

Thanet District Council



Electoral Review Progress Update

5 October 2023

Update

- Update on progress on the information pack for LGBCE.
- Update on evidence gathered so far.
- Discussion around sourcing further evidence.
- Undertaking a member survey.

Information required by LGBCE

The following is a list of all the information required by the LGBCE:

- Geocoded Electoral Register
- Current & Forecast Electorate,
- Forecasting Methodology
- Housing Development Data,
- Polling District Maps
- Polling District Review Report
- Parish Electoral Arrangements
- Parish Ward Maps
- Local Orders & Governance Changes
- Communications Planning
- Stakeholder Database

Information required by LGBCE

- The [forecast document](#) has been updated with electoral information and we now need to identify any predictions that are outside of their model (this will be explained in the later presentation)
- Digital and GIS have been instructed to provide the spatial data and maps
- Communications have scheduled in the work to create a communications plan.
- Legal are currently undertaking searches to see if there are any Local Orders.
- Dem Services are collating the [stakeholder database](#) and have added over 100 contacts.
- Progress on this is going well.

Update on evidence gathering

BEAWP agreed to aim for a number between 36 and 44.

This requires us to find evidence to support a reduction in the number of members.

- Outside Bodies Commitments
- Change between Committee System and Cabinet system
- Better use of ICT equipment.
- Governance model will remain the same (Cabinet numbers)
- Extensive officer decision making & small policy framework and set key decision thresholds
- Single Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Update on evidence gathering

- Member support and training
- Linking the busy issue to fewer and smaller committees

Next Steps

- Does the Working Party see any value in surveying members to find out “how busy” Cllrs are?
- We will bring all the evidence we have collected to inform a debate regarding refining the number further.
- Further progress update on the data gathering.
- Comparison of the CIPFA 15 Councils, to ensure that we are not proposing a solution outside of our comparator Councils.