

## Electoral Boundary Changes

Winchester City Council is reviewing the area served by each City Councillor.

It has been asked to do this by the Local Government Commission for England (LGCE) whose mission is to make sure that each councillor represents about the same number of people – with less than 10% variation.

In Compton & Shawford we are fortunate to have our own City Councillor today.

The City's five year forecast shows us having about **1250** voters compared with an average across the City Council of about **1600**.

The Parish Council was concerned that the City Council might propose to bring us in line with the rest of the Winchester District area by putting parts of the parish in with adjacent parishes. Although the boundaries of the parish are not up for review at present, any subdivision for District election purposes could have paved the way for the parish itself to be carved up in future.

The Parish Council felt that we would not want to support any option that might lead to the parish being split up.

We have just received a copy of the City Council's draft proposals. They put us with Otterbourne and Hursley in an area to

be served by two City Councillors with almost exactly the right number of voters per member. (The practice for areas with two members has been for one of them to come up for election every two years)

As this proposal preserves our parish intact the Parish Council will probably decide to support it in our response to the City Council. We would certainly welcome your feedback before our meeting on 5 October, especially if you have other ideas. Use the form alongside if it helps. You may also write directly to the City Council Policy & Finance Committee by 11 October or indeed to the LGCE by 25 October.

Adrian Walmsley  
Vice Chairman, Compton & Shawford Parish Council  
19 September 1999

For more detail on the LGCE their web site is <http://www.lgce.gov.uk/>  
Information on this review is at <http://www.lgce.gov.uk/news/press/pr2499.htm>

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I do/do not support the City Council's draft proposal for District Councillors shown opposite.  
Other comments  
Name:

<i>City Council Draft Proposals</i>	
<i>Area</i>	<i>Electors</i>
Compton & Shawford District Ward	1252
Otterbourne & Hursley District Ward	1942
Total	3194
Total per member (2 members)	1597
Average across 55 member council	1603