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Summary

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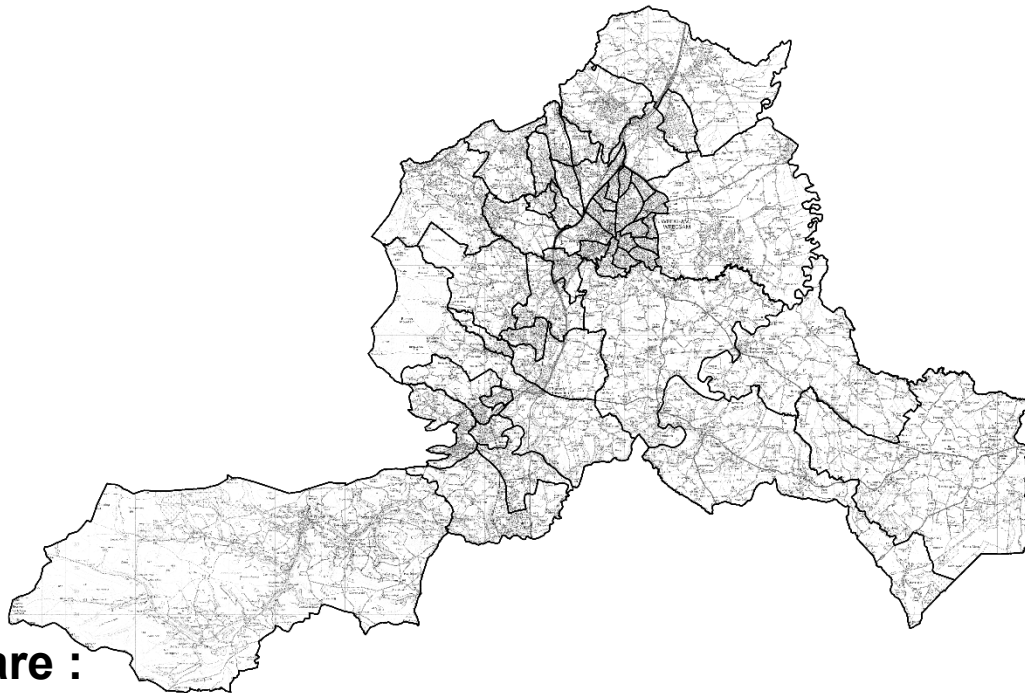
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County Borough of Wrexham

Summary of Final Recommendations



Who we are :

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales is an independent Welsh Government Sponsored Body.

It was established under the Local Democracy (Wales) Act 2013 with the main purpose of publishing a programme of work which keeps under review the electoral arrangements for the 22 principal councils.

The Commission makes electoral review recommendations, which it feels are in the interest of effective and convenient local government.

This review has been conducted as a result of the former Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government's Written Statement of 23 June 2016 as part of an all Wales review programme for the 2022 local government elections.

Summary of our Recommendations:

The Commission recommends a council of 56 members, an increase from the current size of 52. The Commission recommends a change to the arrangement of electoral wards that will achieve a marked improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County Borough of Wrexham.

The Commission recommends 49 electoral wards, an increase of two from the 47 existing wards.

The largest under-representation is recommended to be 27% above the proposed county average in **Gresford East and West** and **Gwersyllt West**.

The largest over-representation is recommended to be 27% below the proposed county average in **Rossett**.

