

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## ***News Release***

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### **COUNCIL'S PROPOSALS FOR LOCAL ELECTORAL WARDS**

The Council's General Purposes Committee agreed the Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission on future warding arrangements for the borough at its meeting last week (13 November).

The Commission has said that it is minded to recommend that the number of Councillors be reduced from 63 to 45. The Council is proposing 19 wards: 9 with 3 Councillors, 8 with 2 Councillors and 2 with 1 Councillor.

Details of the proposals, including maps showing the proposed boundaries, are available on the Council's website.

The Commission will consider how well the Council's proposals ensure that each Councillor represents on average the same number of electors, that the wards proposed reflect community identity and that they support effective and convenient local government. Any comments or proposals from other individuals or groups will also be considered.

Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE, Leader of the Council said: "The proposals for wards submitted by the Council will ensure that Councillors can properly represent every resident and local community, as well as responding to the issues relevant to the Borough's town centres. Reducing the number of Councillors to 45 will also help save money and with our plans to streamline the Council's decision-making".

The Commission will publish its draft recommendations on 9 February and a further period of consultation will last until 4 April. Final recommendations will be published in July 2016. New wards will apply for the Council elections in 2018.

Further information about the review of electoral arrangements in Bexley is available on the Commission's website: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/greater-london/bexley>

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A copy of the Council's proposals is available using the link at the foot of this email.

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