

SUMMONS

Meeting: Council
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Date: Tuesday 24 November 2020
Time: 10.30 am

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PART I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

3 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chair.

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- state points clearly, and;
- be readable aloud in approximately 3 minutes.

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MOTIONS AND QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

5 Notices of Motion

No Notices of Motion have been received for this meeting.

6 Members' Questions

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BUDGET ITEMS

7 Mid-Year Treasury Management Report- Investment Lending Criteria (Pages 7 - 26)

A report from the Chief Executive.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ELECTORAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

8 Area Board Boundary Review (Pages 27 - 100)

To consider the Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee for the Area Board Boundary Review.

PART II

Items during consideration of which it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed.

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24 November 2020

Subject: **Mid-Year Treasury Management Report – Investment Lending Criteria**

Cabinet Member: **Cllr Pauline Church – Cabinet member for Finance and Procurement, and Commercial Investment**

Key Decision: **Non Key**

Executive Summary

As part of the Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 3 November 2020 it was agreed to recommend to Full Council to approve the revised lending criteria, in that the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without any adjustment (Appendix A, paragraph 32 – 35).

Proposal

Council is asked to approve the revised lending criteria, in that the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without any adjustment (Appendix A, paragraph 32 – 35).

Reason for Proposal

To ensure sound financial management as part of the Councils overall control environment.

Terence Herbert – Chief Executive

Andy Brown – Interim Corporate Director of Resources

Wiltshire Council

Council

24 November 2020

Subject: **Mid-Year Treasury Management Report – Investment Lending Criteria**

Cabinet Member: **Cllr Pauline Church – Cabinet member for Finance and Procurement, and Commercial Investment**

Key Decision: **Non Key**

Purpose of Report

1. As part of the Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring report presented to Cabinet at its meeting on 3 November 2020 it was agreed to recommend to Full Council to approve the revised lending criteria, in that the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without any adjustment (Appendix A, paragraph 32 – 35). [The minutes from 3 November Cabinet are available online here.](#)

MID YEAR REVIEW TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2020/21

2. The Treasury Management Strategy was approved by Council at its meeting on 25 February 2020, with a requirement to provide a mid-year update report detailing the treasury management activities and performance of year to date. This detail can be found in Appendix A.
3. The Council applies the creditworthiness service provided by Link Asset Services. This service employs a sophisticated modelling approach, combining credit ratings, credit watches and credit outlooks in a weighted scoring system. This produces a series of colour coded bands which indicate the relative creditworthiness of counterparties. These colour codes are used by the Council to determine the suggested duration for investments.
4. In addition to the above, the TMSS states that; typically, the minimum credit ratings the Council use, will be a short-term rating (Fitch or equivalent) of F1 and a long-term rating of A-, and these are strictly applied by Council. However, Link Asset Services state that there may be occasions when the counterparty ratings are marginally lower than this, but the counterparty may still be used.

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

5. The application of the F1 and A- ratings by the Council are an unnecessary layer, as a wide variety of information and expertise, other than just primary ratings, have already been used by Link Asset Services to produce the counterparty list.

Overview & Scrutiny Engagement

6. Regular reports are taken to Overview & Scrutiny relating to the Council's financial position.

Safeguarding Implications

7. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Public Health Implications

8. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Procurement Implications

9. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Equalities and diversity impact of the proposals

10. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

11. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Risks Assessment

12. Ongoing budget monitoring, including monitoring of the Treasury Management activity and management of the position is a mitigating process to ensure early identification of issues and that action is taken.

Financial implications

13. These have been examined and are implicit throughout the report and Appendix A.

Legal Implications

14. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Proposals

Council are asked to approve the revised lending criteria, in that the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without any adjustment (Appendix A, paragraph 32 – 35).

Reasons for Proposals

15. To ensure a sound financial control environment.

Background Papers and Consultation

Cabinet 3 November 2020: Financial Year 2020/21 – Quarter Two Budget Monitoring

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Appendices:

Appendix A: Update Report on Treasury Management Strategy 2020/21

APPENDIX A – MID YEAR TREASURY REVIEW REPORT 2020/21

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

3 November 2020

Subject: Update Report on Treasury Management Strategy 2020/2021
Half Year ended 30 September 2020

Cabinet member: Cllr Pauline Church
Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial
Investment

Key Decision: Non Key

Executive Summary

The Council adopted a Treasury Management Strategy and an Annual Investment Strategy for 2020/2021 at its meeting on 25 February 2020.

In addition to an Annual Report, the Treasury Management Strategy requires a mid-year report reviewing the Treasury Management activities for the current year so far. This report covers the period from 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

The Council has not taken out any new external borrowing (loans) during 2020/2021.

Against budget, there is a projected net overspend in respect of interest receivable* of £0.650m.

The Council has not breached any of its performance indicators for the half year 1 April 2020 to 30 September 2020.

* an amendment has been made since the report was considered by Cabinet to remove the word payable as the pressure is solely as a result of reduced interest receivable

Proposals

Cabinet is asked to note:

- a) that the contents of this report are in line with the Treasury Management Strategy 2020/2021.
- b) the performance of the Council's investments and borrowings against the parameters set out in the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/2021.
- c) the investment limits for the money market funds have been increased to £30m, in line with an Officer Decision made on 1 April 2020 (see paragraphs 40 - 44).
- d) the investment limit for Handelsbanken was breached by £0.005m during August 2020 (see paragraph 36 - 39).

Cabinet is asked to approve:

- e) a recommendation to Full Council to approve the revised lending criteria, in that the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without any adjustment (paragraph 32 – 35).

Reasons for Proposals

To give members an opportunity to consider the performance of the Council in the period to 30 September 2020 against the parameters set out in the approved Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/2021.

To improve the operational framework within which officers can place external investments.

Andy Brown
Interim Corporate Director - Resources

**Subject: Report on Treasury Management Strategy 2020/2021
Half Year ended 30 September 2020**

**Cabinet member: Cllr Pauline Church
Cabinet Member for Finance, Procurement and Commercial
Investment**

Key Decision: Non Key

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The Council adopted a Treasury Management Strategy for 2020/2021 at its meeting on 25 February 2020, incorporating Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Indicators and an Annual Investment Strategy, in accordance with the Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).
2. The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that members be updated on treasury management activities regularly. This report, therefore, ensures Wiltshire Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

Economic Background and Interest Rate Forecast

3. The coronavirus outbreak has done huge economic damage to the UK and economies around the world. After the Bank of England took emergency action in March to cut bank rate to 0.25%, and then to 0.10%, it left Bank Rate unchanged in August, and the subsequent September meeting; although some forecasters had suggested that a cut into negative territory could happen.
4. The Monetary Policy Committee have suggested that although negative interest rates can work in some circumstances, it would be less effective as a tool to stimulate the economy, at this time when banks are worried about future loan losses. It also has other instruments available, including quantitative easing and the use of forward guidance.
5. The Council's treasury advisor, Link Asset Services, has provided the following forecast. No increase in Bank Rate is expected within the forecast horizon ending in March 2023, as economic recovery is expected to be only gradual and drawn out.

