

London Borough of Bexley

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BEXLEY WELCOMES FINAL BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Yesterday's publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's final recommendations, following its review of electoral arrangements in the London Borough of Bexley, has been welcomed by Council Leader Cllr Teresa O'Neill OBE.

It brings to a conclusion a process started when the Council asked the Commission to carry out the review.

Cllr O'Neill welcomed the Commission's report, which proposes a reduction in the number of local Councillors from 63 to 45 and the redrawing of the Borough's Ward boundaries.

Rather than 21 Wards, each represented by three Councillors, it recommends that the borough has 11 three-member wards and six two-member wards.

"I would like to thank the Boundary Commission for its report, which shows it has carefully considered the views of local residents, the Council and the political parties.

"I am particularly pleased because the proposals would achieve the reduction we believe is needed in the number of local Councillors, to reflect the significant reduction in our budget over the past 10 years.

"Reducing the number of Councillors to 45 will save more than £200,000 a year – money which can be spent on front line services."

You can read the Commission's final recommendations in full on its website at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5959>

Now that the Commission has published its final recommendations, it will lay a draft order in both Houses of Parliament. Parliament will then have 40 days to consider these recommendations. If both Houses are satisfied with them, the draft order will be 'made' and the new wards will come into effect at the next Council elections in May 2018.

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