



Lewes District Council

APPENDIX

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

WORKING GROUP WARD PROPOSALS TO FULL COUNCIL

9 NOVEMBER 2015

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1. KEY OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 The first objective of the Electoral Review is to achieve electoral equality. In terms of population variation between wards, the desirable ideal tolerance is that each ward's electorate figure is within 10% of the average ward electorate across the District.
- 1.2 In measuring population, only electorate is taken into account, not overall population. This is a LGBCE requirement. Also, it is based on the total electorate forecast for 2021 taking into account new residential developments that we are confident will be in place within that time period.
- 1.3 The second objective is that of preserving community identities as much as possible within ward boundaries but within the constraints of electoral equality. The goal here is to try and enclose strongly identifiable communities within the boundaries of a single ward.
- 1.4 A third objective is to have strong and clear boundaries using, wherever possible, main roads and arterial routes.

2. GOVERNANCE

- 2.1 The Head of Democratic Services is tasked with finalising the proposals for submission, in liaison with the cross-party Electoral Review Working Group.
- 2.2 It is important that the proposals focus on the key criteria above, and take no account of other objectives. Therefore, to preserve this integrity, only those proposals for significant change to current boundaries that meet the criteria and are unanimously supported by the Working Group have been recommended. Any proposals that do not meet the review criteria of the LGBCE cannot be included in the Council's submission.
- 2.3 Full Council will be asked to approve a proposal (and/or any amendments) at its 9 November 2015 meeting prior to the submission to the LGBCE, who will also be considering any proposals by other individuals, groups, political parties etc. All submissions must be finalised by the end of November 2015.

3. CURRENT WARDS

- 3.1 Lewes District Council currently has 41 councillors and 21 District wards. As a result of the last electoral review conducted in 2000, our Council size was reduced from 48 to 41 councillors, and from 25 to 21 wards, with modifications made to the boundaries of 23 of the pre-existing wards.
- 3.2 Maps showing the current and proposed wards are appended to this document, together with a table showing the 2021 forecast electorate figures and percentage variances. A summary of the key characteristics of the current wards is as follows:
- 3.3 **Barcombe and Hamsey**
Boundaries: This ward comprises of the Barcombe parish and the Hamsey parish. The north-east boundary is the edge of the District and the southerly

boundary is that of Lewes town. Neighbouring parishes are Newick, Chailey, St John (Without), St Ann (Without) and Ringmer.

Description: A rural ward comprised of the villages of Barcombe, Barcombe Cross, Cooksbridge, Offham and Hamsey. The main London railway line bisects the Hamsey parish and there is a station at Cooksbridge with commuter links to London. The old Lewes to Uckfield line also runs through this ward and there is a strong local interest in re-opening this line.

3.4 **Chailey and Wivelsfield**

Boundaries: This ward is made up of the parishes of Chailey and Wivelsfield. The northern boundary is the edge of Lewes District and to the south it boundaries the parishes of Ditchling, Westmeston, Streat, Plumpton, East Chiltington, St John (Without) Hamsey, Barcombe and to the east Newick.

Description: This ward contains the larger villages of Wivelsfield, Wivelsfield Green, North Chailey and South Chailey. It also contains areas of common land including Markstakes Common and Chailey Common. The tourist attraction of the Bluebell Railway begins at Sheffield Park Station just within the boundary. There is a strong agricultural presence in the ward.

3.5 **Ditchling and Westmeston**

Boundaries: This ward is formed of the parishes of Ditchling and Westmeston. Its westerly length is the District boundary and it neighbours the parish of Falmer in the south, Streat to the east and Wivelsfield to the north.

Description: The ward contains the villages of Westmeston and Ditchling. The large village of Ditchling is an historically important village with a strong artistic history and community, and is popular with visitors to the District. The ward contains Ditchling Common to the north and Ditchling Beacon, a part of the South Downs which is also very popular with walkers.

3.6 **East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs**

Boundaries: Formed of the parish of Telscombe, the western edge of the ward is the boundary between the District and Brighton & Hove City Council. The neighbouring parishes to the north are Rodmell and Southease, and to the east the boundary is with the town of Peacehaven.