	2020/2021		2021/2022				2022/2023			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bank Rate	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10
3 Month Average	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	-	-	-	-	-
6 Month Average	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.10	-	-	-	-	-

6. Gilt yields had been on a generally falling trend up until the coronavirus outbreak in March. They then spiked during the initial phase of the health crisis, but have since fallen sharply to unprecedented lows, as major western central banks took rapid action to deal with stress in financial markets and started massive quantitative easing purchases of government bonds.
7. From a local authority borrowing perspective, the current PWLB certainty rate (the rate at which the Council can borrow) is 180 basis points (1.80%) over gilt yields. This is reduced to 80 basis points over gilt yields for HRA borrowing.
8. Below is an interest forecast table for PWLB certainty rates, provided by Link Asset Services. This shows that there is likely to be little upward movement in PWLB rates over the next two years as it will take the UK economy a prolonged period to recover all the momentum they have lost in the sharp recession caused during the coronavirus shut down period.

	2020/2021		2021/2022				2022/2023			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
25yr PWLB Rate	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.60	2.60	2.60	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70
50yr PWLB Rate	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.40	2.40	2.40	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50

9. Inflation is also likely to be very low during this period and could even turn negative in some major western economies during 2020/2021.
10. The overall balance of risks to UK economic growth is relatively even; but is subject to major uncertainty due to the virus. There is relatively little domestic risk of increases or decreases in Bank Rate and significant changes in short term PWLB rates.

Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Update 2020/2021

11. The Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2020/2021, which includes the Annual Investment Strategy, was approved by Full Council on 25 February 2020.

The Council's Capital Position (Prudential Indicators)

12. This part of the report is structured to update
 - The Council's capital expenditure plans
 - How these plans are being financed
 - The impact of the changes in the capital expenditure plans on the prudential indicators and the underlying need to borrow
 - Compliance with the limits in place for borrowing activity

Prudential Indicator for Capital Expenditure

13. The following table shows the revised estimates for capital expenditure and the changes since the capital programme was agreed by Full Council on 25 February 2020.

Capital Expenditure	2020/2021 Original Budget £m	2020/2021 Revised Budget £m	Current Position £m
General Fund	192.352	131.549	35.496
Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	40.482	18.323	3.520
Commercial Activities/Non-financial investments *	28.700	15.580	(0.125)
Total	261.534	165.452	38.891

* Commercial activities/non-financial investments relate to areas such as capital expenditure on investment properties, loans to third parties etc.

Changes to the Financing of the Capital Programme

14. The following table draws together the main strategy elements of the capital plans (above) highlighting the original supported and unsupported elements of the capital programme, and the expected financing arrangements of this capital expenditure. The borrowing element of the table increases the underlying indebtedness of the Council by way of the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), although this will be reduced in part by revenue charges for the repayment of debt (the Minimum Revenue Provision). This borrowing need may also be supplemented by maturing debt and other treasury requirements.

Capital Expenditure	2020/2021 Original Budget £m	2020/2021 Revised Budget £m
Total Capital Expenditure	261.534	165.452
Financed by:		
Capital Receipts	13.802	1.545
Capital Grants	55.302	65.375
Capital Reserves	0.000	0.000
Revenue	0.000	0.000
HRA	29.843	18.130
Total Financing	98.947	85.050
Borrowing Funded by Revenue Saving in Service	66.047	22.878
External Borrowing	96.540	57.524
Total Borrowing Requirement	162.587	80.402

Prudential Indicators for the Capital Financing Requirement (CFR), External Debt and the Operational Boundary

15. The following table shows the CFR, which is the underlying need to borrow for a capital purpose.

Prudential Indicator – Capital Financing Requirement	2020/2021 Original Estimate £m	2020/2021 Revised Estimate £m
CFR – General Fund	581.433	502.267
CFR – HRA	126.558	116.070
Total CFR	707.991	618.337

* an amendment has been made since the report was considered by Cabinet to add the date of the COVID-19 Response Task Group meeting

16. The following table shows the operational boundary; this is the limit beyond which the external debt is not normally expected to exceed. The operational boundary is based on a prudent estimate of the most likely maximum level of external borrowing for both capital expenditure and cashflow purposes, which is consistent with other budget proposals. This was set in the TMSS 2020/2021, which was approved by Full Council on 25 February 2020 and does not change throughout the year.

Prudential Indicator - Operational Boundary for External Debt	2020/2021 Original Estimate £m
Borrowing	731.572
Other Long Term Liabilities	0.200
Operational Boundary	731.772

Limits to Borrowing Activity

17. The first key control over the treasury activity is a prudential indicator to ensure that over the medium term, net borrowing (borrowing less investments) will only be for a capital purpose.
18. Gross external borrowing should not, except in the short term exceed the total of CFR in the preceding year plus the estimates of any additional CFR for 2020/2021 and the next two financial years. This allows some flexibility for limited early borrowing for future years. The Council has approved a policy for borrowing in advance of need which will be adhered to.

	2020/2021 Original Estimate £m	2020/2021 Current Position £m	2020/2021 Revised Estimate £m
Borrowing	561.560	335.123	379.530
Other Long Term Liabilities	0.200	0.200	0.200
Salix Borrowing	0.000	2.204	2.204
Total Debt	561.760	337.527	381.934
CFR	707.991	618.337	618.337

19. A further prudential indicator controls the overall level of borrowing. This is the Authorised Limit, which represents the limit beyond which borrowing is prohibited, and needs to be set and revised by Members. It reflects the level of borrowing which, while not desired could be afforded in the short term, is not sustainable in the long term. It is the expected maximum borrowing need with some headroom for unexpected movements. This is the statutory limit determined under section 3 (1) of the Local Government Act 2003. The Authorised Limit was set in the TMSS 2020/2021, which was approved by Full Council on 25 February 2020 and does not change throughout the year.

Authorised Limit for External Debt	2020/2021 Original Estimate £m
Borrowing	746.697
Other Long Term Liabilities	0.200
Total Authorised Limit	746.897

Borrowing

20. The Council's Capital Financing Requirement (CFR) for 2020/2021 is £618.337m. The CFR denotes the Council's underlying need to borrow for capital purposes. If the CFR is positive the Council may borrow from the PWLB or the market (external borrowing) or from internal balances on a temporary basis (internal borrowing). The balance of external and internal borrowing is usually driven by market conditions.
21. The table in paragraph 18 shows the Council has borrowings of £337.527m and has utilised £280.810m of cash flow funds in lieu of borrowing. This figure includes £68.816m PFI liability, which when accounted for, results in a net internal borrowing position of £211.994m. This is a prudent and cost effective approach in the current economic climate will be continually reviewed in order to achieve optimum value and risk exposure in the long-term.
22. Due to the overall financial position and the increasing underlying need to borrow for capital purposes, it is anticipated that further external borrowing may be undertaken at the end of the financial year.
23. A summary of the Council's borrowing position as at 30 September 2020 is detailed at Appendix 1.

