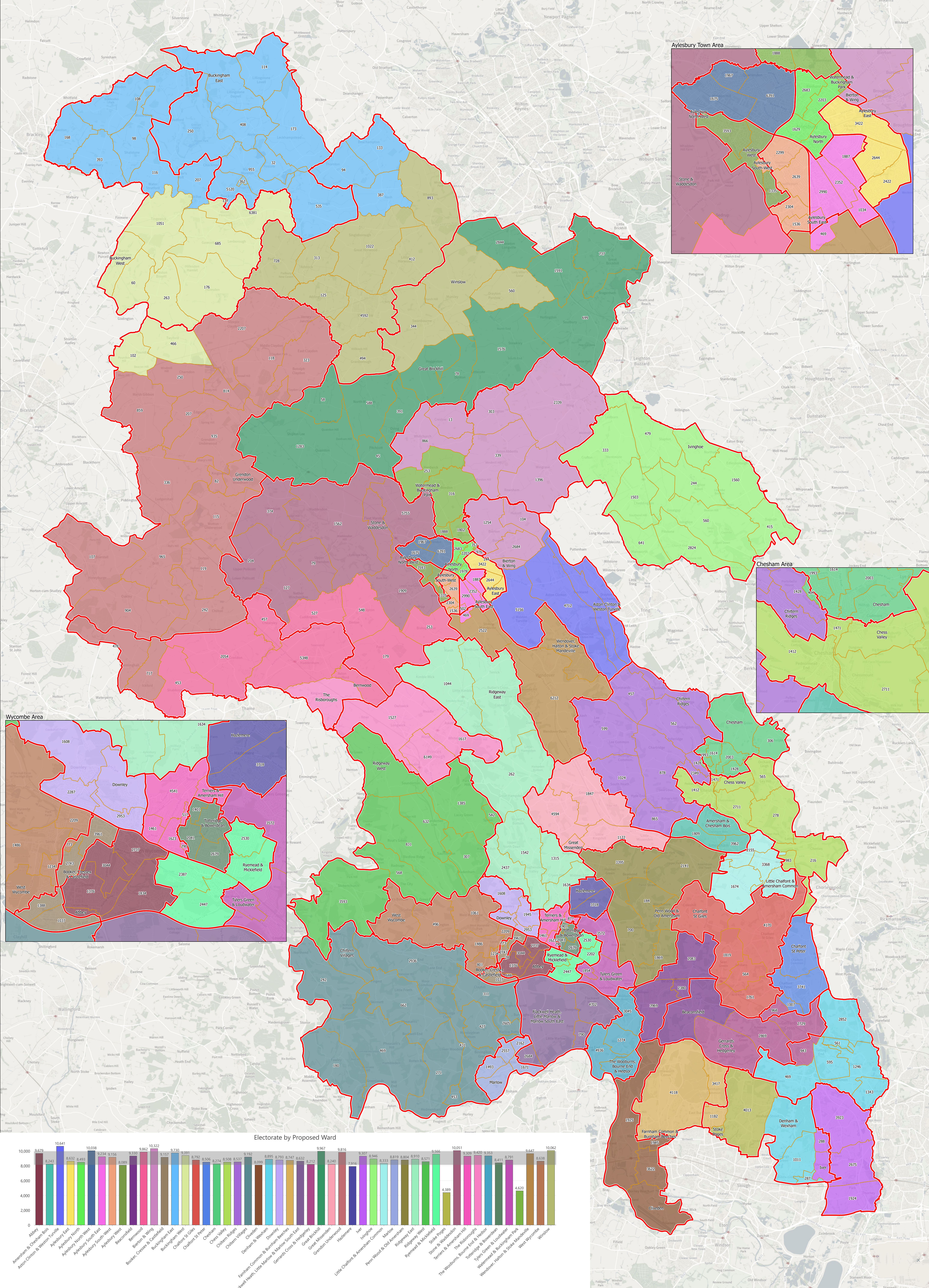
Polling	Parish	Parish ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2027	variance check	Ward Change	Notes
BBG	Barton Hartshorn		Buckingham West	70			
BBM	Buckingham Town	Fishers Field	Buckingham West	137			
BBQ	Buckingham Town	South	Buckingham West	6381			
BBX	Chetwode		Buckingham West	60			
BCN	Gawcott with Lenborough		Buckingham West	685			
BCU	Hillesden		Buckingham West	176			
BEB	Preston Bissett		Buckingham West	263			
BES	Tingewick		Buckingham West	1051			
BEA	Poundon		Buckingham West	102			Grendon Underwood to Buckingham West
BEU	Twyford		Buckingham West	466			Grendon Underwood to Buckingham West
			Buckingham West Total	9390	4%		
CK	Chalfont St Giles	Chalfont St Giles	Chalfont St Giles	4170			
CKA	Chalfont St Giles	Jordans	Chalfont St Giles	564			
CU	Coleshill		Chalfont St Giles	478			
CX	Seer Green		Chalfont St Giles	1819			
CN	Chalfont St Peter	Gold Hill	Chalfont St Giles	1761			
			Chalfont St Giles Total	8792	-3%		
CH	Chalfont St Peter	Central	Chalfont St Peter	4748			Plus half of Austerwood (+1007)
CJ	Chalfont St Peter	Chalfont Common	Chalfont St Peter	3758			
			Chalfont St Peter Total	8506	-6%		
CE	Ashley Green	Ashley Green	Chesham	526			
CEA	Ashley Green	Whelpley Hill	Chesham	306			
CP	Chesham	Hilltop	Chesham	1428			
CT	Chesham	Newtown	Chesham	2003			
				2397			Plus Farriers Way, Hillside, Hivings Hill, Portabello Close, Shelley Road, Valley View (+404)
CZ	Chesham	Vale	Chesham	1614			
			Chesham Total	8274	-8%		
CEB	Chenies		Chess Valley	216			
CPA	Chesham	Townsend	Chess Valley	1471			
CPB	Chesham	Townsend	Chess Valley	872			
CY	Chesham	St Mary's	Chess Valley	1412			
CYA	Chesham	Waterside	Chess Valley	2711			
CEC	Latimer & Ley Hill	Ley Hill	Chess Valley	565			
CED	Latimer & Ley Hill	Latimer	Chess Valley	278			
CR1	Little Chalfont	Little Chalfont North East	Chess Valley	983			
			Chess Valley Total	8508	-6%		
CG	Chartridge	Chartridge	Chiltern Ridges	878			
CM	Chartridge	Bellingdon	Chiltern Ridges	562			
				1428			Minus Farriers Way, Hillside, Hivings Hill, Portabello Close, Shelley Road, Valley View. (-404)
CD	Chesham	Ashridge Vale	Chiltern Ridges				
CDA	Chesham	Lowndes	Chiltern Ridges	2349			
CMA	Cholesbury Cum St Leonards		Chiltern Ridges	375			
CMB	Cholesbury Cum St Leonards		Chiltern Ridges	457			
CGA	Great Missenden	Ballinger & South Heath	Chiltern Ridges	1024			
CSB	Little Missenden	Hyde Heath	Chiltern Ridges	865			
CMC	The Lee		Chiltern Ridges	698			
			Chiltern Ridges Total	9536	-6%		
RP	Fawley (Parish Meeting)		Chiltern Villages	180			
RF	Great Marlow		Chiltern Villages	311			
RI	Great Marlow		Chiltern Villages	431			
RJ	Great Marlow		Chiltern Villages	427			
RN	Hambleden	Hambleden North	Chiltern Villages	662			
RO	Hambleden	Hambleden South	Chiltern Villages	469			
RM	Ibstone		Chiltern Villages	205			
RA	Lane End		Chiltern Villages	2936			
RG	Marlow Bottom		Chiltern Villages	2605			
RH	Medmenham	Danesfield	Chiltern Villages	453			
RR	Medmenham	Medmenham Village	Chiltern Villages	271			
RQ	Turville		Chiltern Villages	242			
			Chiltern Villages Total	9192	2%		
SEB	Burnham	Burnham Lent Rise	Cliveden	3622			
SED	Dorney		Cliveden	607			