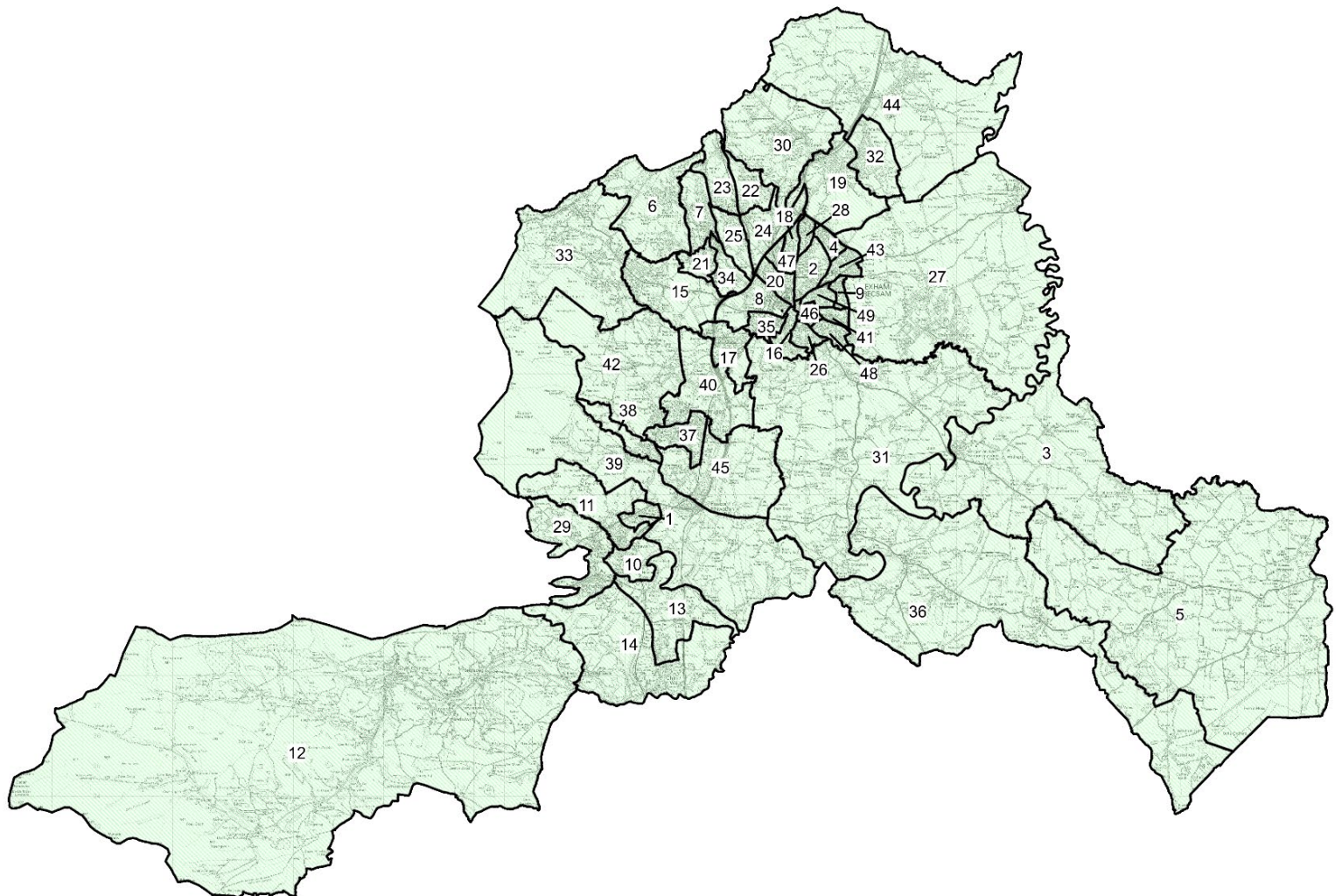
The Commission recommends seven multi-member wards in the county borough consisting of seven two-member electoral wards.

The Commission recommends retaining 24 electoral wards.

The Commission recommends that four electoral wards within the county borough which combine a part of a warded community, along with its neighbouring community.

Stage of Review	Description
24 September 2018	The Commission wrote to Wrexham County Borough Council and other interested parties
15 October 2018 – 07 January 2019	Initial Consultation Period
06 January 2020	Draft Proposals Published
14 January 2020 – 27 March 2020 01 July 2020 – 13 July 2020	Consultation Period on Draft Proposals
05 November 2020	Final Recommendations Published

Overview of Final Recommendations for the County Borough of Wrexham



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Key :

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| 1. Acrefair North | 26. Hermitage |
| 2. Acton and Maesydre | 27. Holt |
| 3. Bangor Is-y-Coed | 28. Little Acton |
| 4. Borrass Park | 29. Llangollen Rural |
| 5. Bronington and Hanmer | 30. Llay |
| 6. Brymbo | 31. Marchwiel |
| 7. Bryn Cefn | 32. Marford and Hoseley |
| 8. Brynyffynnon | 33. Minera |
| 9. Cartrefle | 34. New Broughton |
| 10. Cefn East | 35. Offa |
| 11. Cefn West | 36. Overton and Maelor South |
| 12. Dyffryn Ceiriog | 37. Pant and Johnstown |
| 13. Chirk North | 38. Penycae |
| 14. Chirk South | 39. Penycae and Ruabon South |
| 15. Coedpoeth | 40. Ponicaau |
| 16. Erddig | 41. Queensway |
| 17. Esclusham | 42. Rhos |
| 18. Garden Village | 43. Rhosnesni |
| 19. Gresford East and West | 44. Rossett |
| 20. Grosvenor | 45. Ruabon |
| 21. Gwenfro | 46. Smithfield |
| 22. Gwersyllt East | 47. Stansty |
| 23. Gwersyllt North | 48. Whitegate |
| 24. Gwersyllt South | 49. Wynnstay |
| 25. Gwersyllt West | |

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Wrexham.