Debt Rescheduling

24. Debt rescheduling opportunities have been very limited in the current economic climate and following the various increases in the margins added to gilt yields which have impacted the PWLB borrowing rates since October 2010. Therefore, no debt rescheduling has been undertaken in the current financial year.

Compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits

25. It is a statutory duty for the Council to determine and keep under review the affordable borrowing limits. During the half year ended 30 September 2020, the Council has operated within the treasury and prudential indicators set out in the Council's TMSS 2020/2021.
26. No future difficulties are envisaged for the current or future years in complying with these indicators.
27. All treasury management operations have been conducted in full compliance with the Council's Treasury Management Practices.

Annual Investment Strategy

28. In accordance with the Code, it is the Council's priority to ensure security of capital and liquidity, and to obtain an appropriate level of return which is consistent with the Council's risk appetite. In the current economic climate, it is considered appropriate to keep investments short term to cover cash flow needs, but also to seek out value available in periods of up to 12 months with high credit rated institutions.

29. As shown by the interest forecast in paragraph 8, it is now impossible to earn the level of interest commonly seen in previous decades. Now that Bank Rate is 0.1%, all investment rates are barely above zero. This has seen a number of counterparties, including the HSBC overnight account, offer nil or negative rates for very short-term maturities. However, Money Market Funds are still offering a marginally positive return.
30. Inter-local authority lending and borrowing rates have also declined due to the surge in the levels of cash seeking a short-term home at a time when many local authorities are having difficulties with accurate forecasting. This is due to uncertainty around when disbursements of funds received will occur or when further large receipts will be received from the Government.
31. Given the risk environment and the fact that Bank Rate increases are unlikely to occur before the end of the current forecast horizon, investment returns are expected to remain low.

Investment Counterparty Criteria

32. The Council applies the creditworthiness service provided by Link Asset Services. This service employs a sophisticated modelling approach, combining credit ratings, credit watches and credit outlooks in a weighted scoring system. This produces a series of colour coded bands which indicate the relative creditworthiness of counterparties. These colour codes are used by the Council to determine the suggested duration for investments.
33. In addition to the above, the TMSS states that; typically, the minimum credit ratings the Council use, will be a short-term rating (Fitch or equivalent) of F1 and a long-term rating of A-, and these are strictly applied by Council. However, Link Asset Services state that there may be occasions when the counterparty ratings are marginally lower than this, but the counterparty may still be used.
34. This means that the application of the F1 and A- ratings by the Council are an unnecessary layer, as a wide variety of information and expertise, other than just primary ratings, have already been used by Link Asset Services to produce the counterparty list.
35. Therefore, it is proposed that,
 - a. the Council uses the counterparty list provided by Link Asset Services, without the strict application of the additional credit ratings (F1 and A-)

Approved Limits – Breach

36. The Council operates a 35-day notice account with Handelsbanken, with a counterparty limit of £15.000m. In August 2020, the balance held was £14.992m. At the end of this month, notification was received from the bank that they had applied quarterly interest of £0.013m, which resulted in the balance on the account being £15.005m; which is £0.005m over the limit.
37. The balances on the liquid investments, such as the money market funds and call account are regularly monitored, so that they do not breach counterparty limits. However, on this occasion, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the notification of the

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quarterly investment was not received by the treasury team, until such time that it was too late to adjust the balance.

38. As soon as the breach was identified, funds were recalled, to bring the Handelsbanken investment balance back to within the prescribed limit.
39. Processes have been reviewed and revised, to ensure that a similar breach does not occur in the future.

Approved Limits – Counterparty Criteria

40. The following criteria has been changed since the TMSS was agreed at Full Council on 25 February 2020.
 - a. Due to operational requirements, mainly as a result of the significant value of grants paid to the council as paymaster, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the monetary limit for each money market fund was increased from £15m to £30m.
41. This decision would in other circumstances be taken by Council. However, in circumstances where the Council is unable to meet to expedite its functions in a timely manner during the Covid-19 pandemic, this decision was taken in accordance with the appropriate power, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officers and other statutory officers of the Council.
42. The above Officer Decision was taken by Interim Corporate Director of Resources, Andy Brown, on 1 April 2020.
43. The decision was taken to enable the treasury team to place larger amounts of very short-term liquid funds on the money market following the announcement by Central Government that the Council was going to be in receipt of £106m of funding in respect of the Covid-19 Business Grant Scheme. Payments were starting to be made to businesses the following week, so general fixed term deposits would not have been appropriate.
44. Holding this increased level of cash, is in excess of any normal business holdings the council would expect to manage over this short space of time. Given the structure of the portfolio, the current limits of £15m per money market fund, were not sufficient to place the level of funds necessary.

Investment Portfolio 2020/2021

45. As at 30/09/2020, the Council held £119.467m of investments (£79.525m as at 31/03/2020). The average level of funds available for investments over the first six months of the year was £128.131m.
46. A summary of the Council's investments as at 30 September 2020 are detailed at Appendix 2

Investment Performance 2020/2021

47. The investment portfolio yield for the first six months of the year was 0.41% against a benchmark of 0.21% (Six month LIBID rate). Therefore, the Council outperformed the benchmark by 20 bps (basis points).
48. The current forecast for interest expenditure for 2020/2021 is in line with the budget.
49. Budgets assumptions for interest receivable were based on market interest rates, prior to the Covid-19 impact on the economy. Interest rates were previously 0.75% and on a rising trend and are currently 0.10%. This significant market decline has resulted in the current forecast for interest income being £0.650m lower than budget.
50. These forecasts have been included within the figures reported in the period 6 revenue budget monitoring report to Cabinet.

Overview & Scrutiny Engagement

51. The COVID-19 Response Task Group will consider this report on 28 October 2020*. Any comments from the Task Group will be reported verbally at the meeting of Cabinet.

Safeguarding Implications

52. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Public Health Implications

53. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Procurement Implications

54. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

55. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

56. None have been identified as arising directly from this report.

Risk Assessment

57. All investments have been at fixed rates during the period. The Council's current average interest rate on long term debt is 3.78%, which compares favourably with similar rates of other UK local authorities.
58. The primary management risks to which the Council is exposed are adverse movements in interest rates and the credit risk of counterparties.
59. Investment counterparty risk is controlled by assessing and monitoring the credit risk of borrowers as authorised by the Annual Investment Strategy.