Description: The ward contains the village of Telscombe, Telscombe Cliffs and East Saltdean. It has a large open area of downland called Telscombe Tye. To the south, the ward contains part of the Brighton to Newhaven Cliffs Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). The main A259 coast road cuts across the southern edge of the ward.

3.7 **Kingston**

Boundaries: The Kingston ward is formed of the parishes of Falmer, St Ann (Without), Kingston, Iford, Rodmell, Southease and Piddinghoe. It boundaries the edge of the District and Brighton & Hove City Council down the entire of its south-west edge. To the south, it adjoins the parishes of Telscombe, Peacehaven and Newhaven. Along its north and eastern boundary it joins Ditchling, Westmeston, Streat, Plumpton, East Chiltington, St John (Without), Hamsey, Lewes, Glynde, Beddingham and Tarring Neville.

Description: This is a very rural ward containing the small villages and hamlets of Falmer, Kingston, Iford, Rodmell, Southease and Piddinghoe. It is popular with walkers and contains large stretches of the South Downs Way. It also runs the length of the River Ouse between Lewes and Newhaven. The

village of Rodmell is home to Monks House, a National Trust property popular with visitors. North of the ward, the Brighton and Hove Albion Stadium is just over the boundary, as are the Universities of Sussex and Brighton campuses.

3.8 Lewes Bridge

Boundaries: One of the three Lewes wards. Its boundaries are with Hamsey and Ringmer to the north, Glynde to the south and Lewes Castle and Priory to the west. The boundary to Lewes Castle ward runs down the length of the river Ouse.

Description: The ward contains the large housing estate of Malling to the north and the historic Cliffe area of Lewes to the south. The pedestrianised high street and shopping centre of the town is also contained within the ward. There are two industrial estates in the ward. To the west of the ward, there is a large area of downland including Malling Hill and Lewes Golf Course. The ward is also the home of Malling House, the headquarters of Sussex Police.

3.9 Lewes Castle

Boundaries: The ward shares its boundaries with Hamsey to the north and both Lewes Bridge and Lewes Priory.

Description: The ward contains the large housing estate of Landport and the Wallands. It is home to the historic Lewes Castle and its grounds. It also has the Pells Lido, a popular attraction for both residents and visitors. The river Ouse is the boundary with Lewes bridge and the ward contains a large area of flood plain.

3.10 Lewes Priory

Boundaries: The Priory ward is to the south-west of Lewes and shares the majority of its boundary with the parishes of Hamsey, St Ann (Without), Kingston and Iford. To the east, it borders both Lewes Bridge and Lewes Castle wards.

Description: Geographically the largest of the three Lewes wards, Priory is made up of the Neville housing estate, Wallands Park, Winterbourne and Southover. It also contains Lewes Prison, County Hall, Sussex Downs College and Priory Secondary School. The Lewes Football Club is based in the ward at the Dripping Pan Ground. The ward also contains the popular visitor attractions of the ruins of the Priory of St Pancras and Anne of Cleeves House. To the south and west of the ward there are large rural areas. The ward is bisected west to east by the A27.

3.11 Newhaven Denton and Meeching

Boundaries: This ward is one of the two wards that make up the town of Newhaven. To the east is Peacehaven. To the north there are the wards of Newhaven Valley and the parishes of South Highton and Seaford.

Description: The ward contains the large Meeching housing estate in its east, and the area of Denton in its west. The ward is home to the Port of Newhaven, which provides ferries to the French port of Dieppe. As part of this riverside, there is also the large Avis Way industrial estate. The popular, historical visitor attraction of Newhaven Fort is at the south of the ward. The Fort is built into the cliffs that form part of the Brighton to Newhaven Cliffs SSSI. It is also the location of the Newhaven Incinerator.

3.12 Newhaven Valley

Boundaries: The ward is one of the two wards that make up the town of

Newhaven. To its north it borders the parish of Piddinghoe, to the east Peacehaven and to the south Newhaven Denton & Meeching.