It now falls to the Welsh Government, if it thinks fit, to give effect to these final recommendations either as submitted, or with modifications.

The Welsh Government may also direct us to conduct a further review.

Our Final Recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

WARD NAME	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2018	2018 RATIO	% variance from average	ELECTORATE 2023	2023 RATIO	% variance from average
Acrefair North	1	1,639	1,639	-9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Acton and Maesydre	2	3,824	1,912	6%	3,932	1,966	5%
Bangor Is-y-Coed	1	1,628	1,628	-10%	1,628	1,628	-13%
Borras Park	1	1,964	1,964	9%	1,964	1,964	5%
Bronington and Hanmer	1	1,466	1,466	-19%	1,466	1,466	-22%
Brymbo	2	3,107	1,554	-14%	3,274	1,637	-13%
Bryn Cefn	1	1,966	1,966	9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Brynyffynnon	1	2,026	2,026	12%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cartrefle	1	1,636	1,636	-9%	1,636	1,636	-13%
Cefn East	1	1,669	1,669	-7%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cefn West	1	1,703	1,703	-5%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dyffryn Ceiriog	1	1,679	1,679	-7%	1,679	1,679	-10%
Chirk North	1	1,836	1,836	2%	1,836	1,836	-2%
Chirk South	1	1,552	1,552	-14%	1,552	1,552	-17%
Coedpoeth	2	3,532	1,766	-2%	3,532	1,766	-6%

Erddig	1	1,801	1,801	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Esclusham	1	2,099	2,099	17%	2,154	2,154	15%
Garden Village	1	1,644	1,644	-9%	1,644	1,644	-12%
Gresford East and West	1	2,291	2,291	27%	2,333	2,333	25%
Grosvenor	1	1,934	1,934	7%	1,968	1,968	5%
Gwenfro	1	1,825	1,825	1%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gwersyllt East	1	1,961	1,961	9%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gwersyllt North	1	2,009	2,009	12%	2,018	2,018	8%
Gwersyllt South	1	1,727	1,727	-4%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Gwersyllt West	1	2,292	2,292	27%	2,328	2,328	24%
Hermitage	1	1,762	1,762	-2%	1,762	1,762	-6%
Holt	1	2,219	2,219	23%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Little Acton	1	1,819	1,819	1%	1,819	1,819	-3%
Llangollen Rural	1	1,601	1,601	-11%	1,601	1,601	-14%
Llay	2	3,587	1,794	0%	4,334	2,167	16%
Marchwiel	1	1,855	1,855	3%	1,855	1,855	-1%
Marford and Hoseley	1	1,872	1,872	4%	1,872	1,872	0%
Minera	1	1,844	1,844	2%	1,844	1,844	-2%
New Broughton	1	1,917	1,917	6%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Offa	1	2,078	2,078	15%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Overton and Maelor South	1	2,146	2,146	19%	2,234	2,234	19%
Pant and Johnstown	2	4,072	2,036	13%	4,063	2,032	9%
Penycae	1	1,561	1,561	-13%	1,561	1,561	-17%
Penycae and Ruabon South	1	1,972	1,972	10%	2,135	2,135	14%

Ponicau	1	1,840	1,840	2%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Queensway	1	1,534	1,534	-15%	1,534	1,534	-18%
Rhos	1	1,691	1,691	-6%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rhosnesni	2	2,887	1,444	-20%	2,887	1,444	-23%
Rossett	2	2,617	1,309	-27%	2,842	1,421	-24%
Ruabon	1	2,153	2,153	20%	2,153	2,153	15%
Smithfield	1	1,803	1,803	0%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Stansty	1	1,735	1,735	-4%	1,735	1,735	-7%
Whitegate	1	1,850	1,850	3%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wynnstay	1	1,625	1,625	-10%	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	56	100,850	1,801		104,845	1,872	