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**Summary Report**

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**https://www.lgbce.org.uk/isles-scilly**

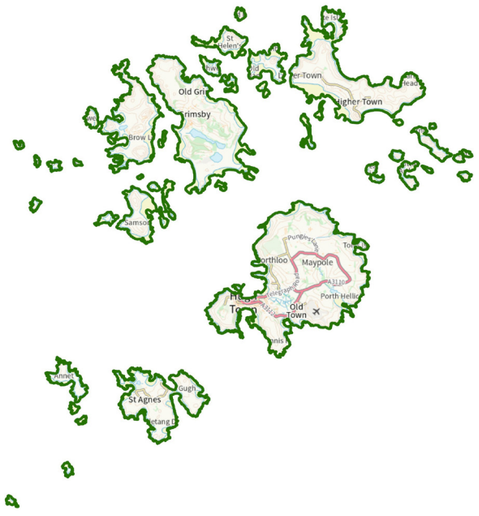
# Council of the Isles of Scilly

## Final Recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

### Our Recommendations

We are recommending no change to wards for the Isles of Scilly. The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations along with the number of electors 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 2031 so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

| | Ward name | Number of | Electorate (2026) | Number of electors per | Variance from average % | Electorate (2031) | Number of electors per | Variance from average % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Bryher | 1 | 72 | 72 | -26% | 73 | 73 | -25% |
| 2 | St Agnes | 1 | 61 | 61 | -36% | 64 | 64 | -34% |
| 3 | St Martin’s | 1 | 111 | 111 | 14% | 113 | 113 | 16% |
| 4 | St Mary’s | 12 | 1,218 | 102 | 4% | 1,212 | 101 | 4% |
| 5 | Tresco | 1 | 102 | 102 | 4% | 97 | 97 | 0% |
| | **Totals** | **16** | **1,564** | **-** | **-** | **1,559** | **-** | **-** |
| | **Averages** | **-** | **-** | **98** | **-** | **-** | **97** | **-** |




### 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.
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why Scilly?

- The Commission has a legal duty to carry out an electoral review of each council in England ‘from time to time’.
- The Council of the Isles of Scilly has not been reviewed since 2017 and the Commission has therefore decided that it should review Scilly in advance of the elections in 2029.

### Our proposals

- The Council of the Isles of Scilly currently has 16 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, we recommend that 16 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 are recommending no change to wards for the Isles of Scilly.

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

The final recommendations propose that the Isles of Scilly should have 16 councillors, the same as there are now.

The Isles of Scilly should have 5 wards, the same as there are no. The boundaries of none of the existing wards should change.

The 16 councillors should represent four single-councillor wards and one twelve-councillor wards across the Isles.

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

Find out more at
**https://www.lgbce.org.uk/isles-scilly**

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- read the full report of our recommendations.
- find more guidance on the review process

| Stage of Review | Description |
|---|---|
| 25 August 2026 - 19 October 2026 | Public consultation on draft recommendations |
| 24 November 2026 | Publication of final recommendations |
| May 2029 | Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections |

# Overview of final recommendations for the Council of the Isles of Scilly

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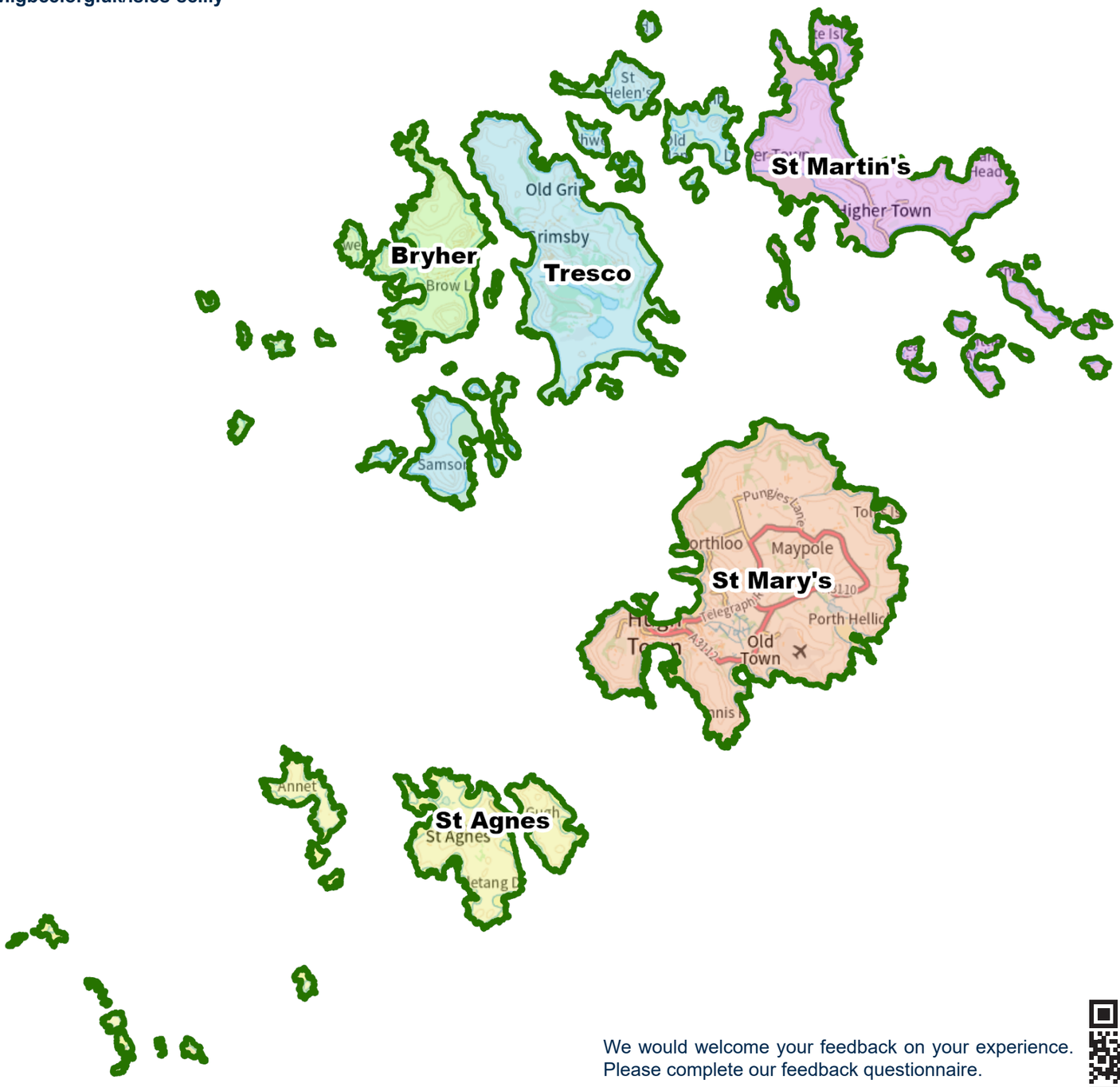


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