

Submissions received

The Commission received 18 submissions during its initial consultation on council size. During Stage One, we received 39 submissions on division patterns for the county. This included a cross-party supported authority-wide scheme, with the exception of Gloucester City, from Gloucestershire County Council. The Commission also received localised evidence of community identity from Parish Councils and local residents in the county. All submissions can be viewed on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk.

General analysis

Having considered the submissions received during Stage One, we have developed proposals that are based broadly on those of the County Council. We have also had regard for submissions from political groups, a local MP, county and district councillors and Parish Councils. We have sought to reflect communication links,

geographic factors and evidence of community identity received during Stage One.

Electorate figures

In developing their electorate forecasts the County Council had taken into account committed development in the county as well as other indications of population change. We noted that by 2016 the electorate in eight of the 53 divisions is forecast to increase by 10% or more. In particular, the single-member North Stroud Division is due to increase by 28% and the two-member Westgate, a division in Gloucester, is due to increase by 18%. We are content to accept the Council's electorate figures for Gloucestershire as the basis of our draft recommendations

What happens next?

There will now be a 10-week consultation period on the draft recommendations. We will take into account fully all submissions received by 1 August 2011.

We have not finalised our conclusions on the electoral arrangements for Gloucestershire and welcome comments from interested parties relating to the proposed division boundaries, number of councillors and division names. We would welcome alternative proposals backed up by evidence. We will consider all the evidence submitted to us during the consultation period before preparing our final recommendations.

Express your views by writing directly to us:

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The Local Government
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The full report is available to download at
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