

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of Preston City Council. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft order - the legal document which brings into force our recommendations - will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in May 2019.

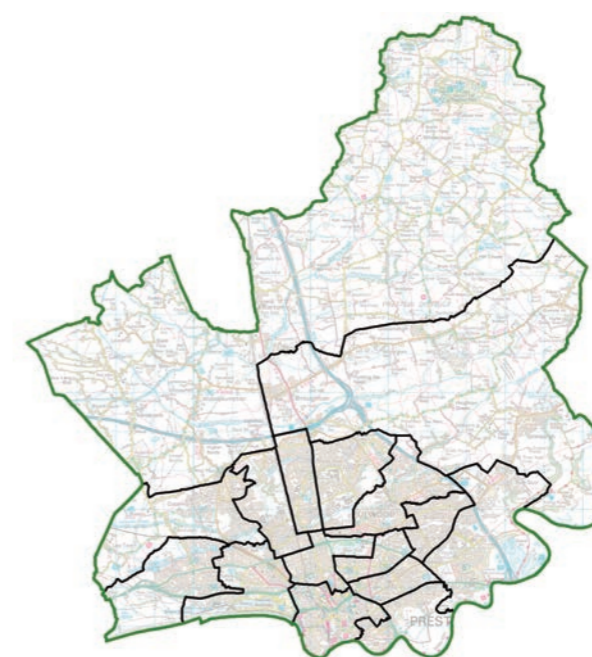
Our recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing as part of our final recommendations, along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

Preston City Council

Final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements

Ward Name:	Number of Councillors:	Electorate (2017):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from average %	Electorate (2023):	Number of Electors per Councillor:	Variance from Average %
Ashton	3	6,371	2,124	7%	6,390	2,130	2%
Brookfield	3	5,843	1,948	-2%	5,976	1,992	-5%
Cadley	3	6,248	2,083	5%	6,346	2,115	1%
City Centre	3	6,112	2,037	2%	6,540	2,180	4%
Deepdale	3	5,974	1,991	0%	5,986	1,995	-5%
Fishwick & Frenchwood	3	5,919	1,973	-1%	5,977	1,992	-5%
Garrison	3	6,682	2,227	12%	6,722	2,241	7%
Greyfriars	3	6,240	2,080	5%	6,352	2,117	1%
Ingol & Cottam	3	6,242	2,081	5%	6,740	2,247	8%
Lea & Larches	3	6,704	2,235	12%	6,792	2,264	8%
Plungington	3	5,895	1,965	-1%	5,917	1,972	-6%
Preston Rural East	3	5,342	1,781	-10%	6,316	2,105	1%
Preston Rural North	3	3,843	1,281	-36%	5,884	1,961	-6%
Ribbleton	3	5,839	1,946	-2%	5,848	1,949	-7%
Sharoe Green	3	6,345	2,115	6%	6,472	2,157	3%
St Matthew's	3	5,852	1,951	-2%	6,037	2,012	-4%
Totals:	48	95,451	-	-	100,295	-	-
Averages:	-	-	1,989	-	-	2,089	-



Who we are:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

Why Preston City Council?

- Preston City Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in city council elections, varies depending on where you live in Preston.
- We are seeking to improve levels of electoral equality for local voters

Electoral review:

- An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:
- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
 - The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
 - The number of councillors for each ward or division.

Our proposals:

- Preston City Council currently has 57 councillors. Based on the evidence we received, the Commission recommends that **48** councillors should serve the city in the future.
- The Commission believes the final recommendations meet our statutory criteria to:
 - (1) Deliver electoral equality for voters.
 - (2) Reflect community interests and identities.
 - (3) Promote effective and convenient local government.

Summary of our recommendations

We have considered all the submissions we received during our consultation on our draft recommendations.

The final recommendations propose that Preston City Council's 48 councillors should represent 16 three-councillor wards across the city.

In response to local feedback on its draft recommendations, the Commission has made changes to some of its proposals. For example, the Commission has made a change to the ward boundary between the Fishwick & Frenchwood and City Centre wards to better reflect community identity.

Furthermore, based on submissions received, the Commission has decided that the Tulketh ward be renamed Cadley, and the Moor Park ward be renamed Plungington.

An outline of the proposals is shown in the map to the right. A detailed report on the recommendations and interactive mapping is available on our website at: www.lgbce.org.uk.

