



**Meeting: Constitution Committee**

**Date/Time: Thursday, 25 June 2015 at 2.00 pm**

**Location: Executive Committee Room - County Hall**

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### **Membership**

Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC   Mr. N. J. Rushton CC  
Mr. S. J. Galton CC   Mr. R. Sharp CC  
Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC

### **AGENDA**

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Report by</u></b>
1. Appointment of Chairman.	
<i>Mr N.J. Rushton was nominated as Chairman elect at the Council meeting on 19 May 2015.</i>	
2. Election of Deputy Chairman.	
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2015.	(Pages 3 - 6)
4. Question Time.	
5. Questions asked under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).	
6. To advise of any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent.	
7. Declarations of interest.	
8. Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council.	Chief Executive (Pages 7 - 94)



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| 9.  | Proposed amendment to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules.     | Chief Executive | (Pages 95 - 98)  |
| 10. | Review and Revision of the Constitution.                          | Chief Executive | (Pages 99 - 102) |
| 11. | Any other items which the Chairman has decided to take as urgent. |                 |                  |



Minutes of a meeting of the Constitution Committee held at County Hall, Glenfield on Tuesday, 10 March 2015.

PRESENT

Mr. N. J. Rushton CC (in the Chair)

Dr. R. K. A. Feltham CC  
Mr. S. J. Galton CC

Mr. Max Hunt CC  
Mr. J. B. Rhodes CC

17. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2014.

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2014 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

18. Question Time.

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 35.

19. Questions asked under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

The Chief Executive reported that no questions had been received under Standing Order 7(3) and 7(5).

20. Urgent Items.

There were no urgent items for consideration.

21. Declarations of interest.

The Chairman invited members who wished to do so to declare any interest in respect of items on the agenda for the meeting.

It was noted that all members had personal interests in Item 6 Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council.

22. Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to seek the views of the Committee on the proposed submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) regarding Council size. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 6' is filed with these minutes.

The Committee was advised that the Electoral Review had come about because more than 30% of the Council's divisions had an electoral imbalance of more than 10%. The first stage of the Review had begun which involved deciding Council size. In making this decision the following would be taken into account:

- (i) The Council's decision making processes.
- (ii) The scrutiny arrangements and Regulatory committees.
- (iii) The local representational role of members
- (iv) Electorate forecasting for 2021

The Committee were advised the following:

- (i) A company called Edge Analytics had been engaged to undertake electoral forecasting for 2021 and they had presented their findings to the Working Party. Discussion had taken place with the LGBCE regarding the inclusion of housing developments in Blaby and North West Leicestershire which had outline planning permission. As a result of those discussions the figures from Edge Analytics on the projected electorate for Blaby and North West Leicestershire had been revised. A copy of the revised figures was circulated and is filed with these minutes.
- (ii) Based on the revised figures, the Council size which would give the best average variation would be 42 followed by either 49 or 55. The Working Party had agreed to a Submission on Council size based around 55 Councillors. The Submission, if agreed, would go before the County Council on 25 March 2015 for approval.
- (iii) Officers were working on a proposed County Council scheme for electoral division boundaries which would be presented to the Working Party on 30 March. In devising a scheme the main issue officers had to take into account was seeking to achieve electoral equality. Electoral divisions could not cross district boundaries however parishes and town councils could be split.
- (iv) It was open to political parties to produce their own scheme to be submitted to the LGBCE alongside the County Council scheme.
- (v) Two member divisions would be considered where these offered the opportunity for achieving electoral equality.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the report on the Electoral Review of Leicestershire be noted.
- (b) That the submission to the LGBCE in relation to Council size be submitted to the County Council for approval.

## 23. Establishment of a Local Pension Board.

The Committee considered a report of the Chief Executive regarding the proposed establishment of the Local Pension Board. A copy of the report marked 'Agenda Item 7' is filed with these minutes.

The County Solicitor explained that the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Governance) Regulations 2015 required that a Local Pension Board be established by 1 April 2015. The Board required 2 members from the County Council and Mr A. M. Kershaw CC and Mr D. Jennings CC had been nominated.

RESOLVED:

That the County Council be recommended to approve:

- (a) The terms of reference of the Local Pension Board, as set out in Appendix A to the report, and the approval of Messrs Jennings and Kershaw thereto;
- (b) The renaming of the Pension Fund Management Board as the Local Pension Committee.

3.00 - 3.15 pm  
10 March 2015

CHAIRMAN

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## **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2015**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

#### **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

##### **Purpose**

1. This report sets out a proposed scheme for new electoral divisions in response to an invitation from Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) to interested parties to submit proposals.

##### **Background**

2. The LGBCE is responsible for conducting electoral reviews. Electoral reviews are undertaken when electoral variances become notable. The LGBCE's criteria for initiating a review are as follows:-
  - (i) more than 30% of a council's wards/divisions having an electoral imbalance of more than 10% from the average ratio for that authority; and/or
  - (ii) one or more wards/divisions with an electoral imbalance of more than 30%;
  - (iii) the imbalance is unlikely to be corrected by foreseeable changes to the electorate within a reasonable period.
3. The County Council and the LGBCE agreed that a review was required as one of the criteria for review had been met, namely that 30% of electoral divisions now had an imbalance of more than 10%. The review process formally commenced in December 2014.

##### **Statutory Rules**

4. The LGBCE has to work within the legislative guidelines and the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). Schedule 2 to the 2009 Act sets out the statutory criteria to which the LGBCE are required to have regard to in conducting electoral reviews and includes:
  - (i) the need to secure equality of representation;
  - (ii) the need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities; and
  - (iii) the need to secure effective and convenient local government.

5. In relation to the community identities and interests criterion, the LGBCE would aim to determine boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable, would not break local ties, and be long-lasting boundaries for divisions. The LGBCE will take into account factors such as the location and boundaries of parishes and the physical features of the local area when drawing boundaries.
6. In relation to parishes the legislation states:-
  - (i) every ward of a parish having a parish council (whether separate or common) must lie wholly within a single electoral division of the relevant county council, and a single ward of the relevant district council; and
  - (ii) every parish which is not divided into parish wards must lie wholly within a single electoral division of the county council and a single ward of the district council.
7. There is an additional requirement that when County Councils' electoral division boundaries are reviewed the LGBCE is required to have regard to the boundaries of district or borough wards. When making their recommendations, the LGBCE must ensure that every electoral division is wholly within a single district, so that no division crosses the boundary between two neighbouring districts.
8. Finally, Schedule 2 to the 2009 Act also states that the LGBCE should take into account any changes to the number and distribution of electors that is likely to take place within the five years following the end of a review. This requirement means that at the start of a review the County Council has been asked to provide the LGBCE with electorate forecasts up to 2021. These forecasts will form the basis of the new electoral divisions.

### **The Review Process**

9. There are four main stages in the process for undertaking electoral reviews which are as follows:-

Stage 1	LGBCE to determine the Council size and agree electorate forecasts to 2021.
Stage 2	Invitation to interested persons to submit proposals for new electoral divisions (May 12 – July 21).
Stage 3	LGBCE to consider the proposals submitted and publish its draft recommendations for new electoral divisions consultation (October to December 2015)
Stage 4	LGBCE publishes its final recommendations on the new electoral divisions and an Order is laid in Parliament to give effect to this (March 2016).



## **Stage 1**

10. The first stage of the process commenced in late 2014. This involved the County Council commissioning external consultants, Edge Analytics, to assist in preparing electorate forecasts in line with the guidance laid down by the LGBCE. The outcome of this work was submitted to the LGBCE in March and those forecasts were agreed. The agreed forecasts now form the basis on which the Council's and other interested parties proposals will be constructed. The electorate forecasts can be found on the LGBCE website via the following link <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/east-midlands/leicestershire/leicestershire-county-council>.
11. As part of this first stage, the LGBCE invited the County Council to submit proposals on Council size. The question of Council size is the starting point in any electoral review, since it will determine the optimum 'councillor:elector ratio' across all electoral areas against which levels of electoral imbalance can be measured. The County Council submitted its proposals on Council size in March 2015 and put a case forward to retain the Council size at its current level – 55 members. The LGBCE on 12<sup>th</sup> May indicated that it was minded to recommend a Council size of 55 members. Consequently, based on the forecasts and a council size of 55, each elected county councillor would represent 9,466 electors in 2014 rising to 9,984 in 2021. The Council Council's submission on Council size can be accessed via the following link [http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/C00000134/M00004177/AI00043379/\\$ReportoftheConstitutionCommitteeAppendix1.docA.ps.pdf](http://politics.leics.gov.uk/Published/C00000134/M00004177/AI00043379/$ReportoftheConstitutionCommitteeAppendix1.docA.ps.pdf) .

## **Stage 2**

12. This report concerns the second stage of the process, to respond to the LGBCE invitation to interested parties to submit proposals for new electoral boundaries. To help prepare its scheme the County Council established a politically balanced Working Party comprising of members from the three main political groups to oversee all aspects of the review.
13. In preparing the proposed scheme the Working Party took into account the LGBCE's Electoral Review Technical Guidance - April 2014 and the statutory rules governing electoral reviews as set out in paragraphs 4 – 8 of this report. The Working Party was also advised that it was only one of a possible number of consultees as other organisations and members of the public would be able to submit their own proposals to the LGBCE.
14. In drawing up its proposals the Working Party was mindful that the main reason that a review in Leicestershire was required was to improve electoral equality. The Working Party's approach has been that, wherever possible, existing electoral divisions should be retained and that it would only propose changes where these were required to rectify electoral inequality. By seeking to retain existing electoral divisions the Working Party was of the view that it would help retain existing community identities which are now well embedded

following the implementation of last Periodic Electoral Review of Leicestershire in 2005. The initial proposals considered by the working party were circulated to political groups for consideration. The comments received from political groups can be found via this link:

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These initial proposals were subsequently amended by the Working Party and formed the public consultation document.

### **The County Council Proposal – Summary**

15. The Scheme which is now being proposed for approval by the County Council comprises of fifty three single member divisions and one two member division.
16. Overall the proposed Scheme ensures that 121 out of the 151 district/borough wards across the County are wholly contained within an electoral division. This results in 80% co-terminosity across the county.
17. The Scheme proposal significantly improves electoral equality as 50 of the 54 electoral divisions are within the +/- 10% tolerance of the county average. Four divisions exceed this tolerance, 3 divisions are between +/- 11% -13% and one is between +/- 14% - 15%. The Working Party believes that it is able to provide a strong justification as to why these four electoral divisions should be established as proposed. These justifications are set out in the district by district detail which appears later in this document.
18. There was all party support at the Working Party for the proposed electoral division changes in the following District and Boroughs:-
  - Blaby
  - Charnwood
  - Harborough
  - Hinckley and Bosworth
19. The proposals put forward for Melton reflect the views of the Conservative Group. A proposal from the Labour Group to split the town of Melton into two divisions, Melton East and Melton West and make some marginal changes to the Asfordby division was not supported.
20. With regard to North West Leicestershire there were two areas of disagreement. The first centred on the town of Coalville and its immediate surrounds where a Labour party proposal for a Whitwick Division and a Coalville North and Coalville South Division was not supported. The second centred on Ashby Money Hill district ward, which is in the proposed Valley electoral division. The Labour Group had argued for its inclusion in the Ashby de la Zouch division and for the Ashby Castle district ward to be in the Valley division.

21. With regard to the Oadby and Wigston there was broad support for the proposed scheme with the only exception being that the Liberal Democrat Group was in favour of a two member electoral division for the Oadby area.

### **Consultation responses**

22. The County Council consulted on its draft proposals between 18<sup>th</sup> May and 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The consultation was on-line on the County Council website and the draft proposals were drawn to the attention of all District/Borough councils within Leicestershire, the Leicestershire and Rutland Association of Local Councils (who in turn advised all Parish Councils who are members of the Association), and key community and voluntary organisations known to the County Council.
23. The Working Party acknowledged that the consultation response timescale was extremely short but necessary to accommodate the decision making process within the Council to get approval of this submission in time for the LGBCE deadline of 21 July. The consultation process was also not ideal in that:
  - (i) Only a two week period was allowed for responses.
  - (ii) Consultees were asked to provide a view on the preferred option; alternatives were not provided.
  - (iii) The non-parished areas of the County were not specifically targeted given that there was no single association/organisation through which the consultation paper could be cascaded down.
24. Recognising all of the above, the Working Party undertook the consultation as a means of providing an opportunity to get an initial view so as to provide a 'sense check' to the proposals it had put forward.
25. Fifty five responses were received to the online consultation, and two direct responses via email. Respondents were asked to comment about what they liked and/or disliked about the County Council's proposals, and whether they agreed with the proposed Electoral Division names and if they did not they were given an opportunity to propose alternative names. All the responses, as received, to the consultation can be found in the consultation response document via this link:  
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26. In the main the majority of respondents only commented about a specific district/borough however, twelve respondents made general comments or comments affecting more than one district/borough. Of those twelve, eleven respondents supported the County Council proposals. For the remaining districts/borough within the County a brief summary is set out below:-  
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27. The Member Working Party considered the outcomes of the consultation and noted that the comments in large part reflected the differences between the political parties as outlined in paragraphs 19 - 21 of this submission. However, the Working Party did make one change from its draft proposals which was to locate Ashby Money Hill in the Valley Division and the Ashby Castle district wards in Ashby de la Zouch division.

### **Equal Opportunities and Human Rights Implications**

28. The purpose of the review is to ensure that as far as possible each person's vote carries the same weight.

### **Recommendations**

29. The Committee is asked to recommended that the County Council agrees the proposals for new electoral divisions for submission to the LGBCE.

### **Background Papers**

Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Reviews Technical Guidance April 2014

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# **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

## **SCHEME OF PROPOSALS FOR NEW ELECTORAL DIVISIONS**

**JULY 2015**

## **Introduction**

1. This document sets out the County Council's proposals for new electoral divisions in Leicestershire for consideration by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

## **Background**

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  - one or more wards/divisions with an electoral imbalance of more than 30%; and
  - the imbalance is unlikely to be corrected by foreseeable changes to the electorate within a reasonable period.
3. In 2014, the County Council and the LGBCE agreed that a review was required as one of the criteria for a review had been met, namely that 30% of electoral divisions had an imbalance of more than +/-10%. Table 1 below sets out the imbalances as at the end of 2014, as well as predicted electorate forecasts up to 2021.

**Table 1 – Electoral Imbalance – Current Electoral Division**

	<b>Current Electoral Divisions using current electorate</b>	<b>Current Electoral Divisions using 2021 electoral forecast</b>
Within +/- 10%	37 (71% within)	32 (61% within)
+/- 11% - 13%	5	7
+/-14%-15%	3	6
+/-16%-17%	3	2
+/-18%-19%	1	1
+/-20%-21%	1	1
+/-22%-25%	2	2
+/- 26%-30%	0	1

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## **Stage 2**

7. The second stage of the process involves the LGBCE inviting interested parties to submit proposals for new electoral divisions. This is the County Council's response to that invitation.
8. In preparing its proposed scheme the County Council has taken into account the LGBCE's Electoral Review, Technical Guidance - April 2014, and has also been particularly mindful of the three statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 of the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 which the LGBCE has to have regard to when making its recommendations. These criteria are as follows:-
  - i. The need to secure equality of representation;
  - ii. The need to reflect the identities and interests of local communities; and
  - iii. The need to secure effective and convenient local government.
9. In addition to the above the Council has also sought to have regard to the following:-
  - i. the boundaries of the district/borough wards;
  - ii. that every electoral division is wholly within a single district.
10. To prepare its scheme the County Council established a politically balanced Working Party comprising of members from the three main political groups to oversee all aspects of the review. The Working Party was aware, when it was preparing its scheme, that it was only one of a possible number of consultees as other organisations and members of the public would be able to submit their own proposals to the LGBCE.
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25. The Member Working Party considered the outcomes of the consultation and noted that the comments in large part reflected the differences between the political parties as outlined in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 of this submission. However, the Working Party did make one change from its draft proposals to those which are being submitted and that relates to the location of Ashby Money Hill and Ashby Castle district wards in the North West Leicestershire District area.