Description: The ward contains the pedestrianised shopping centre of Newhaven which is surrounded by a one-way system. The majority of the electors in the ward live in the Valley housing estate. It is also home to Denton Island which contains an enterprise hub and some industrial units. There is Meeching Down, a large area of Downland to the south of the ward, and a recreation ground to the north.

3.13 **Newick**

Boundaries: This ward is formed solely of the parish of Newick. It borders the District boundary to the north-east, Chailey to the west and Barcombe to the south.

Description: The ward contains the large village of Newick, on the A272 which crosses the north of the District. It is primarily a dormitory village for commuters who travel to London from Haywards Heath.

3.14 **Ouse Valley and Ringmer**

Boundaries: The ward is made up of the parishes of Ringmer, Glynde, Beddingham, Firle, Tarring Neville and South Heighton. Its full eastern boundary forms the edge of Lewes District. To the south, it borders the towns of Seaford and Newhaven, to the west it neighbours Piddinghoe, Southease, Rodmell, Iford, Lewes and Hamsey, and to the north the parish of Barcombe.

Description: A largely rural ward, it contains the large village of Ringmer, and the smaller villages of Glynde, Firle and South Heighton. It has many visitor attractions including the world famous Glyndebourne Opera House and Charleston Farm House, a National Trust property. It is also popular with visitors to the South Downs National Park containing the Mount Caburn and Blackcap Hill. It also contains the excellent road links of the A26 (north to south) and the A27 (east to west).

3.15 **Peacehaven East**

Boundaries: The ward is bordered with Peacehaven North and West wards, and Newhaven Valley and Denton and Meeching Wards.

Description: A predominantly residential ward, it is cut through by the A259 coast road. It contains a large new sewage works to the north of the ward. The southern coastal edge is formed of cliffs which are part of the Brighton to Newhaven Cliffs SSSI.

3.16 **Peacehaven North**

Boundaries: The ward is bordered by Telscombe to the west and the parish of Piddinghoe to the north. It also shares a boundary with both the other Peacehaven wards.

Description: This ward is also predominantly residential. The southern coastal edge is formed of cliffs which are part of the Brighton to Newhaven Cliffs SSSI.

3.17 **Peacehaven West**

Boundaries: The ward shares its boundary with Telscombe to the west and Peacehaven North and East wards.

Description: This is a predominantly residential ward. It is also home to the Peacehaven Town Council offices and a shopping centre. The southern coastal edge is formed of cliffs which are part of the Brighton to Newhaven

3.18 Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (Without)

Boundaries: The ward is formed of the parishes of Streat, Plumpton, East Chiltington and St John (Without). It shares its boundary with the parishes of Westmeston, Wivelsfield, Chailey, Hamsey and Falmer parishes.

Description: A largely rural ward, it contains the village of Plumpton, Plumpton Green, East Chiltington and Streat. The railway line passes through the ward and there is a station at Plumpton which provides commuter access to London. To the south of the ward are the South Downs and the route of the South Downs Way. The ward contains Plumpton College, a renowned college of agricultural courses. It is also home to Plumpton Racecourse which hosts both horse-racing meetings and concerts.

3.19 Seaford Central

Boundaries: As its name suggests, the ward is in the middle of the other Seaford wards of West, North, East and South.

Description: The Central ward contains Seaford station which is the end of the line from Lewes. The main shopping area of Seaford is also within the ward. To the south of the ward is Seaford Beach which is very popular with visitors. To the far south-east of the ward is the Martello Tower which houses Seaford Museum. There is also a large residential area and the well-used Salts Recreation Ground.

3.20 Seaford East

Boundaries: The eastern boundary of this ward is also the eastern-most part of Lewes District and is defined by the Cuckmere river. It also borders the Seaford North, Central and South wards.

Description: Geographically the largest of the five Seaford wards, Seaford East has a large rural area. There are two recreation grounds within the ward. The cliffs to the south of the ward are the part of the Seaford to Beachy Head SSSI. The eastern most point of the ward is at Cuckmere Haven, a river estuary which is very popular with visitors.