Find out more: consultation.lgbce.org.uk:

- view the map of our recommendations down to street level.
- zoom into the areas that interest you most.
- find more guidance on the review process.
- read the full report of our recommendations.

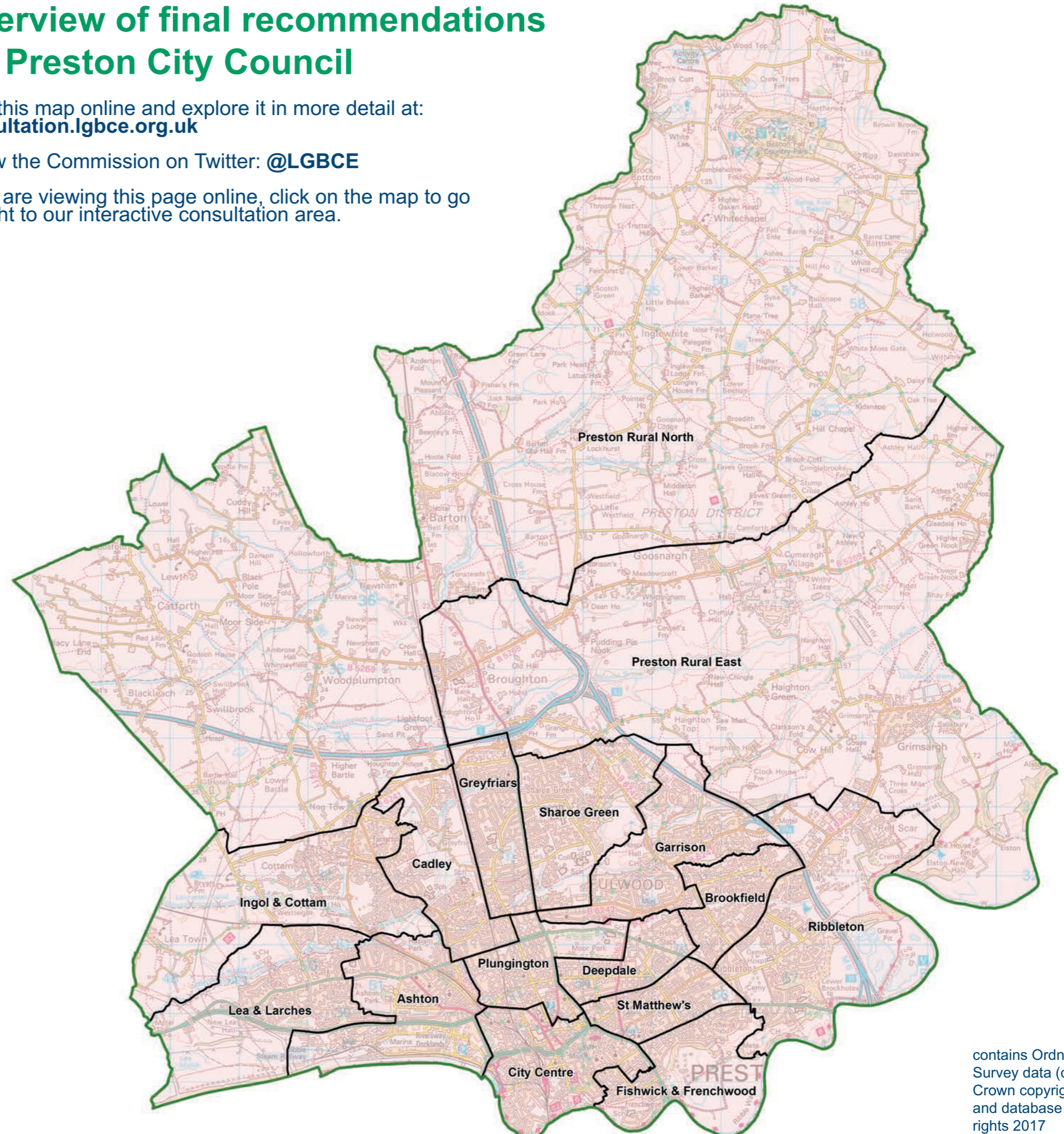
Stage of review	Description
28 March - 5 June 2017	Public consultation on new ward boundaries
29 August - 6 November 2017	Public consultation on draft recommendations
16 January 2018	Publication of final recommendations
May 2019	Subject to parliamentary approval - implementation of new arrangements at local elections

Overview of final recommendations for Preston City Council

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