### **County Council Detailed Proposals**

26. The detailed proposals for each district/borough council area are appended to this submission and include a brief commentary about the proposed electoral division, the electoral division in map form, and statistical information for each proposed electoral district broken down into polling district.

Appendix 1	Blaby
Appendix 2	Charnwood
Appendix 3	Harborough
Appendix 4	Hinckley and Bosworth
Appendix 5	Melton
Appendix 6	North West Leicestershire
Appendix 7	Oadby and Wigston

**Appendix 1****BLABY DISTRICT PROPOSAL**

The district of Blaby is situated to the south and west of the city of Leicester and borders Charnwood, Harborough, Hinckley, Oadby and Wigston and the County of Warwickshire.

The electorate for the district is 73,584 (2014) rising to 79,042 by 2021. The district of Blaby is entitled to eight seats on the County Council with the predicted district average by 2021 being 9,880, only 104 lower than the County average of 9,984.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Blaby and Glen Parva	9,339	-1	9,773	-2
Braunstone Town	8,448	-11	8,370	-16
Cosby and Countesthorpe	9,496	0	10,504	5
Enderby Meridian	9,397	-1	10,896	9
Glenfields	7,867	-17	8,383	-16
Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forest East	8,845	-7	9,514	-5
Narborough and Whetstone	10,415	10	10,698	7
Stanton, Croft and Normanton	9,777	3	10,904	9
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>73,584</b>		<b>79,042</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, seventy five per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Blaby and Glen Parva	9,339	-1	9,773	-2
Braunstone	10,142	7	10,111	1
Cosby and Countesthorpe	9,496	0	10,504	5
Enderby and Lubbesthorpe	7,703	-19	9,155	-8
Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forests	17,345	-8	18,578	-7
Narborough and Whetstone	10,415	10	10,698	7
Stanton, Croft and Normanton	9,144	-3	10,222	2
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>73,584</b>		<b>79,042</b>	

The Blaby proposal ensures that all the proposed electoral divisions are within the +/- 10% tolerance. It splits three of the eighteen district wards Pastures, Normanton and Winstanley, and is therefore 83% coterminous with district wards.

The only parishes/town councils split in this proposal are those of Braunstone Town and Whetstone Parish; however, it should be noted that these two are currently split.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is set out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Blaby and Glen Parva Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Braunstone Division**

This is in essence the existing electoral division with the addition of Polling District J, Braunstone – Thorpe Astley parish ward. It should be noted that under this proposal, the area covered by the Town Council of Braunstone will be split, which is the current position. Braunstone Town Council is predicted to have an electorate of 12,871 or 29% above the County average and as such it is not possible to retain the Town Council area within a single electoral division. The Town Council area is currently served by two County Councillors

### **Proposed Cosby and Countesthorpe Division**

This is currently the existing electoral division and no change is proposed. However, it should be noted that, as is the case now, the parish of Whetstone, Polling District AK, has been split, with the remainder of the parish in the proposed Narborough and Whetstone Division. The parish has become used to this arrangement over the last ten years.

### **Proposed Enderby and Lubbethorpe Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Polling District J, part of the Braunstone – Thorpe Astley parish ward which has been added to the proposed Braunstone Division. The issues relating to Braunstone Town have been explained in the Braunstone proposal. It should be noted that using 2014 electorate this proposed division has a variance of -19%. However, a major development, “New Lubbethorpe”, is due to commence and this development is predicted to have an extra four thousand homes built over the next ten to fifteen years. The County Council has taken into account this development and by 2021 the variance reduces to -8% i.e. within the LGBCE tolerance levels. By having such a negative % variance it allows for expected growth within the division post 2021.

### **Proposed Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forests Division**

This is the only two member division that the County Council is proposing. The proposed division is made up of the existing divisions of Glenfields and Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forest East together with the addition of the parishes Leicester Forest

West and Thurlaston from the existing Stanton, Croft and Normanton electoral division. The County Council is proposing this two member division on the basis of electoral equality.

The existing Glenfields Division, which is the parish of Glenfield, is predicted to have by 2021 an electorate of 8383 or -16% variance from the County average. Glenfield is bordered by Leicester City, Charnwood Borough and Hinckley and Bosworth Borough.

The only option available to the County Council to improve electoral equality was to add the parish of Kirby Muxloe. It should be noted that the parish of Kirby Muxloe is made up of two polling districts, DQ and DP, and these two polling districts are predicted to have an electorate of 370 and 3411 respectively by 2021. The County Council therefore considered the following options:-

1. Adding the whole of the parish of Kirby Muxloe to the parish of Glenfield creating a division with an electorate of 12,164 by 2021 thus giving an electoral variance of +22%.
2. Adding the polling district DP (currently within Kirby Muxloe) to the parish of Glenfields which would create a division with an electorate of 11,794 by 2021 thus giving an electoral variance of +18%.
3. Splitting the polling district of DP (currently within Kirby Muxloe) into two so that one part of it was added to the Glenfields division and the other part remained within Kirby Muxloe. This would ensure electoral equality within the parish of Glenfield. However, it would require the LG BCE to recommend a change to warding pattern within the Kirby Muxloe parish.

The County Council ruled out all the above options and in particular options 2 and 3 which would split the parish of Kirby Muxloe which in the County Council's opinion is a distinct community.

Having ruled out the splitting or adding of the parish of Kirby Muxloe to Glenfields, the only viable option for the County Council was the proposed creation of a two member division.

The two member division proposed will comprise of the parishes of Glenfield, Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East, Leicester Forest West and Thurlaston.

### **Proposed Narborough and Whetstone Division**

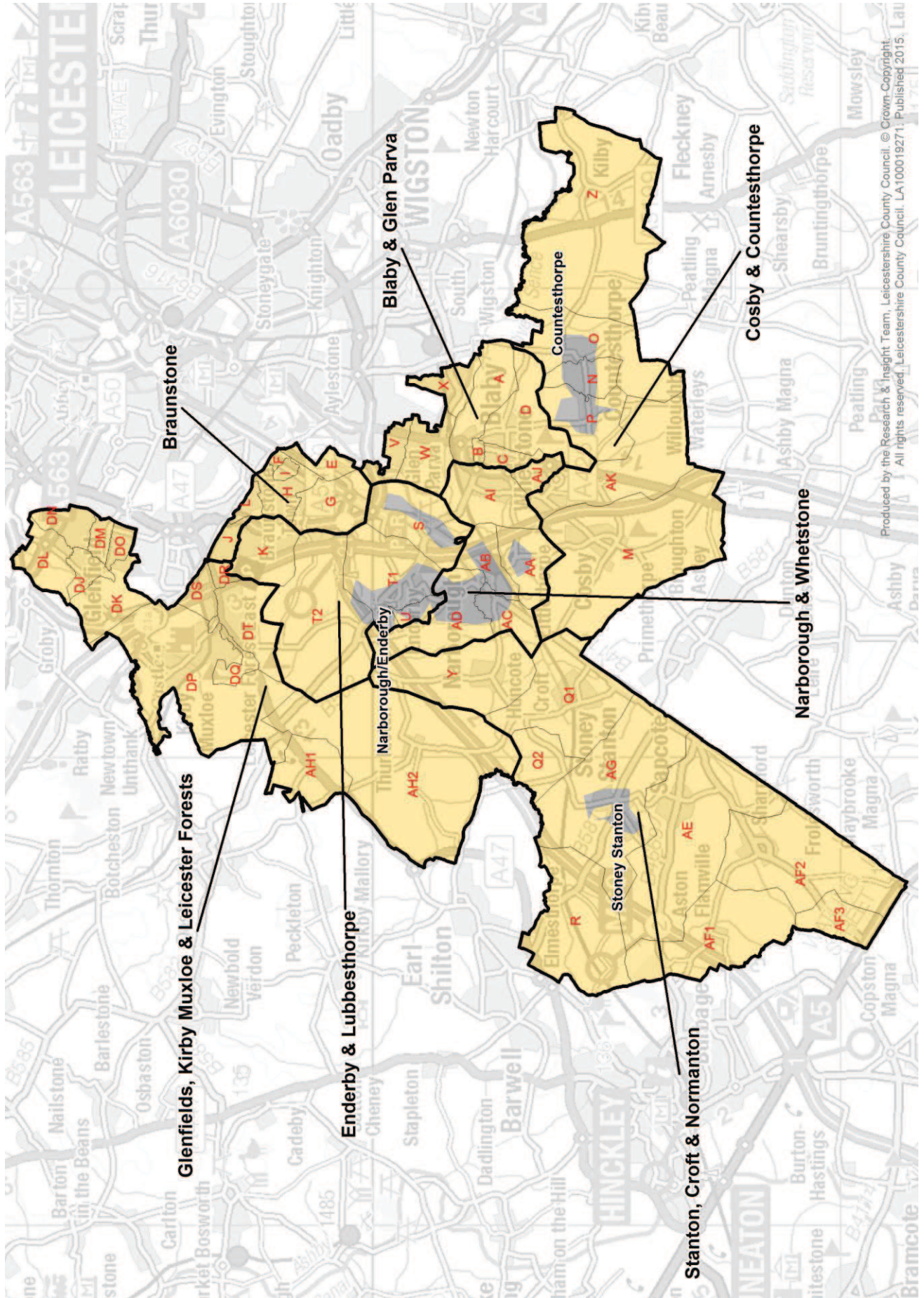
This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Stanton, Croft and Normanton Division**

This is the current electoral division with the removal of Leicester Forest West and Thurlaston parishes which have been transferred to the proposed division of Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forests.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Blaby district, shown in map form, are on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.







Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Blaby and Glen Parva Division</b>								
C -	Blaby	Blaby - South Ward	Blaby South	Blaby & Glen Parva	1139		1290	
D -	Blaby	Blaby - South Ward	Blaby South	Blaby & Glen Parva	2533		2878	
A -	Blaby	Blaby - North Ward	Saxondale	Blaby & Glen Parva	845		855	
B -	Blaby	Blaby - North Ward	Saxondale	Blaby & Glen Parva	370		375	
V -	Glen Parva	Glen Parva - East Lubbesthorpe Ward	Saxondale	Blaby & Glen Parva	1101		1104	
W -	Glen Parva	Glen Parva - North Ward	Saxondale	Blaby & Glen Parva	1923		1890	
X -	Glen Parva	Glen Parva - South Ward	Saxondale	Blaby & Glen Parva	1428		1382	
					<b>9339</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>9773</b>	<b>-2</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Braunstone Division</b>								
G -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Millfield Ward	Millfield	Braunstone Town	2073		2070	
E -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Fosse Ward	Ravenhurst & Fosse	Braunstone Town	958		943	
F -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Fosse Ward	Ravenhurst & Fosse	Braunstone Town	586		578	
H -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Ravenhurst Ward	Ravenhurst & Fosse	Braunstone Town	3354		3281	
I -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Ravenhurst Ward	Ravenhurst & Fosse	Braunstone Town	636		620	
L -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Winstanley Ward	Winstanley	Braunstone Town	841		878	
J -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Thorpe Astley Ward	Winstanley	Enderby Meridian	1694		1741	
					<b>10142</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10111</b>	<b>1</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Cosby and Countesthorpe Division</b>								
M -	Cosby	<None>	Cosby with South Whetstone	Cosby & Countesthorpe	2766		3253	
AK -	Whetstone	Whetstone - South Ward	Cosby with South Whetstone	Cosby & Countesthorpe	914		1018	
N -	Countesthorpe	<None>	Countesthorpe	Cosby & Countesthorpe	1855		2012	
O -	Countesthorpe	<None>	Countesthorpe	Cosby & Countesthorpe	1670		1788	
P -	Countesthorpe	<None>	Countesthorpe	Cosby & Countesthorpe	2066		2191	
Z -	Kilby	<None>	Countesthorpe	Cosby & Countesthorpe	225		243	
					<b>9496</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10504</b>	<b>5</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Enderby and Lubbesthorpe Division</b>								
T2 -	Lubbesthorpe	<None>	Enderby & St. John's	Enderby Meridian	50		68	
T1 -	Enderby	Enderby - Enderby Ward	Enderby & St. John's	Enderby Meridian	1850		2658	
S -	Enderby	Enderby - St. John's Ward	Enderby & St. John's	Enderby Meridian	1699		2440	
U -	Enderby	Enderby - West Ward	Pastures	Enderby Meridian	1250		1230	
K -	Braunstone	Braunstone - Thorpe Astley Ward	Winstanley	Enderby Meridian	2854		2759	
					<b>7703</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>9155</b>	<b>-8</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Glenfields, Kirby Muxloe and Leicester Forests Division</b>								
DJ -	Glenfields	Glenfields - Central Ward	Ellis	Glenfields	1415		1604	
DK -	Glenfields	Glenfields - Manor Farm Ward	Ellis	Glenfields	1546		1710	
DL -	Glenfields	Glenfields - North Ward	Ellis	Glenfields	1042		1171	
DM -	Glenfields	Glenfields - Faire Ward	Fairestone	Glenfields	1091		1108	
DN -	Glenfields	Glenfields - Glenfrith Ward	Fairestone	Glenfields	1419		1432	
DO -	Glenfields	Glenfields - Stone Ward	Fairestone	Glenfields	1354		1358	
DR -	Leicester Forest East	<None>	Forest	Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forest East	580		678	
DS -	Leicester Forest East	<None>	Forest	Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forest East	1137		1296	
DT -	Leicester Forest East	<None>	Forest	Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forest East	3376		3758	
DQ -	Kirby Muxloe	Kirby Muxloe - Hinckley Road Ward	Forest	Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forest East	329		370	
DP -	Kirby Muxloe	Kirby Muxloe - Kirby Ward	Muxloe	Kirby Muxloe & Leicester Forest East	3423		3411	
AH1 -	Leicester Forest West	<None>	Normanton	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	31		33	
AH2 -	Thurlaston	<None>	Normanton	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	602		648	
					<b>17345</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>18578</b>	<b>-7</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
Proposed Narborough and Whetstone Division								
AA -	Narborough	Narborough - Narborough & Littlethorpe Ward	Narborough & Littlethorpe	Narborough & Whetstone	1394		1461	
AB -	Narborough	Narborough - Narborough & Littlethorpe Ward	Narborough & Littlethorpe	Narborough & Whetstone	1441		1480	
AC -	Narborough	Narborough - Narborough & Littlethorpe Ward	Narborough & Littlethorpe	Narborough & Whetstone	1196		1234	
AI -	Whetstone	Whetstone - North Ward	North Whetstone	Narborough & Whetstone	2441		2614	
AJ -	Whetstone	Whetstone - North Ward	North Whetstone	Narborough & Whetstone	1391		1419	
AD -	Narborough	Narborough - Pastures Ward	Pastures	Narborough & Whetstone	2552		2489	
					10415	10	10698	7

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
Proposed Stanton, Croft and Normanton Division								
Q1 -	Croft	<None>	Croft Hill	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	1250		1239	
R -	Elmesthorpe	<None>	Croft Hill	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	412		403	
Q2 -	Potters Marston	<None>	Croft Hill	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	27		26	
Y -	Huncote	<None>	Normanton	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	1405		1512	
AF1 -	Aston Flamville	<None>	Stanton & Flamville	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	191		224	
AE -	Sapcote	<None>	Stanton & Flamville	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	1935		2269	
AF2 -	Sharnford	<None>	Stanton & Flamville	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	809		948	
AG -	Stoney Stanton	<None>	Stanton & Flamville	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	3091		3572	
AF3 -	Wigston Parva	<None>	Stanton & Flamville	Stanton, Croft & Normanton	24		28	
					9144	-3	10222	2
			Total Electorate for Blaby		73584		79042	

**Appendix 2****CHARNWOOD BOROUGH PROPOSAL**

The borough of Charnwood is in North Leicestershire and borders Blaby, Hinckley and Bosworth, Melton, North West Leicestershire, Leicester City and the County of Nottinghamshire.