3.21 Seaford North

Boundaries: The northern boundary of this ward is also the edge of Lewes District and it shares its other borders with Seaford East, Central, South and West wards.

Description: The south of the ward is predominantly residential. The ward also contains the Cradle Hill industrial Estate and Seaford Cemetery. The north of the ward is rural and contains the local landmark of Cradle Hill.

3.22 Seaford South

Boundaries: The ward shares its boundaries with the other Seaford wards of Central, North and West.

Description: Seaford South has a large residential area to the north where there is also the Downs Leisure Centre. The ward is also home to the Seaford Head Golf Club. The cliffs to the south of the ward are the start of the Seaford to Beachy Head SSSI. These cliffs are home to an internationally recognised Kittiwake colony which is popular with visitors.

3.23 Seaford West

Boundaries: The ward shares its boundary with that of the parish of South

Heighton to the north, Newhaven Denton & Meeching to the west and the Seaford Central and North wards to the east.

Description: The ward includes the residential areas to the west of Seaford town as well as the village of Bishopstone to the east. There is a large rural area to the north of the ward. The south west of the ward contains the area of Tidemills, this derelict village is now popular with archaeologists and visitors.

4. ISSUES AND CHANGES

- 4.1 Based on the projected figures, the average electorate per councillor in Lewes District will be 1,993 in 2021. As a result, if left unchanged, the percentage variation in electorate from the average for each ward as currently drawn will be:

Ward	Forecast electorate in 2021	Variance (%) from average
Barcombe & Hamsey	1753	-12%
Chailey & Wivelsfield	4792	+20%
Ditchling & Westmeston	2174	+9%
East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs	5840	-2%
Kingston	1822	-9%
Lewes Bridge	3939	-1%
Lewes Castle	4468	+12%
Lewes Priory	5668	-5%
Newhaven Denton & Meeching	7105	+19%
Newhaven Valley	3015	-24%
Newick	2142	+7%
Ouse Valley & Ringmer	5487	-8%
Peacehaven East	4578	+15%
Peacehaven North	3562	-11%
Peacehaven West	3469	-13%
Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington & St John (Without)	2030	+2%
Seaford Central	4075	+2%
Seaford East	4019	+1%
Seaford North	4150	+4%
Seaford South	3735	-6%
Seaford West	3903	-2%

- 4.2 At the last Electoral Review, care was taken in adhering to strong boundaries and wherever possible, keeping readily identifiable communities wholly within wards. Therefore, it is logical that we work on the principle that where possible we will maintain existing wards and boundaries where variances are forecast to be under +/- 10%, unless compensatory changes are required to offset necessary changes in adjacent wards.
- 4.3 Having regard to the above, the Working Group agreed that the presumption would be for no change unless there was an obvious variance issue to address. Therefore, the focus was placed on five key areas of change.