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Financial Implications

60. These have been examined and are implicit throughout the report.

Legal Implications

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Proposals

62. Cabinet is asked to note:

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Andy Brown

Interim Corporate Director – Resources (Section 151 Officer)

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Borrowing Portfolio

Appendix 2 Investment Portfolio

Borrowing Portfolio as at 30 September 2020

Lender	Start Date	Maturity Date	Amount £m	Rate %	Annual Interest £m
Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)					
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2021	4.000	2.21	0.088
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2021	2.000	4.33	0.087
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2022	8.000	2.40	0.192
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2023	8.000	2.56	0.205
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2023	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2024	8.000	2.70	0.216
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2024	2.000	4.49	0.090
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2025	8.000	2.82	0.226
PWLB	14/08/2001	01/12/2025	0.123	4.875	0.006
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2026	10.000	2.92	0.292
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2026	2.000	4.54	0.091
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2027	8.000	3.01	0.241
PWLB	21/08/2002	01/06/2027	4.000	4.75	0.190
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2028	6.000	3.08	0.185
PWLB	29/07/1999	01/06/2028	1.000	4.75	0.048
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2028	2.000	4.56	0.091
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2029	7.000	3.15	0.221
PWLB	29/07/1999	01/06/2029	1.000	4.75	0.048
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2030	8.000	3.21	0.257
PWLB	29/07/1999	01/06/2030	1.000	4.75	0.048
PWLB	20/05/2005	01/06/2030	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	05/12/2005	18/03/2031	5.000	4.25	0.213
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2031	2.000	3.26	0.065
PWLB	29/07/1999	01/06/2031	1.000	4.75	0.048
PWLB	20/05/2005	01/06/2031	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	21/11/2005	18/09/2031	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2032	5.000	3.30	0.165
PWLB	20/05/2005	01/06/2032	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	04/11/1999	01/12/2032	1.500	4.625	0.069
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2033	6.000	3.34	0.200
PWLB	20/05/2005	01/06/2033	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	15/11/1999	19/09/2033	1.000	4.25	0.043
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2034	7.000	3.37	0.236
PWLB	20/05/2005	01/06/2034	2.000	4.45	0.089
PWLB	15/11/1999	18/09/2034	1.000	4.25	0.043
PWLB	21/11/2005	18/09/2034	5.000	4.25	0.213
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2035	2.000	3.40	0.068
PWLB	14/06/2005	14/06/2035	5.000	4.35	0.218
PWLB	15/11/1999	18/09/2035	1.000	4.25	0.042
PWLB	21/11/2005	18/09/2035	5.000	4.25	0.213

PWLB	15/11/1999	18/09/2036	0.500	4.25	0.021
PWLB	15/11/1999	18/09/2036	0.500	4.25	0.021
PWLB	28/03/2012	28/03/2037	9.000	3.44	0.310
PWLB	11/01/2006	01/12/2037	4.000	4.00	0.160
PWLB	11/01/2006	01/12/2038	4.000	4.00	0.160
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2041	2.000	4.57	0.091
PWLB	11/08/2006	01/12/2041	3.000	4.35	0.131
PWLB	15/02/2010	01/06/2042	2.000	4.57	0.091
PWLB	11/08/2006	01/12/2042	2.000	4.35	0.087
PWLB	11/08/2006	01/12/2043	2.000	4.35	0.087
PWLB	06/09/2006	01/12/2044	3.000	4.25	0.128
PWLB	06/09/2006	01/12/2045	3.000	4.25	0.128
PWLB	29/06/2006	18/09/2046	4.000	4.45	0.178
PWLB	30/08/2006	01/12/2046	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	29/06/2006	18/09/2047	4.000	4.45	0.178
PWLB	30/08/2006	01/12/2047	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	09/10/1998	18/09/2048	1.000	4.50	0.045
PWLB	29/06/2006	18/09/2048	3.500	4.45	0.156
PWLB	30/08/2006	01/12/2048	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	09/10/1998	18/09/2049	1.000	4.50	0.045
PWLB	29/06/2006	18/09/2049	3.000	4.45	0.134
PWLB	30/08/2006	01/12/2049	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	30/08/2006	01/06/2050	5.000	4.25	0.213
PWLB	17/09/1998	18/09/2050	1.000	5.125	0.051
PWLB	17/09/1998	18/09/2051	1.000	5.125	0.051
PWLB	07/03/2007	01/06/2052	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	23/07/1998	03/06/2052	1.000	5.50	0.055
PWLB	07/03/2007	01/06/2053	2.000	4.25	0.085
PWLB	23/07/1998	02/06/2053	1.000	5.50	0.055
PWLB	19/06/1998	01/06/2054	1.000	5.375	0.054
PWLB	19/06/1998	01/06/2055	1.000	5.375	0.054
PWLB	21/06/2006	01/06/2055	2.000	4.30	0.086
PWLB	22/06/2006	18/09/2055	4.000	4.35	0.174
PWLB	19/06/1998	01/06/2056	1.500	5.375	0.081
PWLB	21/06/2006	01/06/2056	3.000	4.30	0.129
PWLB	22/06/2006	01/06/2056	6.000	4.35	0.261
PWLB	02/10/1997	25/09/2057	1.500	6.625	0.099
PWLB	13/03/2019	13/03/2063	10.000	2.36	0.236
PWLB	13/03/2019	13/03/2064	10.000	2.36	0.236
PWLB	13/03/2019	13/03/2065	10.000	2.36	0.236
TOTAL PWLB LOANS			274.123		10.002

* an amendment has been made since the report was considered by Cabinet to add the date of the COVID-19 Response Task Group meeting

Lender	Start Date	Maturity Date	Amount £m	Rate %	Annual Interest £m
LOBO Loans					
Barclays Bank	03/12/2004	03/12/2054	10.000	4.45	0.445
FMS Wermanagement	07/12/2004	08/12/2053	10.000	4.45	0.445
PBB Deutsche Pfandbriefbank	10/12/2004	10/12/2052	10.000	4.45	0.445
Dexia Credit Local	10/12/2004	11/12/2051	10.000	4.45	0.445
Barclays Bank	31/08/2005	31/08/2055	5.000	3.99	0.199
Dexia Credit Local	20/02/2006	18/02/2066	6.000	4.45	0.267
Beyern LB	05/03/2007	07/03/2067	4.000	4.20	0.168
Barclays Bank	31/07/2007	01/08/2067	6.000	4.21	0.253
TOTAL LOBO LOANS			61.000		2.667
Salix Loans					
Loan 1	01/11/2019	01/04/2025	1.034	0.00	0.000
Loan 2	01/03/2020	01/03/2026	1.170	0.00	0.000
TOTAL SALIX LOANS			2.204		0.000
TOTAL - ALL LOANS			337.327		12.669

Investment Portfolio as at 30 September 2020 (compared to the counterparty list)

Borrower	Amount (£m)	Interest Rate (%)	Start Date	Maturity	Link Credit Rating (see next page for explanatory key)
First Abu Dhabi Bank	8.000	0.91	09/10/2019	07/10/2020	Orange - 12 months
Qatar National Bank	10.000	0.38	20/07/2020	20/01/2021	Orange - 12 months
Thurrock Council	15.000	0.30	15/09/2020	15/03/2021	Local Authority - 60 months
DBS Bank Ltd.	10.000	0.10	25/09/2020	23/12/2020	Orange - 12 months
Handelsbanken Call Account	14.992	0.25	*	*	AAA
Black Rock Money Market Fund	0.002	0.01	*	*	AAA
JP Morgan Money Market Fund	20.900	0.08	*	*	AAA
Federated Money Market Fund	11.305	0.06	*	*	AAA
Goldman Sachs Money Market Fund	0.001	0.01	*	*	AAA
Aberdeen Investments Liquidity Fund	29.267	0.12	*	*	AAA
Total	119.467				

* Money Market Funds/HSBC Overnight Investment Account/Call Account – cash can be invested and withdrawn on a daily basis (subject to maximum investment limits) so there is no start date or maturity date for the purposes of this report.

