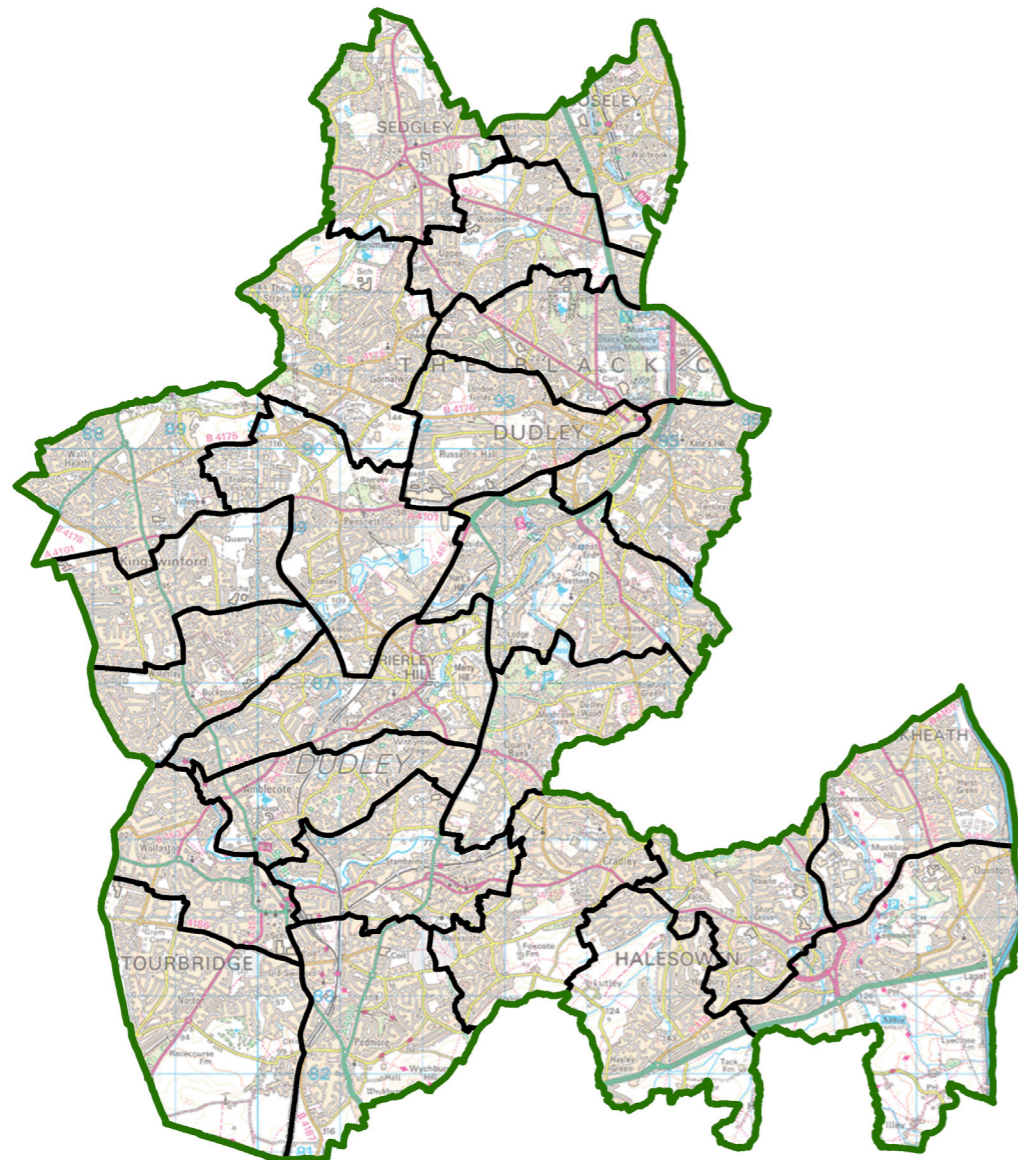


# Dudley Council

## Final 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 electors ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why Dudley?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England 'from time to time'.
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council has not been reviewed since 2003 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Dudley in advance of the elections in 2024.

### Our proposals

- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council currently has 72 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 72 councillors should serve the council in the future.
- We believe our final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
  1. Deliver electoral equality for electors
  2. Reflect community interests and identities
  3. Promote effective and convenient local government

## Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Dudley should have 72 councillors, the same as there are now.

Dudley should have 24 wards, the same as now. The boundaries of nine of the existing wards should change.

The 72 councillors should represent 24 three-councillor wards across the borough.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right.

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Stage of Review	Description
5 January 2023 - 15 March 2023	Public consultation on warding arrangements
4 July 2023- 11 September 2023	Public consultation on draft recommendations
28 November 2023	Publication of final recommendations
May 2024	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

# Overview of final recommendations for Dudley Council

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