

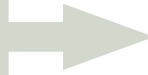
DORSET

NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

September 2026

Currently there are:

- 82 councillors
- 52 wards
- 28 single-councillor wards, 18 two-councillor wards and 6 three-councillor wards



We are proposing:

- 84 councillors
- 58 wards
- 38 single-councillor wards, 14 two-councillor wards and 6 three-councillor wards



A public consultation is open until **9 November 2026**



We aim to make sure Dorset councillors represent a similar number of electors



Currently there are:

- 16 wards that are more than 10% away from the average number of electors per ward
- 0 wards that are more than 30% away from the average



Our proposals mean that:

- 2 wards will be more than 10% away from the average number of electors per ward
- Each councillor will represent an average of 3,836 electors