SET	Taplow		Cliveden	1925			
SDA	Burnham	Burnham Church	Cliveden	1945			Both sides of the High street brought together (-30)
			Cliveden Total	8100	-10%		
SJ	Denham		Denham & Wexham	1246			Denham to Denham & Wexham
SJA	Denham		Denham & Wexham	1343			Denham to Denham & Wexham
SJHD	Denham		Denham & Wexham	561			Denham to Denham & Wexham
SK	Denham		Denham & Wexham	2852			Denham to Denham & Wexham
SIT	Wexham	The Orchards	Denham & Wexham	287			Stoke Poges & Wexham to Denham & Wexham
SWG	Wexham	George Green & Middle Green	Denham & Wexham	1011			Stoke Poges & Wexham to Denham & Wexham
SWS	Wexham	Wexham Street	Denham & Wexham	531			Stoke Poges & Wexham to Denham & Wexham
SWF	Fulmer		Denham & Wexham	469			Denham to Denham & Wexham
SKA	Denham		Denham & Wexham	595			Denham to Denham & Wexham
			Denham & Wexham Total	8896	-2%		
RD	Downley		Downley	1608			
RE	Downley		Downley	2287			
WI			Downley	2953			
WJ			Downley	1945			
			Downley Total	8792	-3%		Both sides of the High street brought together (+30)
SD	Burnham	Burnham Beeches	Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches	4148			
SFN	Farnham	Farnham Royal North	Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches	3417			
SFC	Farnham	Farnham Royal South	Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches	1182			
			Farnham Common & Burnham Beeches Total	8748	-3%		
BC	Chepping Wycombe	Flackwell Heath	Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	4702			
BD	Little Marlow		Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	790			
BE	Little Marlow		Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	456			
BG	Marlow Town	Marlow South East	Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	2684			
			Flackwell Heath, Little Marlow & Marlow South East	8632	-5%		
SFH	Hedgerley		Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	703			Gerrards Cross to Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley
CF	Chalfont St Peter	Austerwood	Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	968			Minus half of Austerwood (-1007)
SGE	Gerrards Cross	Gerrards Cross East	Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	943			Gerrards Cross to Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley
SGN	Gerrards Cross	Gerrards Cross North	Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	2729			Gerrards Cross to Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley
SGS	Gerrards Cross	Gerrards Cross South	Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley	2869			Gerrards Cross to Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley
			Gerrards Cross & Hedgerley Total	8213	-9%		
BCG	Dunton		Great Brickhill	78			
BCP	Great Brickhill		Great Brickhill	737			
BCV	Hoggeston		Great Brickhill	77			
BCW	Hogshaw		Great Brickhill	58			
BDS	Newton Longville		Great Brickhill	2844			
BDU	North Marston		Great Brickhill	588			
BDW	Oving		Great Brickhill	391			
BDY	Pitchcott		Great Brickhill	45			
BED	Qualinton		Great Brickhill	1283			
BEJ	Soulbury		Great Brickhill	699			

Polling	Parish	Parish ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2027	variance check	Ward Change	Notes
BEL	Stewley		Great Brickhill	1576			