The electorate for the borough is 136,501 (2014) rising to 142,514 by 2021. The borough of Charnwood is entitled to fourteen seats on the County Council with the predicted district average by 2021 being 10,179 which is only 195 higher than the County average of 9,984.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Birstall	10,581	12	11,104	11
Bradgate	10,129	7	10,678	7
Loughborough East	9,544	1	9,732	-3
Loughborough North	10,343	9	10,312	3
Loughborough North West	10,485	11	10,093	1
Loughborough South	11,688	23	12,775	28
Loughborough South West	8,755	-8	8,737	-12
Quorn and Barrow	9,917	5	10,596	6
Rothley and Mountsorrel	9,998	6	11,025	10
Shepshed	10,886	15	11,371	14
Sileby and the Wolds	8,885	-6	9,464	-5
Syston Fosse	8,617	-9	8,531	-15
Syston Ridgeway	8,904	-6	10,269	3
Thurmaston	7,769	-18	7,826	-22
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>136,501</b>		<b>142,514</b>	

As can be seen from the table, above fifty eight per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-



<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Birstall	10,415	10	10,922	9
Bradgate	10,129	7	10,678	7
Loughborough East	9,544	1	9,732	-3
Loughborough North	10,343	9	10,312	3
Loughborough North West	10,485	11	10,093	1
Loughborough South	9,967	5	10,730	7
Loughborough South West	10,476	11	10,782	8
Quorn and Barrow	9,436	0	10,061	1
Rothley and Mountsorrel	9,998	6	11,025	10
Shepshed	10,886	15	11,371	14
Sileby and the Wolds	9,366	-1	9,999	0
Syston Fosse	8,308	-12	9,127	-9
Syston Ridgeway	8,813	-7	9,025	-10
Thurmaston Ridgemere	8,335	-12	8,656	-13
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>136,501</b>		<b>142,514</b>	

The Charnwood proposal has all but two of the fourteen electoral divisions within the +/-10% tolerance and splits the following eight of the twenty eight district wards:- Barrow and Sileby, Birstall Wanlip, Loughborough Shelthorpe, Queniborough, Quorn and Mountsorrel Castle, Rothley and Thurmaston, Syston West and Wreake Villages. The proposal put forward is 72% coterminous with district wards.

In this proposal Syston Town is split which is the case now.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is set out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Birstall Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Wanlip Parish which has been added to the proposed Syston Ridgeway division.

### **Proposed Bradgate Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Loughborough East Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Loughborough North Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Loughborough North West Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Loughborough South Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Polling District Q which has been added to the proposed Loughborough South West Division

### **Proposed Loughborough South West Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of Polling District Q from the proposed Loughborough South Division

### **Proposed Quorn and Barrow Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Polling District AJ, Sileby West Parish Ward, which has been added to the proposed Sileby and the Wolds electoral division.

### **Proposed Rothley and Mountsorrel Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed

### **Proposed Shepshed Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed. The County Council is aware that this division exceeds the electoral tolerance of +10% now and by 2021 is predicted to be at +14%.

The parish of Shepshed is situated to the north west area of Charnwood and borders onto the North West Leicestershire District Council area. The parish of Shepshed is divided into two Parish wards, Shepshed East and Shepshed West, both of which have two polling districts within them. In addition the M1 motorway runs through the whole of the parish and therefore creates a natural divide from the remainder of Charnwood and any other polling district within the borough. The vast majority of the electorate are located to the west of the M1, and the parish and people of Shepshed see themselves as a distinct community.

The County Council did consider splitting the parish of Shepshed and the possibility of creating a two member division by adding polling districts to the existing Shepshed electoral division. However, the Member Working Party did not think these were viable options as it was very likely that there would be strong objections from the people and parish of Shepshed. Furthermore, it would have major implications for the rest of the proposed electoral divisions within Charnwood and the desire of the Working Party to retain existing electoral divisions where possible.

At the last Periodic Electoral Review in 2003 the projected electoral inequality was predicted to be 16% by 2007 and the County Council argued at the time that Shepshed be treated as a separate community. The Boundary Committee for

England accepted this argument and created the electoral division of Shepshed. The County Council believes that the previous arguments still hold and the existing electoral boundary should be retained.

### **Proposed Sileby and the Wolds Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of Polling District AJ, Sileby West Parish Ward, which has been removed from the proposed Quorn and Barrow electoral division. By adding this polling district it brings the parish of Sileby together which is currently split between two electoral divisions.

### **Proposed New Syston Fosse Division**

This proposed division is made up of part of the existing electoral divisions of Syston Fosse and Syston Ridgeway and comprises the parishes of East Goscote, Thrussington, Ratcliffe on the Wreake, Rearsby and Queniborough.

In addition, the proposed division also includes Syston St. Peter's ward of Syston Town Council. The County Council acknowledges this means splitting the area covered by the Town Council of Syston but given that it is currently split and represented by two County Councillors it was viewed that this was achievable. The Town Council are already used to liaising with two County Councillors.

### **Proposed New Syston Ridgeway Division**

This proposed division is made up of parts of the existing electoral divisions of Syston Fosse and Syston Ridgeway and comprises the parishes of Cossington and Wanlip which has been transferred from the existing electoral division of Birstall.

In addition the proposed division also includes the town wards of Syston Merton, Syston New Barkby and Syston St. Peter's within Syston Town. The County Council acknowledges this means splitting the Town Council of Syston but given that it is currently split and represented by two County Councillors it was of the view that this was achievable. The Town Council is already used to liaising with two County Councillors.

### **Proposed New Thurmaston Ridgemere Division**

This is in essence the existing Thurmaston electoral division but with the addition of Barkby, Beeby and South Croxton parishes.

The County Council is aware that even with the addition of these parishes the proposed electoral division is predicted to have an electorate of 8,656 or -13% variance from the County average by 2021.

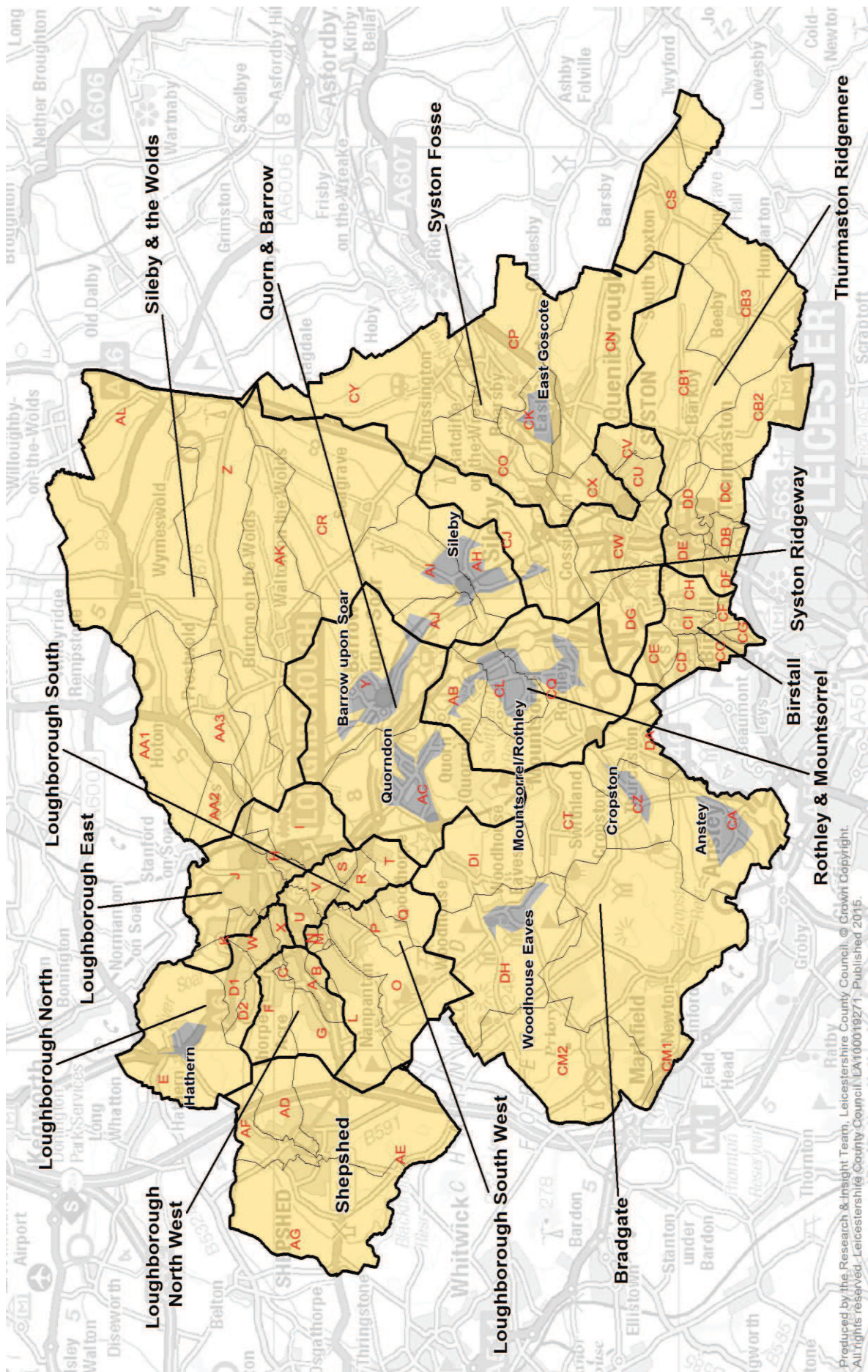
In putting forward this division the County Council was mindful that in late 2014 Charnwood Borough Council approved the Thurmaston Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) which proposes an additional 4,500 houses. However, this decision was referred to the Secretary of State and as such the additional development proposed could not be taken into consideration in the 2021 electoral forecast. On

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015 the Secretary of State decided not to call in the decision which means the application can now proceed.

Given the above and that the proposed Thurmaston SUE is a major development, similar to Lubbesthorpe in Blaby District, the County Council is assuming that electoral inequality will be significantly reduced in the coming years. The proposed electoral division allows for this imbalance to be corrected even though it is not included in the electorate forecasts to 2021. The County Council is of the view that the proposed Thurmaston SUE will have a major impact on this particular electoral division and it therefore thought it reasonable to recommend to the LGBCE that this new electoral division be agreed with a variance of -13% on the basis by 2021 or shortly thereafter the inequality will be begin to reduce.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Charnwood Borough, shown in map form are on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.





Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Birstall Division</b>								
CC -	Birstall	Birstall Goscote	Birstall Wanlip	Birstall	2046		2248	
CD -	Birstall	Birstall Greengate	Birstall Wanlip	Birstall	2075		2273	
CE -	Birstall	Birstall Greengate	Birstall Wanlip	Birstall	1012		1147	
CF -	Birstall	Birstall Netherhall	Birstall Watermead	Birstall	721		725	
CG -	Birstall	Birstall Netherhall	Birstall Watermead	Birstall	886		892	
CH -	Birstall	Birstall Riverside	Birstall Watermead	Birstall	1501		1513	
CI -	Birstall	Birstall Stonehill	Birstall Watermead	Birstall	2174		2125	
					<b>10415</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10922</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Proposed Bradgate Division</b>								
CA -	Anstey	<None>	Anstey	Bradgate	5333		5598	
CM1 -	Newtown Linford	<None>	Forest Bradgate	Bradgate	887		873	
CM2 -	Ulverscroft	<None>	Forest Bradgate	Bradgate	84		83	
DH -	Woodhouse	<None>	Forest Bradgate	Bradgate	1313		1359	
DI -	Woodhouse	<None>	Forest Bradgate	Bradgate	496		440	
CT -	Swithland	<None>	Rothley & Thurcaston	Bradgate	214		248	
CZ -	Thurcaston & Cropston	Cropston	Rothley & Thurcaston	Bradgate	835		961	
DA -	Thurcaston & Cropston	Thurcaston	Rothley & Thurcaston	Bradgate	967		1116	
					<b>10129</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10678</b>	<b>7</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Loughborough East Division</b>								
H -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Hastings	Loughborough East	1763		1841	
I -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Hastings	Loughborough East	2748		2883	
J -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Lemyngton	Loughborough East	4201		4172	
K -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Lemyngton	Loughborough East	832		836	
					<b>9544</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9732</b>	<b>-3</b>
<b>Proposed Loughborough North Division</b>								
D1 -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Dishley & Hathern	Loughborough North	2172		2170	
D2 -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Dishley & Hathern	Loughborough North	1289		1276	
E -	Hathern	<None>	Loughborough Dishley & Hathern	Loughborough North	1773		1828	
W -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Storer	Loughborough North	2210		2188	
X -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Storer	Loughborough North	2899		2850	
					<b>10343</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10312</b>	<b>3</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Loughborough North West Division</b>								
A -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Ashby	Loughborough North West	2549		2541	
B -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Ashby	Loughborough North West	2823		2547	
C -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Ashby	Loughborough North West	344		352	
F -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Garendon	Loughborough North West	3025		2957	
G -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Garendon	Loughborough North West	1744		1696	
					<b>10485</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10093</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Proposed Loughborough South Division</b>								
R -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Sheithorpe	Loughborough South	2263		2712	
S -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Sheithorpe	Loughborough South	1000		1205	
T -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Sheithorpe	Loughborough South	633		762	
U -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Southfields	Loughborough South	3342		3233	
V -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Southfields	Loughborough South	2729		2818	
					<b>9967</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10730</b>	<b>7</b>



Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Loughborough South West Division</b>								
Q -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Shelthorpe	Loughborough South	1721		2045	
L -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Nanpantan	Loughborough South West	2653		2728	
M -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Nanpantan	Loughborough South West	353		319	
N -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Nanpantan	Loughborough South West	1090		993	
O -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Outwoods	Loughborough South West	3100		3091	
P -	<None>	<None>	Loughborough Outwoods	Loughborough South West	1559		1606	
					<b>10476</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10782</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Proposed Quorn and Barrow Division</b>								
Y -	Barrow Upon Soar	<None>	Barrow & Sibley West	Quorn & Barrow	4996		5450	
AC -	Quorndon	<None>	Quorn & Mountsorrel Castle	Quorn & Barrow	4440		4612	
					<b>9436</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10061</b>	<b>1</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Rothley and Mountsorrel Division</b>								
CL -	Mountsorrel	Mountsorrel	Mountsorrel	Rothley & Mountsorrel	5502		5882	
AB -	Mountsorrel	Mountsorrel Castle	Quorn & Mountsorrel Castle	Rothley & Mountsorrel	1031		1081	
CQ -	Rothley	<None>	Rothley & Thurcaston	Rothley & Mountsorrel	3465		4062	
					<b>9998</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11025</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Proposed Shepshed Division</b>								
AD -	Shepshed	Shepshed East	Shepshed East	Shepshed	2429		2405	
AE -	Shepshed	Shepshed East	Shepshed East	Shepshed	2845		2814	
AF -	Shepshed	Shepshed West	Shepshed West	Shepshed	2708		2983	
AG -	Shepshed	Shepshed West	Shepshed West	Shepshed	2904		3170	
					<b>10886</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11371</b>	<b>14</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Sileby and the Wolds Division</b>								
AH -	Sileby	Sileby St. Gregory's	Sileby	Sileby & The Wolds	3271		3596	
AI -	Sileby	Sileby St. Mary's	Sileby	Sileby & The Wolds	2564		2822	
AJ -	Sileby	Sileby West	Barrow & Sileby West	Quorn & Barrow	481		535	
AA1 -	Hoton	<None>	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	288		285	
AK -	Walton on the Wolds	<None>	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	221		226	
AL -	Wymeswold	<None>	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	1081		1080	
Z -	Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold	Burton on the Wolds	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	916		909	
AA2 -	Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold	Cotes	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	26		26	
AA3 -	Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold	Prestwold	The Wolds	Sileby & The Wolds	56		57	
CR -	Seagrave	<None>	Wreake Villages	Sileby & The Wolds	462		464	
					<b>9366</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>9999</b>	<b>0</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Syston Fosse Division</b>								
CK -	East Goscote	<None>	East Goscote	Syston Fosse	2260		2186	
CX -	Syston	Syston St. Peter's West	Syston West	Syston Fosse	2448		2474	
CY -	Thrussington	<None>	Wreake Villages	Syston Fosse	464		463	
CO -	Ratcliffe on the Wreake	<None>	Wreake Villages	Syston Fosse	156		162	
CN -	Queniborough	<None>	Queniborough	Syston Ridgeway	2021		2879	
CP -	Rearsby	<None>	Wreake Villages	Syston Ridgeway	959		964	
					<b>8308</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>9127</b>	<b>-9</b>
<b>Proposed Sysyton Ridgeway Division</b>								
CW -	Syston	Syston New Barkby	Syston West	Syston Fosse	2845		2807	
CU -	Syston	Syston Merton	Syston East	Syston Ridgeway	2525		2649	
CV -	Syston	Syston St. Peter's East	Syston East	Syston Ridgeway	2833		2948	
CJ -	Cossington	<None>	Wreake Villages	Syston Fosse	444		440	
DG -	Wanlip	<None>	Birstall Wanlip	Birstall	166		182	
					<b>8813</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>9025</b>	<b>-10</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Thurmaston Ridgemere Division</b>								
DB -	Thurmaston	Thurmaston Central	Thurmaston	Thurmaston	1942		1951	
DC -	Thurmaston	Thurmaston East	Thurmaston	Thurmaston	1730		1745	
DD -	Thurmaston	Thurmaston East	Thurmaston	Thurmaston	1565		1555	
DE -	Thurmaston	Thurmaston North	Thurmaston	Thurmaston	1032		1048	
DF -	Thurmaston	Thurmaston South	Thurmaston	Thurmaston	1500		1528	
CB3 -	Beeby	<None>	Queniborough	Syston Ridgeway	67		103	
CS -	South Croxton	<None>	Queniborough	Syston Ridgeway	202		279	
CB1 -	Barkby	Barkby	Queniborough	Syston Ridgeway	265		398	
CB2 -	Barkby	Barkby Thorpe	Queniborough	Syston Ridgeway	32		49	
					<b>8335</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>8656</b>	<b>-13</b>
			<b>Total Electorate for Charnwood</b>		<b>136501</b>		<b>142514</b>	

**HARBOROUGH DISTRICT PROPOSAL**

The district of Harborough borders Warwickshire to the west, Rutland to the east, Leicester City, Melton, Blaby and Oadby and Wigston to the north and Northamptonshire to the south. It is geographically the largest district in Leicestershire, covering nearly one quarter of the county.

The electorate for the district is 68,430 (2014) rising to 73,454 by 2021. The district of Harborough is entitled to seven seats on the County Council with the predicted district average by 2021 being 10,493 which is 509 higher than the County average of 9,984.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Broughton Astley	8,734	-8	9,786	-2
Bruntingthorpe	9,934	5	10,003	0
Gartree	10,980	16	11,814	18
Launde	9,374	-1	10,184	2
Lutterworth	9,079	-4	10,000	0
Market Harborough East	9,818	4	10,165	2
Market Harborough West and Foxton	10,511	11	11,502	15
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>68,430</b>		<b>73,454</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, seventy one per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Broughton Astley	8,734	-8	9,786	-2
Bruntingthorpe	10,512	11	10,596	6
Gartree	10,188	8	11,001	10
Launde	10,166	7	10,996	10
Lutterworth	9,079	-4	10,000	0
Market Harborough East	9,818	4	10,165	2
Market Harborough West and Foxton	9,933	5	10,909	9
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>68,430</b>		<b>73,454</b>	

The Harborough proposal ensures that all proposed electoral divisions are within the +/-10% tolerance and splits two of the twenty five district wards; Lubbenham and Billesdon and is therefore 92% coterminous with district wards.

The County Council proposal does not split any of the parishes within the district.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Broughton Astley Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are therefore proposed.

### **Proposed Bruntingthorpe Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of the parishes of Laughton, Saddington, Theddingworth and Gumley from the existing Market Harborough West and Foxton electoral division.

### **Proposed Gartree Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of the parishes of Billesdon and Frisby which have been added to the proposed Launde electoral division.

### **Proposed Launde Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of the parishes of Billesdon and Frisby which have been removed from the existing Gartree Electoral Division.

### **Proposed Lutterworth Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed.

### **Proposed Market Harborough East Electoral Division**

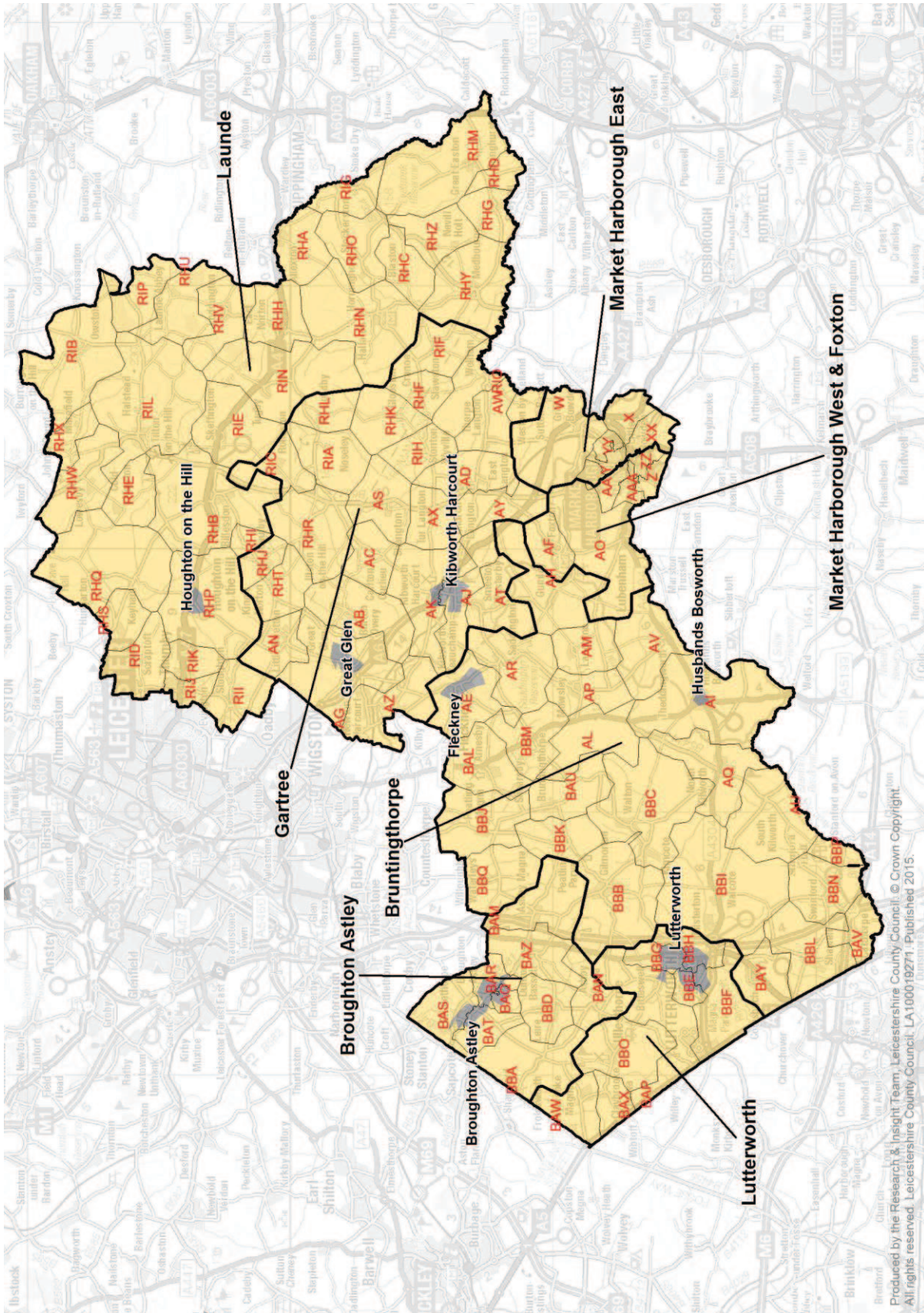
This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed.

### **Proposed Market Harborough West and Foxton Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of the parishes of Laughton, Saddington, Theddingworth and Gumley which have been added to the proposed Bruntingthorpe electoral division.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Harborough District, shown in map form are on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.







Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Broughton Astley Division</b>								
BAM - Ashby Magna	Ashby Magna	<None>	Dunton	Broughton Astley	280		283	
BAN - Ashby Parva	Ashby Parva	<None>	Dunton	Broughton Astley	197		201	
BAQ - Broughton Astley (Astley)	Broughton Astley	Broughton Astley (Broughton Astley Astley)	Broughton Astley - Astley	Broughton Astley	1,674		1,687	
BAR - Broughton Astley (Broughton)	Broughton Astley	Broughton Astley (Broughton Astley Broughton)	Broughton Astley - Broughton	Broughton Astley	2,187		2,883	
BAS - Broughton Astley (Sutton)	Broughton Astley	Broughton Astley (Broughton Astley Sutton)	Broughton Astley - Sutton	Broughton Astley	1,629		1,607	
BAT - Broughton Astley (Primethorpe)	Broughton Astley	Broughton Astley (Broughton Astley Primethorpe)	Broughton Astley - Primethorpe	Broughton Astley	1,404		1,750	
BAZ - Dunton Bassett	Dunton Bassett	<None>	Dunton	Broughton Astley	629		633	
BBA - Frolesworth	Frolesworth	<None>	Dunton	Broughton Astley	235		237	
BBD - Leire	Leire	<None>	Dunton	Broughton Astley	499		505	
					<b>8,734</b>	<b>-8</b>	<b>9,786</b>	<b>-2</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Bruntingthorpe Division</b>								
AE - Fleckney	Fleckney	<None>	Fleckney	Bruntingthorpe	3,891		3,909	
AI - Husbands Bosworth	Husbands Bosworth	<None>	Bosworth	Bruntingthorpe	893		906	
AL - Knaptoft	Knaptoft	<None>	Bosworth	Bruntingthorpe	36		36	
AP - Mowsley	Mowsley	<None>	Bosworth	Bruntingthorpe	204		207	
AQ - North Kilworth	North Kilworth	<None>	Bosworth	Bruntingthorpe	486		492	
AU - South Kilworth	South Kilworth	<None>	Bosworth	Bruntingthorpe	402		391	
BAL - Arnesby	Arnesby	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	296		283	
BAU - Bruntingthorpe	Bruntingthorpe	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	351		350	
BAV - Catthorpe	Catthorpe	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	143		158	
BAY - Cotesbach	Cotesbach	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	173		181	
BBB - Gilmorton	Gilmorton	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	772		787	
BBC - Kimcote & Walton	Kimcote and Walton	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	492		493	
BBI - Misterton with Walcote	Misterton with Walcote	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	378		394	
BBJ - Peatling Magna	Peatling Magna	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	171		169	
BBK - Peatling Parva	Peatling Parva	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	170		172	
BBL - Shawell	Shawell	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	134		140	
BBM - Shearsby	Shearsby	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	203		208	
BBN - Swinford	Swinford	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	475		468	
BBP - Westrill and Starmore	Westrill and Starmore	<None>	Misterton	Bruntingthorpe	2		2	
BBQ - Willoughby Waterleys	Willoughby Waterleys	<None>	Peatling	Bruntingthorpe	262		254	

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
AM - Laughton	Laughton	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	75		78	
AR - Saddington	Saddington	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	212		214	
AV - Theddingworth	Theddingworth	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	175		179	
AH - Gumley	Gumley	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	116		122	
					<b>10,512</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10,596</b>	<b>6</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Gartree Division</b>								
AB - Burton Overy	Burton Overy	<None>	Glen	Gartree	244		264	
AC - Carlton Curlieu	Carlton Curlieu	<None>	Glen	Gartree	31		34	
AG - Great Glen	Great Glen	<None>	Glen	Gartree	3,103		3,390	
AN - Little Stretton	Little Stretton	<None>	Glen	Gartree	87		94	
AZ - Wistow	Wistow	<None>	Glen	Gartree	225		250	
AD - East Langton	East Langton	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	332		357	
AJ - Kibworth Beauchamp	Kibworth Beauchamp	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	3,280		3,565	
AK - Kibworth Harcourt	Kibworth Harcourt	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	1,357		1,446	
AS - Shangton	Shangton	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	67		73	
AT - Smeeton Westerby	Smeeton Westerby	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	297		325	
AW - Thorpe Langton	Thorpe Langton	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	169		183	
AX - Tur Langton	Tur Langton	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	168		182	
AY - West Langton	West Langton	<None>	Kibworth	Gartree	87		94	
RHF - Cranoe	Cranoe	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	35		36	
RHK - Glooston	Glooston	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	57		58	
RHL - Goadby	Goadby	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	61		59	
RHR - Illston on the Hill	Illston on the Hill	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	148		149	
RIA - Noseley	Noseley	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	34		33	
RIC - Rolleston	Rolleston	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	49		47	
RIF - Slawston	Slawston	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	120		124	
RIH - Stonton Wyville	Stonton Wyville	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	24		24	
RIO - Welham	Welham	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	35		36	
RHJ - Gaulby	Gaulby	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	118		118	
RHT - Kings Norton	Kings Norton	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	60		60	
					<b>10,188</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11,001</b>	<b>10</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Launde Division</b>								
RHA - Allexton	Allexton	<None>	Nevill	Launde	64		64	
RHC - Blaston	Blaston	<None>	Nevill	Launde	48		48	
RHD - Brighthurst	Brighthurst	<None>	Nevill	Launde	42		42	
RHE - Cold Newton	Cold Newton	<None>	Tilton	Launde	42		44	
RHG - Drayton	Drayton	<None>	Nevill	Launde	148		147	
RHH - East Norton	East Norton	<None>	Tilton	Launde	79		78	
RHM - Great Easton	Great Easton	<None>	Nevill	Launde	539		566	
RHN - Hallaton	Hallaton	<None>	Nevill	Launde	496		509	
RHO - Horninghold	Horninghold	<None>	Nevill	Launde	67		67	
RHP - Houghton on the Hill	Houghton on the Hill	<None>	Thurnby & Houghton	Launde	1,236		1,382	
RHQ - Hungarton	Hungarton	<None>	Tilton	Launde	211		209	
RHS - Keyham	Keyham	<None>	Tilton	Launde	113		116	
RHU - Launde	Launde	<None>	Tilton	Launde	18		18	
RHV - Loddington	Loddington	<None>	Tilton	Launde	69		68	
RHW - Lowesby	Lowesby	<None>	Tilton	Launde	58		61	
RHX - Marefield	Marefield	<None>	Tilton	Launde	13		14	
RHY - Medbourne	Medbourne	<None>	Nevill	Launde	383		390	
RHZ - Nevill Holt	Nevill Holt	<None>	Nevill	Launde	35		35	
RIB - Owston and Newbold	Owston and Newbold	<None>	Tilton	Launde	92		100	
RID - Scraftoft	Scraftoft	<None>	Thurnby & Houghton	Launde	1,574		1,773	
RIE - Skeffington	Skeffington	<None>	Tilton	Launde	179		183	
RIG - Stockerston	Stockerston	<None>	Nevill	Launde	36		36	
RIL - Stoughton	Stoughton	<None>	Thurnby & Houghton	Launde	283		320	
RIJ - Thurnby and Bushby No.1	Thurnby and Bushby	Thurnby and Bushby (Thurnby)	Thurnby & Houghton	Launde	1,868		2,128	
RIK - Thurnby and Bushby No.2	Thurnby and Bushby	Thurnby and Bushby (Bushby)	Thurnby & Houghton	Launde	902		1,001	

