

## Summary

## Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for Gloucestershire County Council

### Who we are:

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body which conducts electoral reviews of local authority areas.

### Electoral reviews:

The purpose of an electoral review is to decide on the appropriate electoral arrangements – the number of councillors, the names, number and boundaries of electoral divisions – for a local authority.

### Why Gloucestershire?

Two years ago, Gloucestershire County Council asked the Commission to conduct an electoral review which aimed to return the council to a situation whereby the whole county was made up of single-member divisions. At present, 10 divisions in Gloucestershire are represented by two councillors.

### Council size

We have decided to propose a council size of 53 county councillors as part of our draft recommendations, a reduction of 10 from the current arrangements.

In coming to our conclusions on council size, we have considered - in particular - evidence provided by the political groups represented on the County Council.

We consider that a council size of 53 members will

ensure the council can discharge its roles and responsibilities effectively and will provide for a pattern of divisions that best reflects community identities in Gloucestershire.

### Electoral arrangements

Our draft recommendations propose that Gloucestershire's 53 county councillors should represent 53 single-member electoral divisions across the county.

Stage	Stage starts	Description
Council Size	14 Sept 2010	Submission of proposals for council size to the LGBCE
One	30 Nov 2010	Submission of proposals of division arrangements to the LGBCE
Two	22 Feb 2011	LGBCE's analysis and deliberation
Three	24 May 2011	Publication of draft recommendations and consultation on them
Four	2 August 2011	Analysis of submissions received and formulation of final recommendations