BEM	Stoke Hammond		Great Brickhill	1591			
			Great Brickhill Total	9967	10%		
CO	Great Missenden	Great Missenden	Great Missenden	1847			
CV	Great Missenden	Prestwood & Heath End	Great Missenden	4594			
CVA	Great Missenden	Prestwood & Heath End	Great Missenden	677			
CS	Little Missenden	Little Kingshill & Little Missenden	Great Missenden	1122			
			Great Missenden Total	8240	-9%		
BCI	Edgcott		Grendon Underwood	207			
			Grendon Underwood	717		Bernwood to Grendon Underwood	
BCY	Ickford		Grendon Underwood	478		Bernwood to Grendon Underwood	
BFH	Worminghall		Grendon Underwood	107			
BBL	Boarstall		Grendon Underwood	965			
BBR	Brill		Grendon Underwood	814			
BBT	Calvert Green		Grendon Underwood	250			
BBU	Charndon		Grendon Underwood	242			
BBY	Chilton		Grendon Underwood	119			
BCE	Dorton		Grendon Underwood	323			
BCH	East Claydon		Grendon Underwood	935			
BCR	Grendon Underwood		Grendon Underwood	82			
BDD	Kingswood		Grendon Underwood	336			
BDJ	Ludgershall		Grendon Underwood	859			
BDL	Marsh Gibbon		Grendon Underwood	118			
BDO	Middle Claydon		Grendon Underwood	904			
BDV	Oakley		Grendon Underwood	2207			
BEK	Steeple Claydon		Grendon Underwood	38			
BFG	Woodham		Grendon Underwood	115			
BFI	Wotton Underwood		Grendon Underwood	9814	9%		
			Grendon Underwood Total	4198			
RK	Hazlemere	Hazlemere North	Hazlemere	3718			
RL	Hazlemere	Hazlemere South	Hazlemere	7916	-12%		
			Hazlemere Total	1924			
SIR	Iver	Iver Village & Richings Park	Iver	2675			
SIV	Iver	Iver Village & Richings Park	Iver	3923			
SV	Iver	Iver Heath	Iver	497			
SIS	Iver	Shredding Green	Iver	289		Stoke Poges & Wexham to Iver	
SVW	Iver	Wood Lane	Iver	9306	3%	Stoke Poges & Wexham to Iver	
			Iver Total	1503			
BBW	Cheddington		Ivinghoe	415			
BCC	Edlesborough	Dagnall	Ivinghoe	1560			
BCJ	Edlesborough	Edlesborough	Ivinghoe	387			
BDT	Edlesborough	Northhall ward	Ivinghoe	560			
BCZ	Ivinghoe	Ivinghoe	Ivinghoe	244			
BDA	Ivinghoe	Ivinghoe Aston	Ivinghoe	641			
BDM	Marsworth		Ivinghoe	333			
BDN	Mentmore		Ivinghoe	2824			
BDZ	Pitstone		Ivinghoe	479			
BEI	Slapton		Ivinghoe	8947	-1%		
			Ivinghoe Total	2155			
CA	Amersham	Amersham Common	Little Chalfont & Amersham Common	1674			
CC1	Amersham	Amersham Common West	Little Chalfont & Amersham Common	1136			
CCB	Little Chalfont	Little Chalfont South	Little Chalfont & Amersham Common	3368			
CR	Little Chalfont	Little Chalfont	Little Chalfont & Amersham Common Total	8333	-8%		
			Little Chalfont & Amersham Common Total	1671			
BF	Marlow Town	Marlow South	Marlow	1493			
BJ	Marlow Town	Marlow North & West	Marlow	2557			
BK	Marlow Town	Marlow North & West	Marlow	2162			
BL	Marlow Town	Marlow North & West	Marlow	936			
BM	Marlow Town	Marlow North & West	Marlow	8819	-2%		
			Marlow Total	2141			
CC	Amersham	Amersham Town	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	3395			
CO	Little Missenden	Holmer Green	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	700			
CUA	Penn	Penn	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	1869			
CUB	Penn	Penn	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	515			
CUC	Penn	Penn Street & Winchmore Hill	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	184			