- 4.4 **Chailey, Wivelsfield, Barcombe & Hamsey** – The Working Group spent considerable time looking at potential options for this area to the north of the District. There were no practical options for the readjustment of boundary lines as it is largely rural and the electors are spread across the area in small pockets of housing. This means that any piecemeal approach to balancing the electorate risks separating residents from their local community and amenities. The Working Group's final recommendation is to split the existing ward of Chailey & Wivelsfield and reassign the parish of Wivelsfield as a stand-alone, one member ward. This new ward will have a variance of +2%.
- 4.5 Further to this, the Working Group proposes that the ward of Chailey be combined with the underrepresented ward of Barcombe & Hamsey to become a two member ward. After exhaustive attention, the Working Group felt that, although this will mean a variance of +13%, it was unable to find a way to achieve a lower variance that would not result in the breaking up of existing communities.
- 4.6 **Lewes Castle and Lewes Priory** – The wards of Lewes Priory and Lewes Castle are forecast to have a variance of +12% and -5% respectively. The Working Group considered various options before deciding that the best way of reducing the variance whilst still ensuring that the local community ties were retained would be to make a small adjustment to the boundary line. This would reduce the variance to +1% and +2% for each ward respectively.
- 4.7 **Newhaven Valley and Newhaven Denton & Meeching** – Newhaven had the most urgent need of boundary change within the District, it being forecast as having two wards with variances of -24% and +19%. The Working Group felt that this provided the ideal opportunity to include the parishes of South Highton and Tarring Neville within a Newhaven District ward. The electors within these parishes are more closely linked to Newhaven than to the villages to the north. The Working Group proposed that the removal of these parishes from the Ouse Valley & Ringmer ward should release a member. This member has been moved to represent Newhaven thereby creating two, three member wards. Due to planned developments and the distribution of electors, the proposed boundary will divide Newhaven into two wards along the main A259 road.
- 4.8 **Ouse Valley & Ringmer** – As a result of the Working Group's proposal that the parishes of South Highton and Tarring Neville be combined with the new Newhaven boundary, it was necessary to redraw the boundary of the Ouse Valley & Ringmer ward. This is a simple change which results in the ward's southern edge now following the boundary line of the parishes of Beddingham and Firle. The Working Group proposed to turn this ward from a three member to a two member ward. It accepts that this will result in the ward being at a +16% variance, however it is felt that this is justifiable to ensure that the community ties of South Highton and Tarring Neville are joined with Newhaven. The Working Group looked at length at ways to avoid this variance, but it was felt that any changes to boundary lines to reduce this would be solely compensatory.
- 4.9 **Peacehaven** - All three Peacehaven wards had a forecast variance of over the +/- 10% threshold so the Working Group agreed that small changes to the

boundaries of each of these wards was desirable in order to achieve a more balanced electorate in these three wards.

5. POTENTIAL CHANGES CONSIDERED

- 5.1 Whilst variances within +/-10% of the average are the desired objective, electoral reviews are only automatically triggered in circumstances where there is a ward variance exceeding 30%, or three or more wards with variances exceeding 10%. While Lewes's electorate figures are not currently triggering a review, our projected 2021 figures show that we were right to take part in the full East Sussex review as the Council was on track to meet the trigger criteria.
- 5.2 Before coming to the decisions outlined in this proposal, the Working Group considered a number of options and suggestions from ward members, including those outlined here.
- 5.3 The proposal for Lewes Castle and Lewes Priory was originally intended to be a transfer of the Wallands Park area of Priory ward into the Lewes Castle ward, along with a member. However, when checking electorate figures it was established that this would result in the new two member Lewes Priory ward being over its ratio by 1000 electors. This led the Group to conceive the new boundary that is contained within this proposal.
- 5.4 The proposed reassignment of the parishes of South Highton and Tarring Neville was originally suggested by a ward member for Ouse Valley & Ringmer. This request also suggested moving the hamlet of Norton to within a Seaford ward. Norton has been moved, but as it is central to the parish of South Highton, it has now become part of Newhaven North ward. The Working Group felt that this was a positive proposal for the electors of Norton as it retained the parish boundary.
- 5.5 The current ward members for Chailey & Wivelsfield ward and Barcombe & Hamsey ward expressed their concerns at the proposal to create a separate Wivelsfield ward and a combined Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey ward. A number of alternatives were put to the Working Group including various slice by slice approaches to distributing the electorate to enable the wards to remain as currently designated. However, the Working Group felt that where at all possible it was more important to the electorate to retain parish boundaries and the communities therein, than to separate off small numbers of neighbours in an attempt to balance the electorate figures.

6. RECOMMENDED PROPOSALS

- 6.1 Having discussed, analysed and unanimously rejected earlier options, the Working Group has agreed that the following be the proposals to be presented to Council for acceptance.
- 6.2 The Working Group proposes that the Lewes District Council wards remain as currently designated apart from the following, where they propose the changes as outlined below. For purposes of clarity, those changes that are linked are outlined by area with a joint reasoning below for the proposed changes.

6.3 Wivelsfield

To split the current Chailey & Wivelsfield ward down the parish boundary line to create a one member ward.

6.4 Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey

To merge the parish of Chailey with the existing ward of Barcombe & Hamsey and create a two member ward.

