

Council

Tuesday, 24 July 2018

Item 9: Report on the Local Government Boundary Review

That Norwich City Council approves the following response to the draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Norwich City Council from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE).

The Council would like to express its concern at the inequality of the numbers of electors by 2023 between wards in the draft proposals by the LGBCE in some cases of up to 20%. Given that it was the duty of the LGBCE to produce wards of roughly a similar number of voters we ask them to review their proposals to improve the electoral equality between wards.

We also propose the following changes to the draft proposals in order to improve the electoral balance of three wards:

- (1) To transfer the part of Town Close ward to the north west of Newmarket Road and to the south of but including Mount Pleasant, Arlington Lane and The Mews from Town Close ward to Eaton ward.
- (2) To add the area around Carrow Hill from Mancroft ward and Thorpe Hamlet ward to the proposed Lakenham ward. The precise boundary of the new area to be added to the proposed Lakenham ward, is to the south and east of a boundary which will proceed down the middle of Finkelgate, along the middle of Ber Street (between Finkelgate to Mariners Lane), down the middle of Mariners Lane, along the footpath to Rouen Road and then down the middle of Rouen Road and King Street until the Novi Sad friendship bridge where the River Wensum shall form the northern boundary.
- (3) That the eastern boundary of Town Close ward should run along Hall Road.
- (4) That Spitalfields should remain in Thorpe Hamlet ward rather than be transferred to Crome ward.
- (5) That the north side of Earlham Road to the east of the entrance to the Earlham Cemetery should remain in Nelson ward rather than being transferred to University ward.
- (6) That part of the TH2 Polling District, south and including the Prince of Wales should be transferred to the Mancroft ward rather than Thorpe Hamlet ward.
- (7) That the LGBCE consider that the area of Saint Augustines between the inner ring road and the northern boundary of the present Mancroft ward should be contained within one ward.