RIL - Tilton on the Hill & Halstead	Tilton on The Hill	<None>	Tilton	Launde	474		478	
RIN - Tugby and Keythorpe	Tugby and Keythorpe	<None>	Tilton	Launde	274		277	
RIP - Withcote	Withcote	<None>	Tilton	Launde	31		31	
RHB - Billesdon	Billesdon	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	779		800	
RHI - Frisby	Frisby	<None>	Billesdon	Gartree	13		13	
					10,166	7	10,996	10
<b>Proposed Lutterworth Division</b>								
BAP - Bitteswell with Bittesby	Bitteswell	<None>	Ullesthorpe	Lutterworth	391		428	
BAW - Claybrooke Magna	Claybrooke Magna	<None>	Ullesthorpe	Lutterworth	458		494	
BAX - Claybrooke Parva	Claybrooke Parva	<None>	Ullesthorpe	Lutterworth	164		184	
BBE - Lutterworth Brookfield	Lutterworth	Lutterworth (Lutterworth Brookfield)	Lutterworth - Brookfield	Lutterworth	1,843		1,807	54
BBF - Lutterworth Orchard	Lutterworth	Lutterworth (Lutterworth Orchard)	Lutterworth - Orchard	Lutterworth	1,713		2,039	
BBG - Lutterworth Swift	Lutterworth	Lutterworth (Lutterworth Swift)	Lutterworth - Swift	Lutterworth	1,949		2,419	
BBH - Lutterworth Springs	Lutterworth	Lutterworth (Lutterworth Springs)	Lutterworth - Springs	Lutterworth	1,830		1,819	
BBO - Ullesthorpe	Ullesthorpe	<None>	Ullesthorpe	Lutterworth	731		809	
					9,079	-4	10,000	0

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>ProposedMarket Harborough East Division</b>								
W - Great Bowden	Great Bowden	<None>	Market Harborough - Great Bowden & Arden	Market Harborough East	880		894	
X - Market Harborough Little Bowden No.1	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Little Bowden	Market Harborough East	2,463		2,544	
XX - Market Harborough Little Bowden No.2	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Little Bowden	Market Harborough East	1,676		1,896	
Y - Market Harborough Great Bowden & Arden No.1	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Great Bowden & Arden	Market Harborough East	2,207		2,250	
YY - Market Harborough Great Bowden & Arden No.2	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Great Bowden & Arden	Market Harborough East	2,592		2,581	
					<b>9,818</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10,165</b>	<b>2</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>ProposedMarket Harborough West and Foxton Division</b>								
AA - Market Harborough Logan No.1	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Logan	Market Harborough West and Foxton	1,727		1,737	
AAA - Market Harborough Logan No.2	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Logan	Market Harborough West and Foxton	1,646		1,630	
AF - Foxton	Foxton	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	380		396	
AO - Lubenham	Lubenham	<None>	Lubenham	Market Harborough West and Foxton	900		879	
Z - Market Harborough Welland No.1	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Welland	Market Harborough West and Foxton	2,395		2,832	
ZZ - Market Harborough Welland No.2	<None>	<None>	Market Harborough - Welland	Market Harborough West and Foxton	2,885		3,435	
					9,933	5	10,909	9
					68,430		73,454	
			<b>Total Electorate for Harborough</b>					



**HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH PROPOSAL**

Hinckley and Bosworth borough is situated in the west of Leicestershire, bordered by the districts of North West Leicestershire to the north, Charnwood to the north-east, Blaby to the east and Harborough to the south-east and the county of Warwickshire to the west.

The electorate for the borough is 85,951 (2014) rising to 89,600 by 2021. The borough of Hinckley and Bosworth is entitled to nine seats on the County Council with the predicted borough average by 2021 being 9,955, only 29 lower than the County average of 9,984.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Burbage Castle	17,009	-10	18,433	-8
Earl Shilton	9,747	3	9,790	-2
Groby and Ratby	9,076	-4	9,267	-7
Hinckley	20,256	7	21,296	7
Mallory	9,000	-5	9,054	-9
Market Bosworth	10,934	16	11,245	13
Markfield, Desford & Thornton	9,929	5	10,515	5
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>85,951</b>		<b>89,600</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, eighty five per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%. It should be noted that two of the seven divisions are two member divisions but the proposals now being put forward will result in nine single member divisions.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Burbage	9,100	-4	9,748	-2
De Montfort	9,782	3	10,515	5
Earl Shilton	9,747	3	9,790	-2
Hollycroft	9,901	5	10,179	2
Groby and Ratby	9,561	1	9,774	-2
Mallory	10,987	16	11,014	10
Market Bosworth	8,947	-5	9,285	-7
Markfield, Desford and Thornton	9,444	0	10,008	0
St Mary's	8,482	-10	9,288	-7
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>85,951</b>		<b>89,600</b>	

The Hinckley proposal ensures that all the proposed electoral divisions are within the +/-10% tolerance and splits eight of the sixteen district wards and is therefore fifty per cent coterminous with district wards.

The County Council proposal intends to split the parish of Barwell, which is already split and the parish of Burbage which is predicted to have an electorate of 13,212 by 2012.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is set out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Earl Shilton Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed. However, the parish of Barwell will be split, as it is currently, and will therefore be represented by two County Councillors.

### **Proposed Groby and Ratby Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of the Parish Ward of Fieldhead within the Parish of Groby from the existing Markfield, Desford and Thornton electoral division. By doing this it brings the parish of Groby into one electoral division.

### **Proposed Mallory Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of the Parish of Barlestone from the existing Market Bosworth electoral division. However, the parish of Barwell will be split, as it is currently, and will therefore be represented by two County Councillors.

### **Proposed Market Bosworth Electoral Divisions**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of the Parish of Barlestone which has been added to the proposed Mallory electoral division.

### **Proposed Markfield, Desford and Thornton Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of the Parish Ward of Fieldhead within the Parish of Groby which has been added to the proposed Groby and Ratby electoral division.

### ***New Electoral Divisions***

*The following four proposed electoral divisions are new and have been created to replace the existing two member divisions of Burbage Castle and Hinckley. It was agreed by the member working party that these four new electoral divisions were in line with the community identity of Hinckley and Burbage.*

### **Proposed Burbage Electoral Division**

The County Council proposal was to create a single member division which split the parish of Burbage. The proposed division is therefore made up of the parish wards of Sketchley, Stretton, Tilton and St Catherine's and is projected to have an electorate of 9,748 or -2% variance by 2021.

This proposed division consists of the majority of Burbage Parish. Burbage Parish is forecast to have an electorate of 13,212 by 2021 and if the parish of Burbage was proposed as a single electoral division it would trigger a review in its own right using the LGBCE's criteria for reviews as it would be thirty two per cent above the County average.

The parish of Burbage currently has two County Councillors representing it and is therefore used to liaising with two councillors.

### **Proposed De Montfort Electoral Division**

This new division is proposed to be made up of the polling districts of ABA, ABB, and ABC which is the Hinckley De Montfort ward and polling districts ACA and ACB from Hinckley Trinity district ward.

### **Proposed Hollycroft Electoral Division**

This new division is proposed to be made up of the polling district of ACC from the remainder of the Hinckley Trinity district ward and polling districts EAD, EAB and EAC from the Hinckley Clarendon district ward.

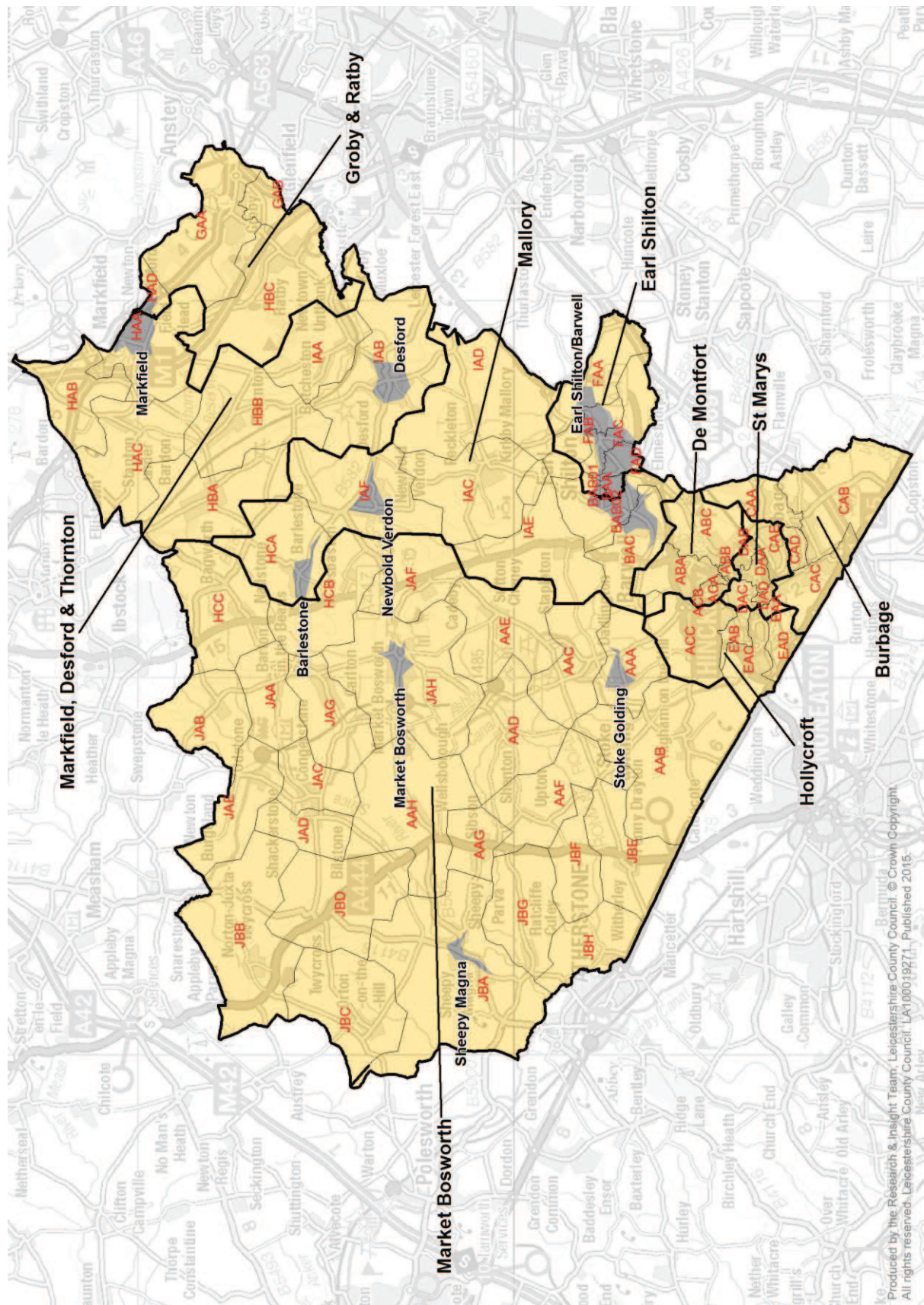
### **Proposed St Mary's Electoral Division**

This division is made up of the remaining parish ward of Burbage, Lash Hill, and the remaining four polling districts of the current Burbage Castle electoral division. The proposed division will also include the polling district of EAA from the current Hinckley electoral division.

As with the proposed Burbage electoral division the parish of Burbage will be represented by two County Councillors as it is now.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Hinckley Borough are shown in map form on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.





Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Burbage Division</b>								
CAC -	Burbage	Sketchley	Burbage Sketchley & Stretton	Burbage Castle	2163		2275	
CAB -	Burbage	Stretton	Burbage Sketchley & Stretton	Burbage Castle	2708		2815	
CAD -	Burbage	Tilton	Burbage Sketchley & Stretton	Burbage Castle	2416		2544	
CAA -	Burbage	St Catherine's	Burbage St Catherine's & Lash Hill	Burbage Castle	1813		2114	
					<b>9100</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>9748</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Proposed De Montfort Division</b>								
ABA -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley De Montfort	Hinckley	3042		3258	
ABB -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley De Montfort	Hinckley	811		867	
ABC -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley De Montfort	Hinckley	4067		4378	
ACA -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Trinity	Hinckley	451		483	
ACB -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Trinity	Hinckley	1411		1529	
					<b>9782</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10515</b>	<b>5</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Earl Shilton Division</b>								
BAA -	Barwell	Redhall	Barwell	Earl Shilton	1105		1107	
BAB01 -	Barwell	St Mary's	Barwell	Earl Shilton	604		583	
FAA -	Earl Shilton	Church	Earl Shilton	Earl Shilton	1326		1301	
FAC -	Earl Shilton	Townlands	Earl Shilton	Earl Shilton	2210		2231	
FAB -	Earl Shilton	Weavers	Earl Shilton	Earl Shilton	2336		2320	
FAD -	Earl Shilton	Westfield	Earl Shilton	Earl Shilton	2166		2249	
					<b>9747</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9790</b>	<b>-2</b>
<b>Proposed Hollycroft Division</b>								
ACC -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Trinity	Hinckley	3542		3767	
EAD -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Clarendon	Hinckley	2084		2056	
EAB -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Clarendon	Hinckley	1989		2000	
EAC -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Clarendon	Hinckley	2286		2356	
					<b>9901</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10179</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Proposed Groby and Ratby Division</b>								
GAA -	Groby	Groby	Groby	Groby and Ratby	3105		3126	
GAB -	Groby	Groby	Groby	Groby and Ratby	2538		2457	
HBC -	Ratby	<None>	Ratby Bagworth & Thornton	Groby and Ratby	3433		3684	
HAD -	Groby	Field Head	Markfield Stanton & Field Head	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	485		507	

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	9561	1	9774	-2
<b>Proposed Mallory Division</b>								
BAC -	Barwell	Charnwood	Barwell	Mallory	2426		2421	
BAB02 -	Barwell	St Mary's	Barwell	Mallory	3038		2991	
IAF -	Newbold Verdon	<None>	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Mallory	2603		2700	
IAC -	Peckleton	Kirkby Mallory	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Mallory	329		328	
IAD -	Peckleton	Peckleton	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Mallory	236		242	
IAE -	Peckleton	Stapleton	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Mallory	368		372	
HCA -	Barlestone	<None>	Barlestone Nailstone & Osbaston	Market Bosworth	1987		1960	
					<b>10987</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>11014</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Proposed Market Bosworth Division</b>								
AAB -	Higham-on-the-Hill	<None>	Ambien	Market Bosworth	639		668	
AAA -	Stoke Golding	<None>	Ambien	Market Bosworth	1461		1547	
AAC -	Sutton Cheney	Dadlington	Ambien	Market Bosworth	213		223	
AAD -	Sutton Cheney	Shenton	Ambien	Market Bosworth	90		98	
AAG -	Sheepy	Sibson	Ambien	Market Bosworth	139		146	
AAE -	Sutton Cheney	Sutton	Ambien	Market Bosworth	115		125	
AAF -	Sheepy	Upton	Ambien	Market Bosworth	78		82	



