

PERIODIC ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

4. The County Council's proposal

4.1 Proposals for future County electoral arrangements for Cambridge City

4.1.1 With a council size of 68, Cambridge City remains entitled to 14 councillors. Retaining the current division boundaries is not appropriate as the boundaries of all the underlying district wards were changed during the recent review of Cambridge City Council's electoral arrangements. The County Council therefore proposes the creation of 14 single-member divisions, each coterminous with one district ward. This leads to 100% coterminosity across the district and each division's electorate is within 10% of the county average by 2008.

4.1.2 The County Council feels that achieving this level of coterminosity in Cambridge City is important. The City is unparished and the district wards are the main way different parts of the City are defined. Implementing different division boundaries would be confusing for councillors and for the electorate, particularly because the district wards so strongly identify regions of the City.

4.1.3 The County Council consulted on this proposal and no concerns were raised.

Table 2: Proposal for Cambridge City - see map A2.1

Electoral Division	Constituent District Wards	2003 Electorate	Variation from county average	2008 Electorate	Variation from county average
Abbey	Abbey	6,269	-1%	6,720	0%
Arbury	Arbury	6,970	10%	6,990	4%
Castle	Castle	6,662	5%	7,050	5%
Cherry Hinton	Cherry Hinton	6,293	-1%	6,430	-5%
Coleridge	Coleridge	5,724	-10%	6,180	-8%
East Chesterton	East Chesterton	5,730	-10%	6,230	-8%
King's Hedges	King's Hedges	6,129	-3%	6,400	-5%
Market	Market	6,352	0%	6,660	-1%
Newnham	Newnham	6,506	3%	7,030	4%
Petersfield	Petersfield	5,971	-6%	6,350	-6%
Queen Edith's	Queen Edith's	6,326	-0%	6,360	-6%
Romsey	Romsey	6,288	-1%	6,330	-6%
Trumpington	Trumpington	5,535	-13%	6,470	-4%
West Chesterton	West Chesterton	6,360	0%	6,420	-5%
		87,115		91,620	