Local Government Boundary Commission for England

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Summary Report
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Babergh District Council

New draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



Who we are:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Electoral review:

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Why Babergh?

Babergh District Council submitted a formal request to the Commission for an electoral review.

Our proposals:

- Babergh District Council currently has 43 councillors.
- We propose that the council should have 32 councillors in future, representing three three-councillor wards, five two-councillor wards and 13 one-councillor wards across the district.
- Babergh should have 21 wards, six fewer than at present. The boundaries of all wards should change; none will stay the same.

You have until 30 April 2018 to have your say on the recommendations