Reasoning: The forecast variance of Chailey & Wivelsfield at +20% and Barcombe & Hamsey at -12% requires action to be taken to achieve better electoral equality. The new ward of Wivelsfield will have a ratio of +2%. The resulting ratio of the new Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey ward will be at +13%. This change, although it does not provide perfect electoral equality, does mean that the boundary will be coterminous with the existing parishes, and no viable alternative could be found to reassign electors without the splitting of clearly defined communities.

6.5 Lewes

To change the boundary between Lewes Castle and Lewes Priory wards. To move the boundary line so that Christie Road, Clare Road, Ferrers Road, Fitzjohns Road, Gundreda Road and Mildmay Road are now part of Lewes Priory ward. This represents an electorate of 423.

Reasoning: The variance for Lewes Castle was predicted to be at +12% due to some significant development that is forecast in that ward. The redrawing of the boundary along the proposed line ensures that the variance is reduced whilst the strong local community ties are retained.

6.6 Ouse Valley & Ringmer

To remove the parishes of South Highton and Tarring Neville from the current ward and place them within a new Newhaven ward. As a result, the representation will be reduced from a three member to a two member ward. This represents 852 electors.

6.7 Newhaven

To include the parishes of South Highton and Tarring Neville in addition to the currently designated wards of Newhaven Valley and Newhaven Denton & Meeching. The new boundary to be redrawn following the route, east to west, of the A259 Brighton Road. This proposal will create two, more equally balanced, three member wards.

Reasoning: The parishes of Tarring Neville and South Highton were not previously suitably assigned to an appropriate District ward, removing them from the Ouse Valley & Ringmer Ward and placing them in Newhaven means that they will be more closely linked to the communities and facilities that they use day-to-day. The Ouse Valley & Ringmer ward would be a two member ward, with a variance of +16%. The Working Group acknowledges that this is a high variance, but they could find no satisfactory way to transfer electors in such a rural area. The majority of the electors live within the large village of Ringmer and any changes to the adjoining parishes would risk breaking up very strong, ancient communities. The two new proposed wards for Newhaven have been defined along the logical boundary of the A259 and

take into account the clear communities based in the residential areas of Meeching, Valley, Denton and South Heighton. The change has re-joined the previously split community of South Heighton.

6.8 **Peacehaven**

To make small adjustments to the boundaries of all three Peacehaven wards in order to more evenly distribute the electors.

To remove Bolney Avenue, Bramber Avenue, Damon Close, Rayford Close, Steyning Avenue, Victoria Avenue from Peacehaven East and into Peacehaven West ward. This represents an electorate of 452.

To remove Bramber Avenue North, Bramber Close, Dorothy Avenue North, Edith Avenue North, Horsham Avenue North, and Southview Road from Peacehaven West and into Peacehaven North ward. This represents an electorate of 161.

Reasoning: The proposed new boundary lines have been drawn to try to achieve better electoral equality across the Peacehaven wards. The changes will bring all the wards to well within the desired +/-10%.

6.9 **Other Matters**

The Working Group considered two further matters of co-terminosity and ward names as follows:

6.10 **Co-terminosity**

With regard to the East Sussex County Council arrangements, the number of County councillors for Lewes is proposed to remain at nine, as per the current arrangements. However, it is understood that there is a wish at County Council to move to all single member divisions which would mean the division of the current Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns division within Lewes into two separate divisions.

The relevant County Councillors were invited to attend one of our Working Group meetings to view the proposals and share their comments. The joint officer Project team are liaising to ensure that, as far as possible, the proposed new District ward boundaries will be co-terminus with the new East Sussex division boundaries. The changes proposed by Lewes District Council will only slightly affect the boundaries of the County divisions. The current County divisions are not wholly co-terminous with those of Lewes District and this will not change.