AAH -	Sheepy	Wellsborough	Ambien	Market Bosworth	61		64	
HCC -	Nailstone	<None>	Barlestone Nailstone & Osbaston	Market Bosworth	425		430	
HCB -	Osbaston	<None>	Barlestone Nailstone & Osbaston	Market Bosworth	212		222	
JAF -	Cadeby	<None>	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	145		147	
JAG -	Carlton	<None>	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	283		291	
JAH -	Market Bosworth	<None>	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	1802		1916	
JAA -	Shackerstone	Barton	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	197		203	
JAD -	Shackerstone	Bilstone	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	43		44	
JAC -	Shackerstone	Congerstone	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	300		307	
JAB -	Shackerstone	Odstone	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	82		85	
JAE -	Shackerstone	Shackerstone	Cadeby Carlton & Market Bosworth with Shackerstone	Market Bosworth	130		136	
JBF -	Witherley	Atterton	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	30		30	
JBE -	Witherley	Fenny Drayton	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	419		432	
JBB -	Twycross	Gopsall	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	223		215	
JBC -	Twycross	Orton	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	166		159	



JBG -	Witherley	Ratcliffe	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	148		151	
JBA -	Sheepy	Sheepy	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	670		671	
JBD -	Twycross	Twycross	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	256		251	
JBH -	Witherley	Witherley	Twycross & Witherley with Sheepy	Market Bosworth	620		639	
					8947	-5	9285	-7
<b>Proposed Markfield, Desford and Thornton Division</b>								
HAA -	Markfield	<None>	Markfield Stanton & Field Head	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	3424		3687	
HAB -	Markfield	<None>	Markfield Stanton & Field Head	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	263		287	
HAC -	Stanton-Under- Bardon	<None>	Markfield Stanton & Field Head	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	531		574	
IAA -	Desford	Bufton	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	419		444	
IAB -	Desford	Desford	Newbold Verdon with Desford & Peckleton	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	2765		2849	
HBA -	Bagworth & Thornton	Bagworth	Ratby Bagworth & Thornton	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	1143		1205	
HBB -	Bagworth & Thornton	Thornton	Ratby Bagworth & Thornton	Markfield, Desford & Thornton	899		962	
					9444	0	10008	0

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed St Marys Division</b>								
CAE -	Burbage	Lash Hill	Burbage St Catherine's & Lash Hill	Burbage Castle	2957		3464	
DAA -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Castle	Burbage Castle	1436		1510	
DAB -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Castle	Burbage Castle	1149		1211	
DAD -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Castle	Burbage Castle	668		708	
EAA -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Clarendon	Hinckley	573		603	
DAC -	<None>	<None>	Hinckley Castle	Burbage Castle	1699		1792	
					<b>8482</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>9288</b>	<b>-7</b>
			<b>Total Electorate for Hinckley</b>		<b>85951</b>		<b>89600</b>	

**MELTON BOROUGH PROPOSAL**

The borough of Melton is situated in north-east Leicestershire and comprises a large rural area surrounding the town of Melton Mowbray. The borough borders Charnwood, Harborough, the Counties of Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland.

The electorate for the district is 39,339 (2014) rising to 39,803 by 2021. The borough of Melton is entitled to four seats on the County Council with the predicted borough average by 2021 being 9,950, only 34 lower than the County average of 9.984.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Asfordby	8,589	-9	8,581	-14
Belvoir	10,266	8	10,328	3
Melton North	10,841	15	11,204	12
Melton South	9,643	2	9,690	-3
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>39,339</b>		<b>39,803</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, fifty per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Asfordby	10199	8	10,234	3
Belvoir	10,266	8	10,328	3
Melton Ferneley	9,231	-2	9,551	-4
Melton Sargent	9,643	2	9,690	-3
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>39,339</b>		<b>39,803</b>	

The Melton proposal ensures that all the proposed electoral divisions are within the +/-10% tolerance and splits only one of the sixteen borough wards, Melton Egerton, and is therefore 93% coterminous with district wards.

The County Council proposal does not split any of the parishes within the borough.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is set out at the end of this section.

**Proposed Asfordby Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the addition of the Polling District E1, part of the Melton Egerton ward. It is acknowledged that by adding this polling district it splits the borough ward. There are however, a number of connections between the polling district E1 and the proposed Asfordby electoral division which includes, amongst others, family connections, a number of children from the Egerton area attend Asfordby Hill Primary School, and good public transport connections between the two.

**Proposed Belvoir Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed.

**Proposed Melton Ferneley Electoral Division**

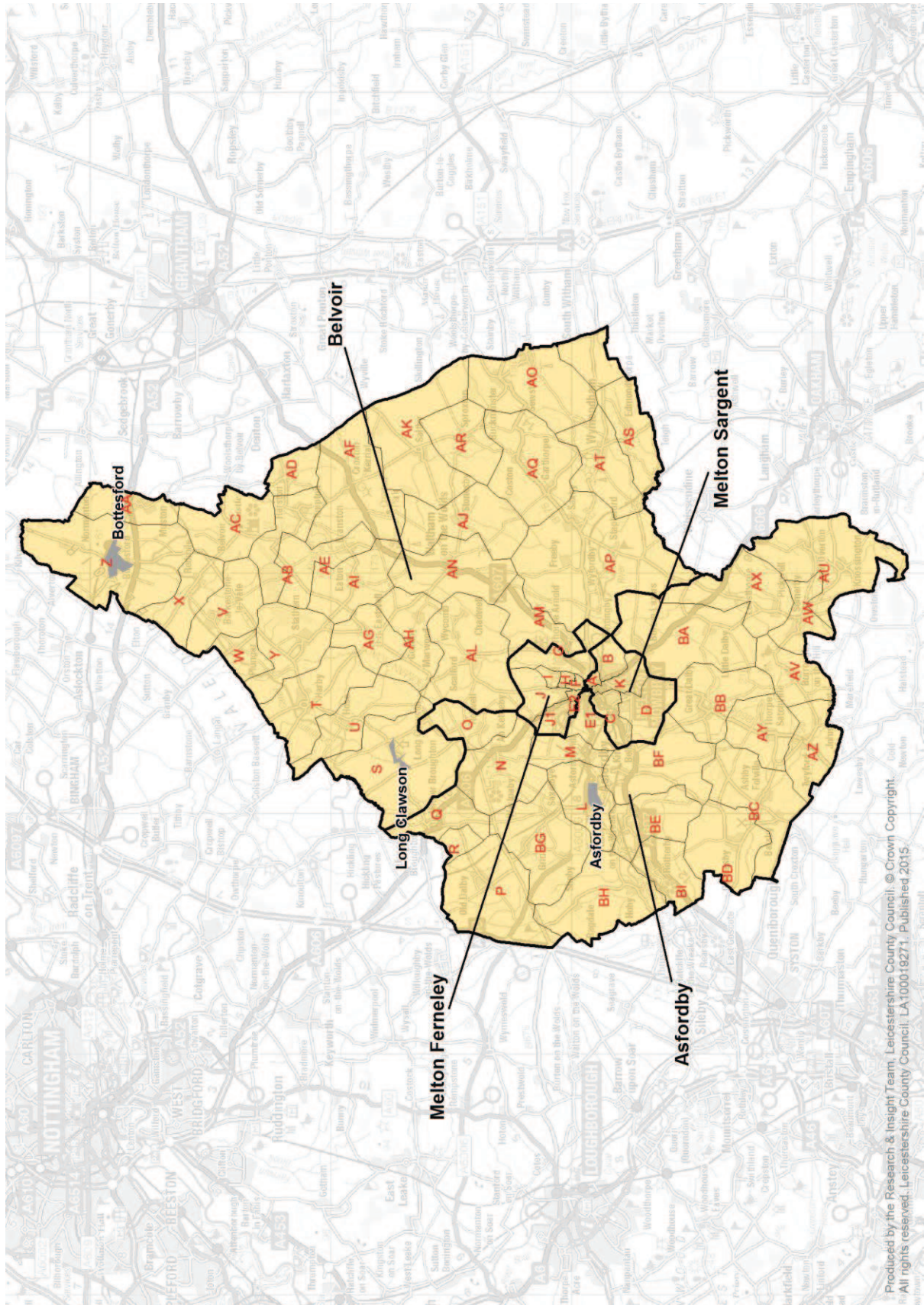
This is the existing electoral division with the deletion of polling district E1, part of the Melton Egerton ward, which has been transferred to the proposed Asfordby electoral division.

**Proposed Melton Sargent Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division and no changes are proposed.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Melton Borough are shown in map form on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.





Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021
<b>Proposed Asfordby Division</b>							
L	Asfordby	Asfordby	Asfordby	Asfordby	2282		2284
M	Asfordby	Asfordby Hill	Asfordby	Asfordby	411		399
N	Ab Kettleby	Ab Kettleby	Old Dalby	Asfordby	335		335
O	Ab Kettleby	Holwell	Old Dalby	Asfordby	126		124
P	Broughton and Dalby	Dalby Ward	Old Dalby	Asfordby	553		553
Q	Broughton and Dalby	Broughton Ward	Old Dalby	Asfordby	314		309
R	Broughton and Dalby	Broughton Ward	Old Dalby	Asfordby	291		282
AU	Knossington and Cold Overton		Somerby	Asfordby	259		262
AV	Somerby	Burrough on the Hill	Somerby	Asfordby	157		161
AW	Somerby	Somerby	Somerby	Asfordby	337		340
AX	Somerby	Leesthorpe and Pickwell	Somerby	Asfordby	158		158
AY	Twyford and Thorpe	Thorpe	Somerby	Asfordby	196		199
AZ	Twyford and Thorpe	Twyford	Somerby	Asfordby	310		323
BA	Burton and Dalby	Burton	Gaddesby	Asfordby	436		442
BB	Burton and Dalby	Dalby Ward	Gaddesby	Asfordby	350		351
BC	Gaddesby	Ashby Folville	Gaddesby	Asfordby	257		260
BD	Gaddesby	Gaddesby	Gaddesby	Asfordby	360		358
BE	Frisby		Frisby on the Wreake	Asfordby	482		490
BF	Kirby Bellars		Frisby on the Wreake	Asfordby	301		288
BG	Grimston		Frisby on the Wreake	Asfordby	226		223
BH	Hoby with Rotherby	Hoby and Ragdale Ward	Frisby on the Wreake	Asfordby	298		294

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021
BI	Hoby with Rotherby	Rotherby and Brooksby Wards	Frisby on the Wreake	Asfordby	150		148
E1			Melton Egerton	Melton Mowbray North	1610		1653
			<b>Total</b>		<b>10199</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10234</b>
<b>Proposed Belvoir Division</b>							
S	Clawson Hose and Harby	Clawson	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	825		838
T	Clawson Hose and Harby	Harby	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	753		766
U	Clawson Hose and Harby	Hose	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	478		475
V	Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile	Barkestone	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	263		252
W	Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile	Plungar	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	205		203
X	Barkestone, Plungar and Redmile	Redmile	Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	240		231
Y	Stathern		Long Clawson & Stathern	Belvoir	565		558
Z	Bottesford		Bottesford	Belvoir	2703		2792
AA	Bottesford		Bottesford	Belvoir	204		208
AB	Belvoir	Belvoir	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	101		107
AC	Belvoir	Belvoir	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	59		62
AD	Belvoir	Harston	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	83		88
AE	Croxton Kerrial	Branston	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	111		111
AF	Croxton Kerrial	Croxton Kerrial	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	321		313

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021
AG	Eaton	Eastwell	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	155		154
AH	Eaton	Eastwell	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	108		106
AI	Eaton	Eaton	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	254		252
AJ	Sproxtton	Stonesby	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	145		142
AK	Sproxtton	Salby	Croxton Kerrial	Belvoir	147		144
AL	Scalford		Waltham	Belvoir	520		525
AM	Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold		Waltham	Belvoir	94		93
AN	Waltham on the Wolds and Thorpe Arnold		Waltham	Belvoir	697		693
AO	Buckminster	Buckminster and Sewstern	Wymondham	Belvoir	276		275
AP	Freeby	Freeby and Stapleford Wards	Wymondham	Belvoir	196		191
AQ	Garthorpe		Wymondham	Belvoir	54		52
AR	Sproxtton	Sproxtton	Wymondham	Belvoir	152		147
AS	Wymondham and Edmondthorpe	Edmondthorpe	Wymondham	Belvoir	85		85
AT	Wymondham and Edmondthorpe	Wymondham	Wymondham	Belvoir	472		463
					<b>10266</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10328</b>



Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021
<b>Proposed Melton Ferneley Division</b>							
E2			Melton Egerton	Melton Mowbray North	1203		1232
F			Melton Newport	Melton Mowbray North	865		905
G			Melton Newport	Melton Mowbray North	1981		2040
H			Melton Newport	Melton Mowbray North	1065		1089
I			Melton Sysonby	Melton Mowbray North	1001		1014
J			Melton Sysonby	Melton Mowbray North	1608		1711
J1			Melton Sysonby	Melton Mowbray North	1508		1559
					<b>9231</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>9551</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021
<b>Proposed Melton Sargent Division</b>							
A			Melton Craven	Melton Mowbray South	740		735
B			Melton Craven	Melton Mowbray South	2061		2016
C			Melton Dorian	Melton Mowbray South	2730		2741
D			Melton Dorian	Melton Mowbray South	1472		1488
K			Melton Warwick	Melton Mowbray South	2640		2711
					9643	2	9690
				<b>Total</b>	<b>39339</b>		<b>39803</b>
				<b>Electorate for Melton</b>			

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE PROPOSAL**

The district of North West Leicestershire, as its name suggests, is situated in that geographical area of the county of Leicestershire. The district is bounded to the east by Charnwood borough, to the south by the borough of Hinckley and Bosworth and to the north and west by the county of Derbyshire.

The electorate for the district is 71,571 (2014) rising to 78,806 by 2021. The district of North West Leicestershire is entitled to eight seats on the County Council with a predicted borough average by 2021 being 9,850, 134 lower than the County average of 9,984

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Ashby de la Zouch	9,534	1	10,965	10
Castle Donington	9,326	-1	10,494	5
Coalville	9,913	5	11,103	11
Forest & Measham	9,658	2	11,232	13
Ibstock & Appleby	9,444	0	10,723	7
Valley	7,510	-21	7,606	-24
Warren Hills	7,430	-22	7,985	-20
Whitwick	8,756	-7	8,698	-13
<b>Total Electorate</b>	<b>71,571</b>		<b>78,806</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, only thirty eight per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Ashby De La Zouch	8,622	-9	10,276	3
Castle Donington and Kegworth	8,424	-11	9,509	-5
Coalville	8,171	-14	9,488	-5
Forest and Measham	8,653	-9	9,902	-1
Ibstock and Appleby	9,261	-2	10,401	4
Valley	9,086	-4	9,341	-6
Warren Hills	8,787	-7	9,374	-6
Whitwick	10,567	12	10,515	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,571</b>		<b>78,806</b>	

The North West Leicestershire proposal ensures that all the proposed electoral divisions are within the +/- 10% tolerance and splits four of the thirty eight district wards, Blackfordby, Broom Leys, Ravenstone and Packington and Snibston North, and is therefore 89% coterminous with district wards. It should be noted that the LGCE have recently conducted a review of North West Leicestershire and new district wards came into being at the most recent district elections in May 2015.

The County Council proposal does not split any of the parishes within the borough however the area covered by Ashby Town Council has been split because it is forecast to have an electorate of 12,296 by 2021.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Ashby De La Zouch Electoral Division**

This proposed division consists of the majority of Ashby Town which is forecast to have an electorate of 12,296 by 2021. If Ashby Town were to be single electoral it would be twenty three per cent above the County average.