CUD	Penn	Penn Street & Winchmore Hill	Penn Wood & Old Amersham	8803	-3%		
			Penn Wood & Old Amersham Total	676			
KA	Ellesborough		Ridgeway East	262			
AI	Great & Little Hampden		Ridgeway East	1044			
KB	Great & Little Kimble-Cum-Marsh		Ridgeway East	2437			
AE	Hughenden	Naphill & Walters Ash	Ridgeway East	1542			
AF	Hughenden	Hughenden Valley	Ridgeway East	1315			
AG	Hughenden	Great Kingshill	Ridgeway East	1634			
AH	Hughenden	Widmer End	Ridgeway East	8910	-1%		
			Ridgeway East Total	713			
AA	Bledlow cum Saunderton	Bledlow	Ridgeway West	831			
AB	Bledlow cum Saunderton	Bledlow Ridge	Ridgeway West	632			
AD	Bledlow cum Saunderton	Saunderton	Ridgeway West	307			
AC	Bradenham		Ridgeway West	1385			
AJ	Lacey Green	Lacey Green and Loosley Row	Ridgeway West	542			
AK	Lacey Green	Speen	Ridgeway West	568			
AN	Radnage		Ridgeway West	3593			
AL	Stokenchurch	Stokenchurch	Ridgeway West	8572	-5%		
			Ridgeway West Total	2530			
WK			Ryemead & Micklefield	2302			
WK1			Ryemead & Micklefield	2387			
WN			Ryemead & Micklefield	2447			
WO			Ryemead & Micklefield	9567	6%		
			Ryemead & Micklefield Total	376		Stoke Poges & Wexham to Stoke Poges	
SFS	Farnham	Farnham Royal South	Stoke Poges	4013		Stoke Poges & Wexham to Stoke Poges	
			Stoke Poges Total	4389	-3%		1 Member
BBD	Ashendon		Stone & Waddesdon	204			
AAU	Berryfields		Stone & Waddesdon	5755			
BCK	Fleet Marston		Stone & Waddesdon	41			
BDR	Nether Winchendon		Stone & Waddesdon	127			
BEN	Stone Bishopstone & Hartwell		Stone & Waddesdon	1909			
BEV	Upper Winchendon		Stone & Waddesdon	79			
BEW	Waddesdon		Stone & Waddesdon	1562			
BFA	Westcott		Stone & Waddesdon	374			
			Stone & Waddesdon Total	10050	11%		
WG2			Terriers & Amersham Hill	517			
WH2			Terriers & Amersham Hill	290			
WS			Terriers & Amersham Hill	1461			
WT			Terriers & Amersham Hill	877			
WU			Terriers & Amersham Hill	4541			
WV			Terriers & Amersham Hill	1623			
			Terriers & Amersham Hill Total	9308	3%		
BDC	Kingsey		The Risboroughs	127		Bernwood to The Risboroughs	
KC	Longwick-Cum-Ilmer		The Risboroughs	1527			
KD	Princes Risborough Town		The Risboroughs	1617			
KE	Princes Risborough Town		The Risboroughs	6149			
			The Risboroughs Total	9420	4%		
BB	Hedsor (Parish Meeting)		The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	98			
BA	Wooburn & Bourne End	Bourne End	The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	4936			
BH	Wooburn & Bourne End	Wooburn Green	The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	3045			
BI	Wooburn & Bourne End	Wooburn Town	The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor	1274			
			The Wooburns, Bourne End & Hedsor Total	9354	3%		
WG			Totteridge & Bowerdean	1401			
WH			Totteridge & Bowerdean	2041			
WW			Totteridge & Bowerdean	2290			
WX			Totteridge & Bowerdean	2679			
			Totteridge & Bowerdean Total	8411	-7%		
WO2			Tylers Green & Loudwater	1854			
RS	Chepping Wycombe	Loudwater	Tylers Green & Loudwater	3365			
RT	Chepping Wycombe	Tylers Green	Tylers Green & Loudwater	3572			

Polling	Parish	Parish ward	Existing ward	Electorate 2027	variance check	Ward Change	Notes
			Tylers Green & Loudwater Total	8792	-3%		