Link Asset Services provide a creditworthiness service, which employs a sophisticated modelling approach utilising credit ratings from the three main credit rating agencies - Fitch, Moody's and Standard and Poor's. The credit ratings of counterparties are supplemented with the following overlays:

- a) credit watches and credit outlooks from credit rating agencies;
- b) CDS spreads to give early warning of likely changes in credit ratings;
- c) sovereign ratings to select counterparties from only the most creditworthy countries.

This modelling approach combines credit ratings, credit watches and credit outlooks in a weighted scoring system which is then combined with an overlay of CDS spreads for which the end product is a series of colour coded bands which indicate the relative creditworthiness of counterparties. These colour codes are used by the Council to determine the suggested duration for investments. The Council will therefore use counterparties within the following durational bands:

- a) Yellow – 5 years (this category is for AAA rated Government debt or its equivalent, including an investment instrument – collateralised deposits, where the investment is secured only against local authority debt, namely LOBOs, making them effectively government exposure);
- b) Dark pink – 5 years for Enhanced money market funds (EMMFs) with a credit score of 1.25
- c) Light pink – 5 years for Enhanced money market funds (EMMFs) with a credit score of 1.5
- d) Purple – 2 years;
- e) Blue – 1 year (only applies to nationalised or semi nationalised UK Banks and their subsidiaries):
- f) Orange – 1 year;
- g) Red – 6 months;
- h) Green – 100 days; and
- i) No Colour – not to be used.

The advisor's creditworthiness service uses a wider array of information than just primary ratings and by using a risk weighted scoring system, does not give undue preponderance to just one agency's ratings.

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Wiltshire Council

Full Council

24 November 2020

Area Board Boundary Review 2020

Summary

To consider the Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee in respect of the Area Board Boundary Review.

Proposals

That Council,

1) Approve the composition of each Area Board from May 2021 set out below as recommended and detailed by the Electoral Review Committee in the Final Recommendations:

- i. Recommendation 1 – Amesbury
- ii. Recommendation 2 – Bradford-on-Avon
- iii. Recommendation 3 – Calne
- iv. Recommendation 4 – Chippenham and Villages
- v. Recommendation 5 – Corsham
- vi. Recommendation 6 – Devizes
- vii. Recommendation 7 – Malmesbury
- viii. Recommendation 8 – Marlborough
- ix. Recommendation 9 – Melksham
- x. Recommendation 10 – Pewsey
- xi. Recommendation 11 – Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade
- xii. Recommendation 12 – Salisbury
- xiii. Recommendation 13 – Southern
- xiv. Recommendation 14 – South West Wiltshire
- xv. Recommendation 15 – Tidworth
- xvi. Recommendation 16 – Trowbridge
- xvii. Recommendation 17 – Warminster
- xviii. Recommendation 18 – Westbury

2) To authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution accordingly for May 2021 when the proposed Area Boards come into effect.

Reason for Proposals

To ensure Area Boards align to the Electoral Divisions that will apply from May 2021 onwards, and so ensure effective and convenient local governance.

Ian Gibbons - Director of Legal and Governance

Area Board Boundary Review 2020

Purpose

1. To consider the Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee.

Background

2. Following an Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) proposed revised Electoral Divisions for the Council on 1 October 2019. On 17 March 2020 Parliament approved the revisions in *The Wiltshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2020*, to take effect at the local elections scheduled for May 2021.
3. Area Boards are appointed by the Council under S.102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and are constituted as area committees with the meaning of S.9E of Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Localism Act 2011.
4. Schedule 1 of Part 3B of the Constitution sets out the Electoral Divisions, and therefore any parishes, which comprise each of the 18 existing Area Boards. Pewsey and Tidworth comprise a single area committee, which appoints the individual Area Boards. South West Wiltshire Area Board comprises three community areas.
5. In accordance with the Constitution Area Boards consist of entire Electoral Divisions and each Division may only be in one Area Board.
6. Under Paragraph 2.10.10 of Part 3B of the Constitution the Electoral Review Committee has responsibility to make recommendations to Full Council on the composition of Area Boards.

Main Considerations

Pre-consultation

7. Sessions were arranged in July 2020 between members of the Electoral Review Committee and each existing Area Board to discuss the changes in Electoral Divisions and potential options and implications for any future Area Board arrangement. Notes from those sessions were provided to all members of each Area Board.
8. The Electoral Review Committee at its meeting on 13 August 2020 then agreed proposals for revised Area Board Boundaries. Although not a legal requirement, a consultation on those proposals was agreed.
9. A briefing note was circulated for Members on 9 September 2020, and for discussion at Area Board meetings where requested.

Consultation

10. The Draft Recommendations were published for a consultation which ran from 10 September 2020 – 31 October 2020. A press release was also published.
11. All parishes in Wiltshire were contacted by email with details of the consultation including a briefing note and online surveys, on 9 September, 23 September and 13 October 2020.
12. All Unitary Members received emails with details of the consultation on 9 September and 14 October 2020.
13. A further email was sent to the parishes of the current Amesbury and Southern Wiltshire Area Boards, as well as the Unitary Members for those Boards, on 21 October 2020.
14. There were 108 responses to the consultation, with 95 responses to the online surveys, with a further 13 responses received by email.
15. The Committee considered all responses at its meeting on 12 November 2020, and prepared Final Recommendations for presentation at this meeting. The proposed Area Board Map for May 2021 is set out at **Appendix A**. The full Final Recommendations are set out at **Appendix B**.
16. If approved, the proposals would take effect following the next elections, scheduled for May 2021.

Safeguarding Implications

17. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

18. There are no public health implications.

Procurement Implications

19. There are no procurement implications.

Risk Assessment

20. There are no risk issues arising from this report.

Equalities Implications

21. There are no equalities implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Implications

22. There are no environmental implications.

Workforce Implications

23. There are no workforce implications.

Financial Implications

24. There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications

25. There are no legal implications arising from this report. Composition of Area Boards is an administrative arrangement of Wiltshire Council.