Currently the Town Council is split between two single electoral divisions which means it is represented by two county councillors. The proposal continues to split the town.

The new proposed electoral division is a reconfiguration of the existing electoral division aimed at improving electoral inequality. It is therefore proposed to add the Polling District of Blackfordby from the Forest and Measham electoral division and transfer Ashby Castle district ward to the proposed Valley electoral division.

### **Proposed Castle Donington and Kegworth Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Polling District Long Whatton to the proposed Valley electoral division to enable the parish of Long Whatton and Diseworth to be within one electoral division.

### **Proposed Coalville Division**

In the main this is the existing electoral division but with the removal of Ravenstone polling district to Ibstock and Appleby to ensure the parish of Ravenstone and Snibston is within one electoral division, and transfer of Coalville East and West polling districts to the proposed electoral divisions of Warren Hills and Whitwick respectively. In addition it is proposed to add the parish Ellistown and Battleflat mainly due to the need to address electoral inequality in the surrounding areas.

### **Proposed Forest and Measham Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the polling district of Blackfordby transferred to the proposed Ashby De La Zouch electoral division.

**Proposed Ibstock and Appleby Electoral Division**

This is mainly the existing electoral division but with the removal of the parish of Ellistown and Battleflat and the addition of Snibston and Ravenstone parish.

**Proposed Valley Electoral Division**

The majority of this proposed electoral division is the existing Valley electoral division. However, there have been some changes in that the polling district of Ravenstone has been removed and added to the proposed Ibstock and Appleby electoral division to ensure the whole of Snibston parish is within one electoral division. Two polling districts, Ashby Castle and Long Whatton, have been added to the proposed Valley electoral division so that the parish of Long Whatton and Diseworth is within one electoral division rather than in two as it is now.

**Proposed Warren Hills Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the polling district of CTB, of the district ward of Coalville East added. This brings together the whole of the district ward of Coalville East.

**Proposed Whitwick Electoral Division**

This is the existing electoral division but with the district ward of Coalville West being added to it.

The proposed new electoral divisions for North West Leicestershire are shown in map form on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.





Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Ashby De La Zouch Division</b>								
AM - Ashby Money Hill	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Money Hill	Ashby Money Hill	Ashby de la Zouch	1806		2340	
AHA - Ashby Holywell	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Holywell Ward	Ashby Holywell	Ashby de la Zouch	907		1183	
AHB - Ashby Holywell	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Holywell Ward	Ashby Holywell	Ashby de la Zouch	1058		1362	
AIA - Ashby Ivanhoe	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Ivanhoe Ward	Ashby Ivanhoe	Ashby de la Zouch	737		762	
AIB - Ashby Ivanhoe	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Ivanhoe Ward	Ashby Ivanhoe	Ashby de la Zouch	1129		1215	
BLA - Blackfordby	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Blackfordby Ward	Blackfordby	Forest & Measham	1005		1331	
ASA - Ashby Willesley	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Willesley Ward	Ashby Willesley	Ashby de la Zouch	1593		1666	
ASB - Ashby Willesley	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Willesley Ward	Ashby Willesley	Ashby de la Zouch	387		417	
					<b>8622</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>10276</b>	<b>3</b>



Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Castle Donington and Kegworth Division</b>								
CA - Castle Donington Castle	Castle Donington	Castle Donington - Castle Ward	Castle Donington Castle	Castle Donington	2045		2363	
CE - Castle Donington Central	Castle Donington	Castle Donington - Central Ward	Castle Donington Central	Castle Donington	1880		2155	
CP - Castle Donington Park	Castle Donington	Castle Donington - Park Ward	Castle Donington Park	Castle Donington	1151		1317	
DHA - Kegworth	Kegworth	Kegworth - North Ward	Daleacre Hill	Castle Donington	992		1078	
DHC - Hemington	Lockington & Hemington	Lockington & Hemington - Hemington Ward	Daleacre Hill	Castle Donington	497		558	
DHB - Lockington	Lockington & Hemington	Lockington & Hemington - Lockington Ward	Daleacre Hill	Castle Donington	135		151	
KE - Kegworth	Kegworth	Kegworth - South Ward	Kegworth	Castle Donington	1724		1887	
					<b>8424</b>	<b>-11</b>	<b>9509</b>	<b>-5</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Coalville Division</b>								
HJ - Hugglescote St John's	Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath	Hugglescote & Donington le Heath - St John's Ward	Hugglescote St John's	Coalville	1388		1595	
HMA - Hugglescote St Mary's	Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath	Hugglescote & Donington le Heath - St Mary's Ward	Hugglescote St Mary's	Coalville	1575		1904	
HMB - Hugglescote St Mary's	Hugglescote & Donington Le Heath	Hugglescote & Donington le Heath - St Mary's Ward	Hugglescote St Mary's	Coalville	350		353	
SNA - Coalville	<None>	<None>	Snibston North	Coalville	1225		1424	
SS - Snibston South	<None>	<None>	Snibston South	Coalville	1747		2054	
EB - Ellistown	Ellistown and Battleflat	<None>	Ellistown & Battleflat	Ilstock & Appleby	1886		2157	
					<b>8171</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>9488</b>	<b>-5</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Forest and Measham Division</b>								
AWB - Albert Village	Ashby Woulds	Ashby Woulds - Albert Village Ward	Ashby Woulds	Forest & Measham	565		764	
AWA - Moira	Ashby Woulds	Ashby Woulds - Moira Ward	Ashby Woulds	Forest & Measham	1314		1732	
BLB - Moira	Ashby Woulds	Ashby Woulds - Norris Hill Ward	Blackfordby	Forest & Measham	967		1323	
MN - Measham	Measham	Measham - Measham North Ward	Measham North	Forest & Measham	1849		1952	
MS - Measham	Measham	Measham - Measham South Ward	Measham South	Forest & Measham	1960		2113	
ODA - Donisthorpe	Oakthorpe Donisthorpe and Acresford	<None>	Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	Forest & Measham	1381		1390	
ODB - Acresford	Oakthorpe Donisthorpe and Acresford	<None>	Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	Forest & Measham	70		72	
ODC - Oakthorpe	Oakthorpe Donisthorpe and Acresford	<None>	Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	Forest & Measham	547		557	
					<b>8653</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>9902</b>	<b>-1</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Ibstock and Appleby Division</b>								
ABB - Chilcote	<None>	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	101		110	
ABC - Stretton-en-le-Field	<None>	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	24		26	
ABA - Appleby Magna	Appleby Magna	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	888		960	
ABD - Snarestone	Snarestone	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	260		274	
ABE - Sweptstone	Sweptstone	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	173		185	
ABF - Newton Burgoland	Sweptstone	<None>	Appleby	Ibstock & Appleby	320		345	
IEA - Ibstock	Ibstock	Ibstock - East Ward	Ibstock East	Ibstock & Appleby	1718		1990	
IEB - Ibstock	Ibstock	Ibstock - Ellistown & Batram Ward	Ibstock East	Ibstock & Appleby	181		214	
IW - Ibstock	Ibstock	Ibstock - West Ward	Ibstock West	Ibstock & Appleby	1808		2079	
SEA - Heather	Heather	<None>	Sence Valley	Ibstock & Appleby	775		892	
SEB - Ibstock	Ibstock	Ibstock - North Ward	Sence Valley	Ibstock & Appleby	1310		1491	
RPA - Ravenstone	Ravenstone with Snibston	Ravenstone with Snibston - Ravenstone Ward	Ravenstone & Packington	Valley	1243		1268	

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
SNB - Ravenstone	Ravenstone with Snibston	Ravenstone - with Snibston - The Limes Ward	Snibston North	Coalville	460		567	
					9261	-2	10401	4

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Existing District/City/borough ward</b>	<b>Existing County division</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Proposed Valley Division</b>								
AC - Ashby Castle	Ashby de la Zouch	Ashby de la Zouch - Castle Ward	Ashby Castle	Ashby de la Zouch	1917		2020	
LDA - Long Whaddon	Long Whaddon & Diseworth	Long Whaddon & Diseworth - Long Whaddon Ward	Long Whaddon & Diseworth	Castle Donington	902		984	
LDC - Belton	Belton	<None>	Long Whaddon & Diseworth	Valley	606		637	
LDB - Diseworth	Long Whaddon & Diseworth	Long Whaddon & Diseworth - Diseworth Ward	Long Whaddon & Diseworth	Valley	519		531	
RPB - Packington	Packington	<None>	Ravenstone & Packington	Valley	589		617	
RPC - Normanton le Heath	<None>	<None>	Ravenstone & Packington	Valley	127		126	
VAC - Osgathorpe	Osgathorpe	<None>	Valley	Valley	340		338	
VAA - Swannington	Swannington	<None>	Valley	Valley	999		988	
VAB - Coleorton	Coleorton	Coleorton - South Ward	Valley	Valley	831		825	
WBD - Staunton Harold	<None>	<None>	Worthington & Breedon	Valley	118		117	
WBE - Isley cum Langleigh	<None>	<None>	Worthington & Breedon	Valley	46		46	

<b>Polling district</b>	<b>Parish</b>	<b>Parish ward</b>	<b>Existing District/City/borough ward</b>	<b>Existing County division</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Variance</b>
WBF - Breendon-on-the-Hill	Breendon on the Hill	<None>	Worthington & Breendon	Valley	830		843	
WBC - Coleorton	Coleorton	Coleorton - North Ward	Worthington & Breendon	Valley	145		140	
WBG - Griffydiam	Worthington	Worthington - Griffydiam Ward	Worthington & Breendon	Valley	187		193	
WBB - Newbold	Worthington	Worthington - Newbold Ward	Worthington & Breendon	Valley	546		551	
WBA - Worthington	Worthington	Worthington - Worthington Ward	Worthington & Breendon	Valley	384		384	
					<b>9086</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>9,341</b>	<b>-6</b>



Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Warren Hills Division</b>								
CTB - Coalville East	<None>	<None>	Coalville East	Coalville	1357		1388	
BAA - Bardon	<None>	<None>	Bardon	Warren Hills	20		24	
BAB - Coalville	<None>	<None>	Bardon	Warren Hills	1743		2081	
BRB - Broom Leys	<None>	<None>	Broom Leys	Warren Hills	1077		1105	
CRB - Castle Rock	<None>	<None>	Castle Rock	Warren Hills	1664		1701	
CRA - Charley	Charley	<None>	Castle Rock	Warren Hills	176		184	
CTA - Coalville East	<None>	<None>	Coalville East	Warren Hills	676		813	
GR - Greenhill	<None>	<None>	Greenhill	Warren Hills	2074		2078	
					<b>8787</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>9374</b>	<b>-6</b>

Polling district	Parish	Parish ward	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Proposed Whitwick Division</b>								
BRA - Broom Leys	Whitwick	Whitwick - Broom Leys Ward	Broom Leys	Whitwick	985		1010	
HE - Whitwick	Whitwick	Whitwick - Hermitage Ward	Hermitage	Whitwick	1790		1746	
HH - Holly Hayes	Whitwick	Whitwick - Holly Hayes Ward	Holly Hayes	Whitwick	1996		1938	
TBA - Thornborough	Whitwick	Whitwick - Thornborough Ward	Thornborough	Whitwick	848		853	
TBB - Thornborough	Whitwick	Whitwick - Thornborough Ward	Thornborough	Whitwick	1191		1192	
TS - Thringstone	<None>	<None>	Thringstone	Whitwick	1946		1959	
CWB - Coalville West	<None>	<None>	Coalville West	Coalville	726		732	
CWA - Coalville West	<None>	<None>	Coalville West	Coalville	1085		1085	
					<b>10567</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10515</b>	<b>5</b>
			<b>Total Electorate for North West Leicestershire</b>		<b>71571</b>		<b>78806</b>	

**OADBY AND WIGSTON BOROUGH PROPOSAL**

The borough of Oadby and Wigston lies to the south-east of the City of Leicester and borders Leicester City, Blaby and Harborough. The borough comprises the three distinct areas of Oadby, South Wigston and Wigston.

The electorate for the borough is currently 45,240 (2014) and is predicted to increase to 45,909 by 2021. The borough of Oadby and Wigston is entitled to five seats on the County Council with the predicted borough average therefore being 9,181 which is 803 or 8% lower than the County average of 9,984. Given such a low borough average it is therefore impossible to create five divisions which are within the Local Government Boundary Commission's acceptable tolerances of +/-10% of the County average.

The table below sets out the present electoral divisions along with electorate and electoral variance in 2014 and forecasts to 2021.

<b>Current Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Oadby	19,288	2	19,293	-3
Wigston Poplars	8,317	-12	8,500	-15
Wigston Bushloe	9,581	1	9,671	-3
South Wigston	8,054	-15	8,446	-15
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,240</b>		<b>45,909</b>	

As can be seen from the table above, fifty per cent of the current electoral divisions are within the tolerance of +/-10%. It should be noted that one of the four divisions i.e. Oadby is a two member division. The County Council's preferred option is five single member divisions.

The proposal that the County Council is submitting is set out in the table below:-

<b>Proposed Electoral Divisions</b>	<b>Electorate 2014</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>	<b>Electorate 2021</b>	<b>Electoral Variance</b>
Wigston Bushloe	8,776	-7	8,788	-12
Wigston Poplars	8,580	-9	8,886	-11
Wigston South Division	8,596	-9	8,943	-10
Oadby Uplands Grange	9,030	-5	9,085	-9
Oadby Washbrook	10,258	8	10,208	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>45,240</b>		<b>45,909</b>	

The Oadby and Wigston proposal ensures that three of the proposed electoral divisions are within the +/-10% tolerance, one at 11% and one at 12%. The County

Council is of the view that this is an excellent proposal given that the borough average is 8% lower than the County average.

The borough of Oadby and Wigston is unparished and the County Council proposal splits two of the ten district wards, Wigston All Saints and Wigston St. Wolstan's, which means it is 80% coterminous with borough wards.

When drawing up these proposals the County Council has considered the community identity within the borough and it acknowledges that Oadby, Wigston and South Wigston are seen as unique areas with their own identities.

A summary of each proposed Electoral Division is below and specific detail about how the proposed divisions are made up is set out at the end of this section.

### **Proposed Wigston Bushloe Division**

In essence this is the majority (72%) of the existing electoral division of Wigston Bushloe with the polling district I, Wigston St Wolstan's No 2, which is part of Wigston St Wolstan's borough ward added to it.

### **Proposed Wigston Poplars Division**

This proposed division is the majority (75%) of the existing Wigston Poplars electoral division with the addition of polling district O, Wigston Fields No. 1, of Wigston Field borough ward. This proposal brings together the whole of the Wigston Field borough ward.

### **Proposed Wigston South Division**

This division is proposed to be made up of the whole of the borough ward of South Wigston and the remaining 28% of the existing Wigston Bushloe division.

