

Yorkshire and the Humber Initial proposals summary

Who we are and what we do

The Boundary Commission for England is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for reviewing Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England.

The 2018 Review

We have the task of periodically reviewing the boundaries of all the Parliamentary constituencies in England. We are currently conducting a review on the basis of rules set by Parliament in 2011. The rules tell us that we must make recommendations for new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in September 2018. They also result in a significant reduction in the number of constituencies in England (from 533 to 501), and require that every constituency – apart from two specified exceptions – must have an electorate that is no smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

Initial proposals

We published our initial proposals for the new Parliamentary constituency boundaries in England on 13 September 2016. Information about the proposed constituencies is now available on our website.

What is changing in Yorkshire and the Humber?

Yorkshire and the Humber has been allocated 50 constituencies – a reduction of four from the current number.

Our proposals leave three of the 54 existing constituencies unchanged.

As it has not always been possible to allocate whole numbers of constituencies to individual counties, we have grouped some county and local authority areas into sub-regions. The number of constituencies allocated to each sub-region is determined by the electorate of the combined local authorities.

Consequently, it has been necessary to propose some constituencies that cross county or unitary authority boundaries.

Sub-region	Existing allocation	Proposed allocation
Humber	10	9
North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire	44	41

We have proposed four constituencies that contain electors from North Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire. Two of these constituencies combine electors from North Yorkshire and West Yorkshire, with both constituencies including wards of the District of Selby. The remaining two constituencies combine electors from West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire, which include wards of the Borough of Barnsley, the Borough of Kirklees and the Borough of Wakefield.

In Humberside, we have proposed a pattern of nine constituencies, which includes two constituencies that are completely unchanged.

How to have your say

We are consulting on our initial proposals for a 12-week period, from 13 September 2016 to 5 December 2016. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to help us shape the new constituencies – the more views we hear, the more informed our decisions will be when considering whether to revise our proposals.

Our website at www.bce2018.org.uk has more information about how to respond as well as details of where and when we will be holding public hearings in your area. You can also follow us on Twitter @BCE2018 or using #2018boundaryreview.

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