Proposal

26. That Council,

1) Approve the composition of each Area Board from May 2021 set out below as recommended and detailed by the Electoral Review Committee in the Final Recommendations:

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- r) Recommendation 18 – Westbury

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Ian Gibbons - Director of Legal and Governance

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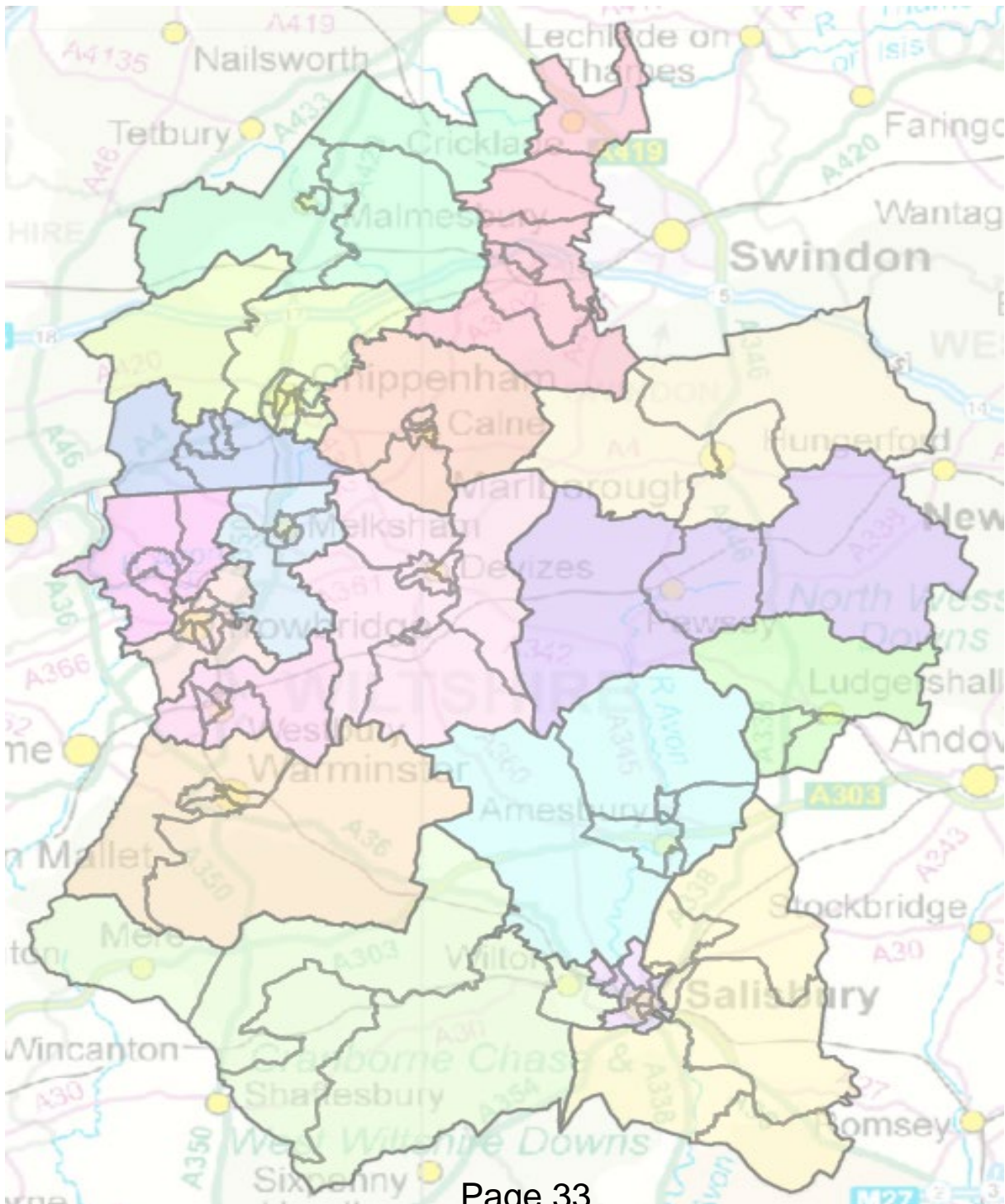


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Area Board Boundary Review 2020

Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee

November 2020



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Contact CGR@wiltshire.gov.uk or Democratic Services, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN for information.

Purpose

1. This document sets out the details of the Final Recommendations of the Electoral Review Committee for the Area Board Boundary Review, along with reasoning and descriptions of the process followed.

Area Boards

2. An Area Board is a committee of Wiltshire Council ("The Council") which covers a defined geographical area.
3. Its purpose is to promote the development of stronger and more resilient communities through:
 - Efficient, transparent and accountable decision making;
 - Effective collaboration with public, voluntary and private sector partners locally to meet the aspirations of local people;
 - Shaping the delivery of local services;
 - Addressing local issues;
 - Building community leadership and local engagement.
4. To enable this, each Area Board has authority delegated from the Leader of the Council, including authority to determine community grant funding, local highways funding and more.
5. In accordance with the Constitution of the Council, each Member of the Council is assigned to a single Area Board.
6. The geographical area covered by each Area Board is defined by which Electoral Divisions, and therefore which parishes, are included within it.
7. In all but one case for the present arrangements, the area covered by the Area Board is referred to as the Community Area. The existing South West Wiltshire Area Board comprises three community areas.

Background to the Review

8. Between 2017-2019 the Local Government Boundary Commission for England carried out an Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council.
9. This process reviewed the council's governance arrangements and ultimately concluded to retain the number of unitary Elected Members at 98.
10. However, although the number of Divisions remained the same, the areas covered by those Divisions in some cases was significantly altered.
11. As a result, the existing Area Board boundaries would no longer align to the Electoral Divisions as required, when they come into effect in May 2021.

The Electoral Review Committee

12. In accordance with Paragraph 2.10.10 of Part 3B of the Constitution, the Council has

delegated responsibility to the Electoral Review Committee (“The Committee”) to oversee any Area Board Boundary Review.

13. This is a politically proportionate committee of ten elected Wiltshire Councillors to oversee the process and prepare final recommendations relating to any review to a meeting of Full Council, who will make the decision.
14. The members of the Committee are as follows:

Cllr Richard Clewer (Chairman)	Cllr Gavin Grant (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling	Cllr Clare Cape
Cllr Ian McLennan	Cllr Christopher Newbury
Cllr Ashley O’Neill	Cllr Jonathon Seed
Cllr Stuart Wheeler	Cllr Graham Wright

Preparation of and Consultation on Draft Recommendations

15. In July 2020 the Committee arranged sessions with the members of each existing Area Board to discuss the changes to Electoral Divisions as a result of the Electoral Review, and potential implications for any future Area Board Boundaries. Notes from those sessions were provided to all members of each Area Board.
16. Following those sessions, the Committee at its meeting on 13 August 2020 agreed a draft Area Board boundary proposal.
17. As an administrative arrangement of the Council the Committee was not required to undertake additional information gathering or consultation before submitting a recommendation to Full Council.
18. However, it was agreed that the Draft Recommendations of the Committee would be circulated at Area Board meetings and made publicly available, in order to seek the views of parish councils, the public and other interested parties.
19. The Committee welcomed any views on the Draft Recommendations, including alternative submissions on how the Area Boards should be organised.
20. The consultation ran from 10 September 2020 – 31 October 2020. 95 online survey responses and 13 additional responses were received.

