

Thanet District Council



LGBCE Electoral Review

BEAWP - 22 August 2023

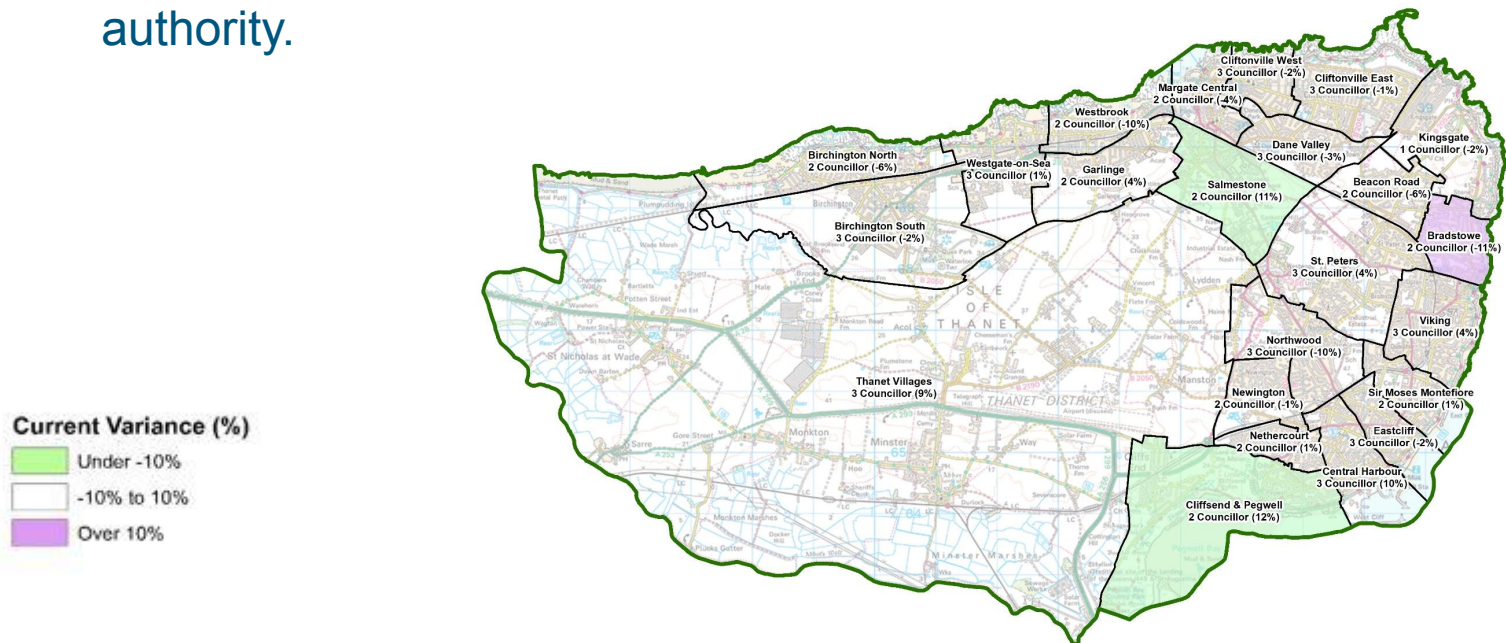
What does an Electoral Review Determine?

Electoral Reviews are carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on a periodic basis. They review the following:

- Total number of councillors
- Total number of wards
- Ward boundaries
- Number of councillors elected to each ward
- Names of each ward

Why Thanet?

- Thanet's boundaries have not been reviewed since 2001.
- This review will also address the poor levels of electoral equality in the authority.



Preliminary Period - Electoral Data

The LGBCE will require:

- Recent electoral register
- Geocoded electoral register
- Geocoded polling district map
- Forecast electorate for 2030 by polling district
 - Using LGBCE methodology OR
 - Your own methodology
- Details of parish electoral arrangements
- Details of any local orders.
- All by 30 January 2024

Preliminary Period - Community Engagement

The LGBCE require us to create a Stakeholder database: (e.g.)

- Neighbourhood forums
- Hard to reach groups
- Civic societies
- Single-issue groups
- Public bodies etc

And a Communications plan:

- Website
- Social media
- Resident magazine/bulletins
- Posters & reports
- Named communications contact

By: 30 January 2024

Review Process

The Process is divided into two main parts:

1. Councillor Numbers
2. Warding Arrangements.

Part 1: Councillor Numbers

Effective representations will address:



By When?

- Draft Submission by: *2 January 2024*
- Final Submission by: *30 January 2024*

Part 2: Warding Patterns

Effective representations will address:

Electoral
equality for
voters

Community
identities and
interests

Effective and
convenient local
government

When?

- Consultation on warding patterns: *19 March 2024 to 27 May 2024*
- Consultation on draft recommendations: *3 September 2024 to 11 November 2024*

Timeline



Effective Representations

What the LGBCE will consider and look for in a submission:

- Rationale not assertion.
- What you DO & don't like.
- Alternatives.
- Practical community examples.
- Consideration of all 3 statutory criteria.

What the LGBCE will not consider in a submission:

- Political consequences.
- “It ain't broke don't fix it” arguments.
- Parliamentary boundaries.
- Postcodes or addresses.
- House prices & insurance.

Order making

- Final Recommendations are published
- Draft order drawn up
- Laid in Parliament for 40 days (cannot be amended)
- Order made
- New boundaries implemented at scheduled election