AAZ	Bierton	Oldhams Meadow	Watermead & Buckingham Park	353		Aylesbury North to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
BBP	Buckingham Park		Watermead & Buckingham Park	1888		Wing to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
BCT	Hardwick		Watermead & Buckingham Park	253		Wing to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
ABE	Watermead		Watermead & Buckingham Park	1802		Wing to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
ABF	Weedon		Watermead & Buckingham Park	8		Wing to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
BEY	Weedon		Watermead & Buckingham Park	316		Wing to Watermead & Buckingham Park	
			Watermead & Buckingham Park Total	4619	2%		1 Member
AAZ	Halton		Wendover Halton & Stoke Mandeville	913			
ABD	Stoke Mandeville	Stoke Mandeville Village	Wendover Halton & Stoke Mandeville	2522		Part of ABD to ADC (-469)	
ABG	Wendover		Wendover Halton & Stoke Mandeville	6212			
			Wendover Halton & Stoke Mandeville Total	9647	7%		
RB	Piddington & Wheeler End		West Wycombe	496			
AM	Stokenchurch	Beacons Bottom	West Wycombe	578			
RC	West Wycombe		West Wycombe	1061			
WE2			West Wycombe	801			
WP			West Wycombe	2209			
WQ			West Wycombe	2259		Spearing Rd, Grenfell Av to West Wycombe (+773)	
WR			West Wycombe	1234			
			West Wycombe Total	8638	-4%		
BCF	Drayton Parslow		Winslow	560		Great Brickhill to Winslow	
BDP	Mursley		Winslow	579		Great Brickhill to Winslow	
BEP	Swanbourne		Winslow	344		Great Brickhill to Winslow	
BBA	Addington		Winslow	125			
BBB	Adstock		Winslow	313			
BCO	Granborough		Winslow	494			
BCQ	Great Horwood		Winslow	1022			
BDH	Little Horwood		Winslow	412			
BDX	Padbury		Winslow	728			
BFB	Whaddon		Winslow	893			
BFF	Winslow		Winslow	4592			
			Winslow Total	10061	11%		
			Grand Total	443064			

Working Groups Boundary Proposal Map

Appendix
Existing Unitary Wards



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BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS AND GENERAL

PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

14 April 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review of Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure • Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council • Update on election petition • Constitution Working Group update • Draft Work programme for 2022/23
14 July 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council • Constituency boundary proposal • Compliments and Complaints Report 2021-22 • Review of Standards Complaints process & Monitoring report • Work programme
20 October 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council • Standards Complaints Monitoring Report • Constitution Working Group update • Work programme
8 December 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman report • Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review of Buckinghamshire Council • Constituency boundary proposals • Standards Complaints Monitoring report • Constitution Working Group update • Work programme
13 April 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review of code of conduct and complaints • Constitution Working Group update