Preparation of Final Recommendations and Next Steps

21. The Committee reviewed all information received during the consultation at its meeting on 12 November 2020. It then agreed a Final Recommendations proposal to be considered at the meeting of Full Council on 24 November 2020.
22. If approved, the revised boundaries would come into effect following the next Unitary elections, scheduled for May 2021.

Current Area Board Boundaries



Current allocation of Parishes to Area Boards

Amesbury Area Board

Divisions - Amesbury East, Amesbury West, Bourne and Woodford Valley, Bulford, Allington and Figcheldean, Durrington and Larkhill, Till and Wylve Valley.

Parishes - Allington, Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Cholderton, Durnford, Durrington, Flgheldean, Great Wishford, Idmiston, Milston, Newton Toney, Orcheston, Shrewton, Stapleford, Steeple Langford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford, Wylve.

Bradford on Avon Area Board

Divisions - Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Staverton, Winsley and Westwood.

Parishes - Bradford on Avon, Holt, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield, Winsley.

Calne Area Board

Divisions - Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, Calne South and Cherhill, Calne Rural.

Parishes - Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

Chippenham Area Board

Divisions - By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriards, Chippenham Cepen Park and Redlands, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardens and England, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Queens and Sheldon.

Parishes - Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Chippenham Without, Christian Malford, Grittleton, Hullavington, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Langley Burrell Without, Nettleton, North Wraxall, Seagry, Stanton St Quintin, Sutton Benger, Yatton Keynell.

Corsham Area Board

Divisions - Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Town, Corsham Without and Box Hill.

Parishes - Box, Colerne, Corsham, Lacock.

Devizes Area Board

Divisions – Bromham, Rowde and Potterne, Devizes and Roundway South, Devizes East, Devizes North, Roundway, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke, Urchfont and the Cannings.

Parishes - All Cannings, Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Cheverell Magna, Cheverell Parva, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Rowde, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

Malmesbury Area Board

Divisions - Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety, Sherston.

Parishes - Ashton Keynes, Brinkworth, Brokenborough, Charlton (nr Malmesbury), Crudwell, Dauntsey, Easton Grey, Great Somerford, Hankerton, Lea and Cleverton, Leigh, Little Somerford, Luckington, Malmesbury, Minety, Norton, Oaksey, Sherston, Sopworth, St Paul Malmesbury Without.

Marlborough Area Board

Divisions - Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West, West Selkley.

Parishes - Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett, Broad Hinton, Chilton Foliat, East Kennett, Froxfield, Fyfield, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury, Savernake, West Overton, Winterbourne Bassett, Winterbourne Monkton.

Melksham Area Board

Divisions - Melksham Central, Melksham North, Melksham South, Melksham Without North, Melksham Without South, Summerham and Seend.

Parishes - Atworth, Broughton Gifford, Bulkington, Great Hinton, Keevil, Melksham, Melksham Without, Poulshot, Seend, Semington, Steeple Ashton.

Pewsey Area Board

Divisions - Pewsey, Pewsey Vale, Burbage and the Bedwyns.

Parishes - Alton, Beechingstoke, Charlton, Chirton, Easton, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot (and Huish), Wilsford, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers, Burbage, Buttermere, Grafton, Ham, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, Shalbourne.

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Divisions - Cricklade and Latton, Lyneham, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett North, Royal Wootton Bassett South.

Parishes - Braydon, Broad Town, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Milcent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marson Maisey, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett, Tockenham.

Salisbury Area Board

Divisions - Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury Harnham, Salisbury St Edmund and Milford, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown, Salisbury St Martins and Cathedral, Salisbury S Paul's.

Parishes - Salisbury, Laverstock and Ford (Bishopdown Farm area only).

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Divisions - Fovant and Chalke Valley, Mere, Nadder and East Knoyle, Tisbury, Wilton and Lower Wylke Valley.

Parishes - Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe Without, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chaberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle,

Ebbesborne Wake, Fonthill Gifford, Kilmington, Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgell and Semley, South Newnton, Stourton with Gasper, Stratford Tony, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Zeals.

Southern Area Board

Divisions - Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, Redlynch and Landford, Winterslow.

Parishes - Alderbury, Britford, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdow, Grimstead, Landford, Laverstock, Odstock, Pitton and Farley, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish, Winterslow.

Tidworth Area Board

Divisions - Ludgershall and Perham Down, Tidworth, The Collingbournes and Netheravon.

Parishes - Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Enford, Everleigh, Fittleton, Ludgershall, Netheravon, Tidcombe and Fosbury, Tidworth.

Trowbridge Area Board

Divisions - Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Paxcroft.

Parishes - Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, West Ashton.

Warminster Area Board

Divisions - Warminster Broadway, Warminster Copheap and Wylde, Warminster East, Warminster West, Warminster Without.

Parishes - Bishopstrow, Boyton, Brixton Deverill, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Kingston Deverill, Knook, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Norton Bavant, Sherrington, Stockton, Sutton Veny, Upton Lovell, Upton Scudamore, Warminster.

Westbury Area Board

Divisions - Ethandune, Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West.

Parishes - Bratton, Coulston, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood, Westbury.

Incoming Electoral Divisions (May 2021)



1	Aldbourn & Ramsbury	51	Melksham Without North & Shurnhold
2	Alderbury & Whiteparish	52	Melksham Without West & Rural Mere
3	Amesbury East & Bulford	53	Mere
4	Amesbury South	54	Minety
5	Amesbury West	55	Nadder Valley
6	Avon Valley	56	Old Sarum & Lower Bourne Valley
7	Bowerhill	57	Pewsey
8	Box & Colerne	58	Pewsey Vale East
9	Bradford-on-Avon North	59	Pewsey Vale West
10	Bradford-on-Avon South	60	Purton
11	Brinkworth	61	Redlynch & Landford
12	Bromham, Rowde & Roundway	62	Royal Wootton Bassett East
13	By Brook	63	Royal Wootton Bassett North
14	Calne Central	64	Royal Wootton Bassett South & West
15	Calne Chilvester & Abberd	65	Salisbury Bemerton Heath
16	Calne North	66	Salisbury Fisherton & Bemerton Village
17	Calne Rural	67	Salisbury Harnham East
18	Calne South	68	Salisbury Harnham West
19	Chippenham Cepen Park & Derriads	69	Salisbury Milford
20	Chippenham Cepen Park & Hunters Moon	70	Salisbury St Edmund's
21	Chippenham Hardenhuish	71	Salisbury St Francis & Stratford
22	Chippenham Hardens & Central	72	Salisbury St Paul's
23	Chippenham Lowden & Rowden	73	Sherston
24	Chippenham Monkton	74	Southwick
25	Chippenham Pewsham	75	The Lavingtons
26	Chippenham Sheldon	76	Tidworth East & Ludgershall South
27	Corsham Ladbrook	77	Tidworth North & West
28	Corsham Pickwick	78	Till Valley
29	Corsham Without	79	Tisbury
30	Cricklade & Latton	80	Trowbridge Adcroft
31	Devizes East	81	Trowbridge Central
32	Devizes North	82	Trowbridge Drynham
33	Devizes Rural West	83	Trowbridge Grove
34	Devizes South	84	Trowbridge Lambrok
35	Downton & Ebbel Valley	85	Trowbridge Park
36	Durrington	86	Trowbridge Paxcroft
37	Ethandune	87	Urchfont & Bishops Cannings
38	Fovant & Chalke Valley	88	Warminster Broadway
39	Hilperton	89	Warminster East
40	Holt	90	Warminster North & Rural
41	Kington	91	Warminster West
42	Laverstock	92	Westbury East
43	Ludgershall North & Rural	93	Westbury North
44	Lyneham	94	Westbury West
45	Malmesbury	95	Wilton
46	Marlborough East	96	Winsley & Westwood
47	Marlborough West	97	Winterslow & Upper Bourne Valley
48	Melksham East	98	Wylve Valley
49	Melksham Forest		
50	Melksham South		