### **Proposed Oadby Uplands Grange Division**

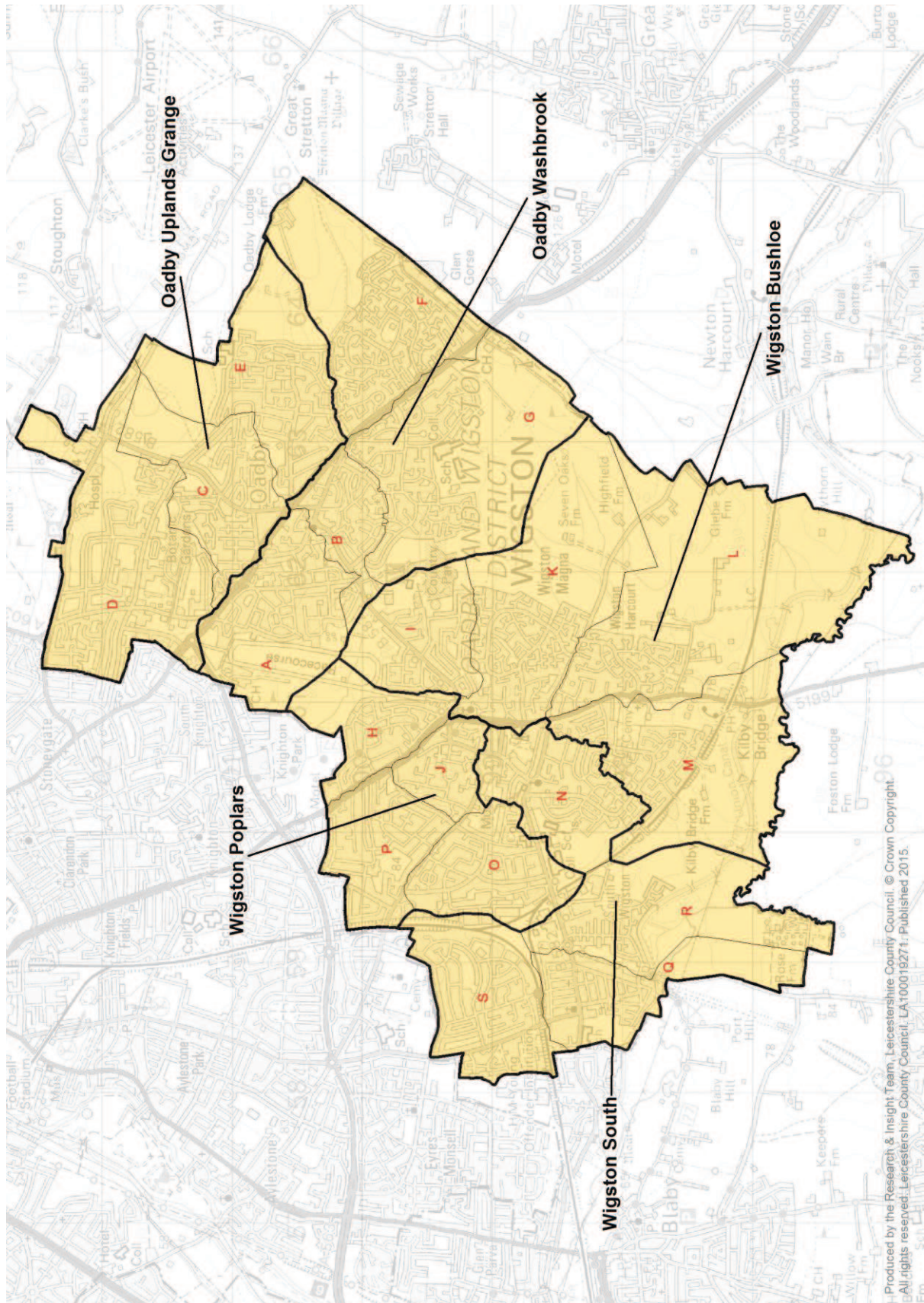
This proposed division comprises the borough wards of Oadby Grange and Oadby Uplands

### **Proposed Oadby Washbrook Division**

This proposed division comprises the borough wards of Oadby Brocks Hill, Oadby St Peter's and Oadby Woodlands.

The proposed new electoral divisions for Oadby and Wigston are shown in map form on the next page and the subsequent pages set out the current electorate and forecast electorate numbers for each polling district.





Polling district	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Wigston Bushloe</b>						
I - Wigston St Wolstans No. 2	Wigston St. Wolstan's	Wigston Poplars	1809		1792	
K - Wigston Meadowcourt No. 1	Wigston Meadowcourt	Wigston Bushloe	2848		2897	
L - Wigston Meadowcourt No. 2	Wigston Meadowcourt	Wigston Bushloe	1906		1884	
M - Wigston All Saints No. 1	Wigston All Saints	Wigston Bushloe	2213		2215	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8776</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>8788</b>	<b>-12</b>
<b>Wigston Poplars</b>						
H - Wigston St. Wolstans No. 1	Wigston St. Wolstan's	Wigston Poplars	1918		1933	
J - Wigston St. Wolstan's No. 3	Wigston St. Wolstan's	Wigston Poplars	1588		1606	
O - Wigston Fields No. 1	Wigston Fields	Wigston South	2072		2178	
P - Wigston Fields No. 2	Wigston Fields	Wigston Poplars	3002		3168	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8580</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>8886</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Wigston South</b>						
N - Wigston All Saints No. 2	Wigston All Saints	Wigston Bushloe	2614		2675	
Q - South Wigston No. 1	South Wigston	Wigston South	1932		2010	
R - South Wigston No. 2	South Wigston	Wigston South	1487		1539	
S - South Wigston No. 3	South Wigston	Wigston South	2563		2719	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>8596</b>	<b>-9</b>	<b>8943</b>	<b>-10</b>
<b>Oadby 1</b>						
C - Oadby Grange - No. 1	Oadby Grange	Oadby	1981		2022	
D - Oadby Grange - No. 2	Oadby Grange	Oadby	3536		3504	
E - Oadby Uplands	Oadby Uplands	Oadby	3513		3559	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>9030</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>9085</b>	<b>-9</b>

Polling district	Existing District/City/borough ward	Existing County division	Electorate 2014	Variance	Electorate 2021	Variance
<b>Oadby 2</b>						
A - Oadby St.Peter's No. 1	Oadby St. Peter's	Oadby	1845		1862	
B - Oadby St. Peter's - No. 2	Oadby St. Peter's	Oadby	1580		1589	
F - Oadby Woodlands	Oadby Woodlands	Oadby	3631		3521	
G - Oadby Brocks Hill	Oadby Brocks Hill	Oadby	3202		3236	
		<b>Total</b>	<b>10258</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10208</b>	<b>2</b>
		<b>Total</b>	<b>45240</b>		<b>45909</b>	



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**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE****PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE OFFICER  
EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE RULES****Purpose**

1. This report concerns new regulations which amend the rules and procedures for the dismissal of Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and Chief Financial Officer.

**Background**

2. As part of the arrangements introduced in 2001, the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer were given statutory protection through the requirement to appoint a Designated Independent Person (DIP) to investigate any allegation of misconduct. The intention of this provision was to ensure that these officers could discharge their statutory responsibilities without any fear of being influenced by elected members and being dismissed without good reason.
3. The DIP would be appointed early in the process when it appeared to a Council that an allegation of misconduct by the relevant officer required investigation. No disciplinary action could be taken other than in accordance with the recommendations of the report of the DIP.

**New Regulations**

4. The Local Authorities (Standing Order) England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 were laid before Parliament on 25<sup>th</sup> March and came into effect on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2015. Local Authorities are required to make the necessary changes to their procedures as soon as possible after this date.
5. These new regulations remove the requirement to appoint a DIP. Instead the regulations require:-
  - a) the Council to establish a Panel to advise the Council on matters relating to the dismissal of the Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or Chief Financial Officer;
  - b) the full Council to approve a notice to dismiss these officers.

6. The Regulations provide that the Council must invite in accordance with the following priority order:-
- i) an independent person who has been appointed by the Council and who is a local government elector;
  - ii) any other independent person who has been appointed by the Council;
  - iii) an independent person appointed by another authority.

with a view to appointing not less than two such people to the Panel.

7. The Council currently has three independent persons appointed to deal with member conduct issues. Whilst it would be possible to call upon these people to serve on any Panel, it would alter the basis of their appointment from advising on standards issues in the context of a regime with little in the way of sanctions to operating in the context of disciplinary action and employment law. It would therefore be appropriate to approach these persons to ascertain whether they would be willing to take on this additional responsibility. In the event that one or more of these persons indicate they are not willing to do so it will be necessary to start a recruitment process.

#### **Appointment of an Independent Investigating Officer**

8. The Employment Committee will need to start the disciplinary process against the officers covered by these regulations based on advice it receives. Given that the officers concerned are three of the most senior officers of the Council it would be somewhat difficult for a serving officer of the Council to be asked to investigate any alleged misconduct. Accordingly the proposed changes to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules contain a provision to enable the Employment Committee to appoint an Independent Investigating Officer to advise it on an appropriate course of action.

#### **Additional Concerns regarding the new Regulations**

9. Members should be aware that across the local government sector there are concerns relating to the implementation and operation of these regulations. The first of these relates to the requirement that a notice to dismiss must be approved by the full Council which then raises the question as to which members could then deal with any appeal against dismissal. The second relates to the dual role of the Independent Persons on the Panel. Such persons are to be drawn from persons appointed to deal with 'Standards related issues'. As such these persons will need to develop a closely working relationship with the Monitoring Officer and it is these same persons who could then be asked to advise on disciplinary matters relating to the same Monitoring Officer. The third concerns the role of the Council meeting itself. The Council would be required to act in a quasi-judicial capacity, may need to consider evidence and representations and would need to meet in private. These and other concerns have been highlighted and it is hoped that at some point guidance will emerge on these points.

### **Revised Officer Employment Procedure Rules**

10. Attached are proposed amendments to Part 4 H Rule 11 of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules to give effect to the new regulations.

### **Consideration by the Employment Committee**

11. The Employment Committee at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June will be considering this matter and the views of the Committee will be reported at the meeting.

### **Recommendations**

12. Subject to any comments received from the Employment Committee, the Constitution Committee is recommended to agree:-
  - a) That the proposed changes to Rule 11 of the Officer Employment Procedure Rules be referred to the County Council for final approval;
  - b) That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to discuss with the existing independent persons the implications of the new regulations and their willingness to take on this new responsibility;
  - c) That in the event that one or more of the existing independent members decline to undertake the new role the Monitoring Officer be authorised to undertake a recruitment exercise for new independent persons and report the outcome to the Council for approval.

### **Equalities and Human Rights Implications**

There are no discernible implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – Proposed Amendments to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules

**APPENDIX****Suggested Revision to Part 4H of the Constitution****Rule 11 – Officer Employment Procedure Rules**

1. No action may be taken by the Employment Committee – except for suspension – relating to the dismissal of either the Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer other than in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Order) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015) and as set out below.
2. In respect of the proposed dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer, the Employment Committee may appoint an Independent Investigating Officer (IIO) to examine the circumstances of the case and to advise the Committee on any action to be taken.
3. Where consideration is being given to the dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer a Panel (comprising an Advisory Committee established under section 102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972) will be set up which shall include at least two Independent Persons who have consented so to serve from amongst those previously appointed by the County Council or by another Council under Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 and which shall meet at least 20 working days before any meeting of the County Council at which any proposed dismissal is to be considered
4. The Employment Committee will, having considered the advice of any Independent Investigating Officer appointed, make a recommendation to the Council for consideration, including any terms for cessation of employment.
5. Any proposal to dismiss the Head of the Paid Service, the Monitoring Officer or the Chief Finance Officer other may only be taken by the Council following consideration of
  - a. any advice, views or recommendations from the Panel set up under paragraph 3 above
  - b. the conclusions of any investigation into the proposed dismissal : and
  - c. any representations from the officer concerned



## **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 25 JUNE 2015**

### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

#### **Purpose**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Committee to submit proposed changes to the Meeting Procedure Rules (Standing Orders) and Articles of the Constitution to the County Council for approval.

#### **Background**

2. Article 15 of the County Council's Constitution gives the Chief Executive a duty to monitor and review the operation of the Constitution to ensure that the aims and principles of the Constitution are given full effect. It requires that changes to the document should only be approved by the full County Council after consideration of the proposal by the Chief Executive and the relevant Committee which, in the case of the Articles and Meeting Procedure Rules, is the Constitution Committee.
3. In the case of everything except the Meeting Procedure Rules the final decision on changes can be made at a single meeting of the County Council. However, in the case of the Meeting Procedure Rules any motion to add, to vary or revoke Standing Orders must, having been proposed and seconded, stand adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council. The proposed changes to the Standing Orders set out in this report cannot therefore take effect until after the County Council meeting in September 2015.

#### **Review of Standing Orders**

4. The Leaders of the three main Political Groups have discussed concerns raised by the Leader relating to the conduct of the Council budget meeting in February 2015 and the fact that a number of members had failed to speak to the matter before the Council and were speaking on behalf of other bodies, specifically district councils.
5. A further issue highlighted during the Council debate was that some members had not understood the how school finances work and in their speeches therefore misrepresented the position. A similar issue occurred

in relation to the notice of motion on grammar schools moved at the March Council meeting. Currently there is no mechanism in place to enable another member to raise a point of information to correct a speaker from developing their arguments based on an incorrect understanding or incorrect information.

### **Proposals**

6. In order to address the concerns set out above, it is proposed to make some amendments to the Standing Orders and a consequential amendment to the Articles. The proposed amendments are appended to the report and involve the following:-
  - (i) Amending Standing Order 18 and Article 2.03 to clarify the role of a County Councillor. The amendments confirm that, whilst the overriding duty of County Councillors in their representative role is to the whole community, they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them. They should act in the capacity to which they were elected to the Council and should not speak on behalf of any other local authority. The amendment to Standing Order 18 also clarifies that any speech must be directly relevant to the matter under discussion.
  - (ii) Amending Standing Order 22 by adding a provision to enable a member to raise a point of information so as to correct a speaker from developing their argument on incorrect facts.

### **Recommendation**

7. That the County Council be recommended to approve the proposed changes to the Constitution as set out in the Appendix to this report.

### **Background Papers**

The Constitution of Leicestershire County Council.

### **Circulation under Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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### **Equalities and Human Rights Implications**

None.



**STANDING ORDER 18*****Length of speeches and conduct of members***

- (1) A member shall direct his or her speech to the question under discussion (i.e. it shall be directly relevant to the matter under discussion) or to a point of order or a point of personal explanation or information for the meeting, shall not impute motives or use offensive expressions to or about any other member and shall act in accordance with the role of a County Councillor as set out in Article 2.03 of the Constitution.

**ARTICLE 2*****Members of the County Council*****2.03 Roles and functions of all county councillors**

- (a) The overriding duty of county councillors in their representational role is to the whole community, but they have a special duty to their constituents, including those who did not vote for them.
- (b) **Key roles.** All county councillors will:
1. act in the capacity to which they were elected to the County Council and not speak on behalf of any other local authority whilst acting as a County Councillor;
  2. collectively be the ultimate policy-makers and carry out a number of strategic and corporate management functions;
  3. contribute to the good governance of the County and actively encourage community participation and citizen involvement in decision-making;
  4. represent their communities and bring the views of those communities into the County Council's decision-making process, i.e. become the advocate of and for their communities;
  5. deal with individual casework and act as an advocate for constituents in resolving particular concerns or grievances;
  6. balance different interests identified within the electoral division and represent the electoral division as a whole;
  7. respond to constituents' enquiries and representations, fairly and impartially;
  8. be available to represent the County Council on other bodies; and
  9. maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics.

**STANDING ORDER 22 (A)*****Points of Order***

1. A member may rise on a point of order and shall be entitled to be heard forthwith. A point of order shall relate only to an alleged breach of a Standing Order or statutory provision and the member shall specify the Standing Order

or statutory provision and the way in which he or she considers it has been broken.

2. The ruling of the Chairman on a point of order shall not be open to discussion.

**STANDING ORDER 22 (B)**

***Points of Personal Explanation or Information for the meeting***

1. A member may rise on a point of personal explanation or point for information for the Council and shall be heard forthwith.
2. A point of personal explanation shall be confined to some material part of the former speech by him or her which may have been misunderstood in the present debate.
3. A point of information for the meeting shall be confined to correcting a speaker developing their argument on incorrect facts or figures so as to avoid misleading the meeting.
4. The ruling of the Chairman on a point of personal explanation or point of information for the Council shall not be open for discussion.