6.11 **Ward Names**

The proposal means that there are only four wards where a change of name is required. The proposed wards have been assigned names that are in accordance with LGBCE guidance that the names are considered to be distinct and easily identifiable by the electorate. The Working Group unanimously proposed that:

- The current Chailey & Wivelsfield ward becomes Wivelsfield ward.
- The current Barcombe & Hamsey ward becomes Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey ward.
- The current Newhaven Valley and Newhaven Denton & Meeching wards become Newhaven North ward and Newhaven South Ward.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The Electoral Review is owned by the LGBCE who, as part of the process, invite submissions and proposals from any group or individual. A link to the LGBCE's web page has been placed on the Council's website and circulated to all councillors.
- 7.2 All councillors were asked to feed in any comments or observations about their own individual ward. Those comments that were received were taken into account by the Working Group during their deliberations. The draft proposals developed by the Working Group were also circulated to all councillors for information.
- 7.3 An informal drop-in session was held to provide an opportunity for all members to view the proposal maps and share their views. Members of the Working Group have also been liaising with their wider political groups.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 Having taken into account all the investigative work undertaken, the Working Group's conclusions and recommendations to Council at its meeting on 9 November 2015 are contained in this document, which Council is asked to consider and agree.
- 8.2 It is hoped that a ward pattern solution that the whole Council can support has been achieved. It has not been possible to come up with a set of proposals that achieves perfect electoral equality. The Working Group acknowledges that there has to be some compromise made.
- 8.3 The Council's submission will be considered by the LGBCE together with any alternative proposals put to them and other feedback as part of the consultation. The LGBCE will then publish draft recommendations for the proposed new electoral arrangements in March 2016. It is important to understand that the LGBCE's proposals could potentially be different from the Council's suggested ward arrangements.

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Proposed Ward Patterns and Ward Names

Ward	Number of Councillors	Forecast Electoral Variance in 2021 if proposals implemented		
		Electorate in 2021	Variance by %	Variance by elector
Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey * – Chailey – Barcombe – Hamsey	2 <i>(increase of 1)</i>	4508	13%	522
Wivelsfield *	1 <i>(decrease of 1)</i>	2037	2%	44
Ditchling & Westmeston – Ditchling – Westmeston	1	2173	9%	180
East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs – East Saltdean – Telscombe Cliffs	3	5840	-2%	-139
Kingston – Falmer – Iford – Kingston – Piddinghoe – Rodmell – St Ann (Without) – Southease	1	1822	-9%	-171
Lewes Bridge	2	3939	-1%	-47
Lewes Castle (less Christie Road, Clare Road, Ferrers Road, Fitzjohns Road, Gundreda Road, Mildmay Road)	2	4044	1%	58
Lewes Priory (including Christie Road, Clare Road, Ferrers Road, Fitzjohns Road, Gundreda Road, Mildmay Road)	3	6090	2%	111
Newhaven North * – South Highton – Tarring Neville	3 <i>(increase of 1)</i>	5277	-11%	-702
Newhaven South *	3	5695	-5%	-284

Ward	Number of Councillors	Forecast Electoral Variance in 2021 if proposals implemented		
		Electorate in 2021	Variance by %	Variance by elector
Newick	1	2142	7%	149
Ouse Valley & Ringmer – Beddingham – Firle – Glynde – Ringmer	2 (decrease of 1)	4635	16%	649
Peacehaven East (less Bolney Avenue, Bramber Avenue, Damon Close, Rayford Close, Steyning Avenue, Victoria Avenue)	2	4126	4%	140
Peacehaven North (including Bramber Avenue North, Bramber Close, Dorothy Avenue North, Edith Avenue North, Horsham Avenue North, Southview Road)	2	3723	-7%	-263
Peacehaven West (less Bramber Avenue North, Bramber Close, Dorothy Avenue North, Edith Avenue North, Horsham Avenue North, Southview Road) (including Bolney Avenue, Bramber Avenue, Damon Close, Rayford Close, Steyning Avenue, Victoria Avenue)	2	3760	-6%	-226
Plumpton, Streat, E.Chiltington & St John (without) – Plumpton – Streat – East Chiltington – St John (Without)	1	2030	2%	37
Seaford Central	2	4075	2%	89
Seaford East	2	4019	1%	33
Seaford North	2	4150	4%	164
Seaford South	2	3735	-6%	-251
Seaford West	2	3903	-2%	-83

* Proposed Ward Name