Final Recommendations

Amesbury

Current Area Board

1. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Amesbury East, Amesbury West, Bourne and Woodford Valley, Bulford, Allington and Figheldean, Durrington and Larkhill, and Till and Wylde Valley.



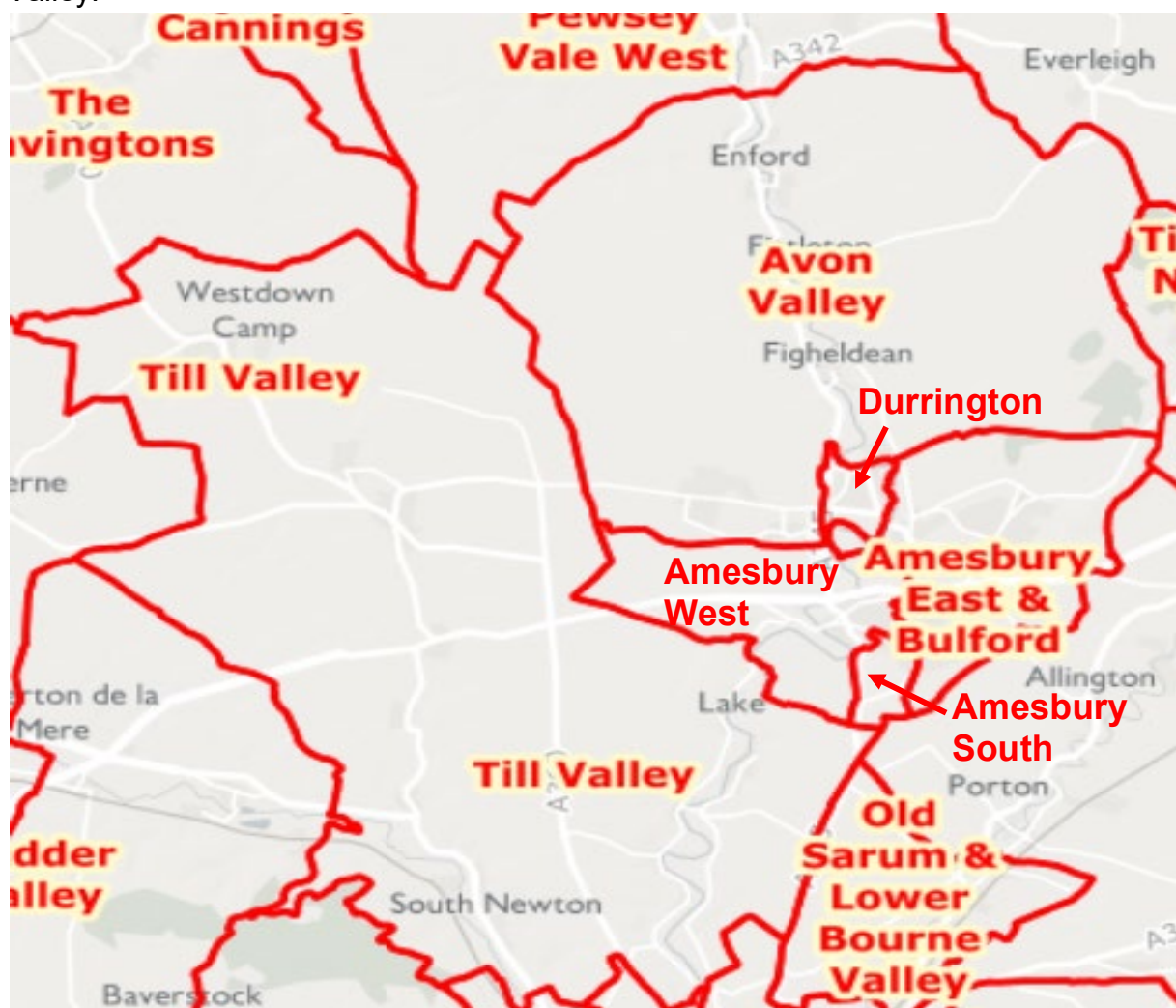
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2. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council, the parish of Durrington was divided between the Unitary Divisions of Durrington, and Avon Valley. The latter Division includes several parishes previously within the Tidworth Area Board.
3. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable, and considered that the parishes of the Avon Valley running south from Enford along the A345 naturally looked more to Amesbury than Tidworth, whereas Durrington had no appreciable connection with Tidworth. Therefore, it considered those Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board.
4. Despite a few changes in the parishes included within it, the Till Valley Division remained an appropriate inclusion given its connections with Amesbury. It was not considered that the Nadder Valley or Wylde Valley Divisions had sufficient connections with the area to be included.
5. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas previously within the Southern Area Board.

6. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board. The Parish of Laverstock & Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would therefore need to be included in the same area.
7. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock & Ford, and it would mean a further three-member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.
8. Therefore, the Committee had to decide if the three Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board or a Southern Wiltshire focused Area Board.
9. In terms of projected electorate, the majority had previously been within the Southern Area Board, though significant numbers had not. Connections between the Upper Bourne Valley and the southern area were not extensive, however the nature of the Division, which the Council had objected to, could not be altered. Winterslow was the most significant settlement of that Division and including all three Divisions with Amesbury would create an extremely large community area stretching from Enford to the borders of Salisbury. Therefore, on balance, it was considered that the three divisions most appropriately fitted with the South East area.
10. The Committee did not consider a merger with the Tidworth area Divisions would be appropriate.

Proposed Area Board

11. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury South, Amesbury West, Avon Valley, Durrington and Till Valley.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

12. 6 responses were received to the online survey, with 5 in agreement and 1 in disagreement. Comments in agreement included that Till Valley had a natural link with Amesbury, that it was a cohesively linked area, and was more representative for the area.
13. The comment in disagreement was in fact in relation to the boundaries of the Electoral Divisions, which have already been determined by the LGBCE, rather than the composition of Electoral Divisions within the proposed Area Board.
14. Comments were also received from Amesbury Town Council and Tilshead Parish Council raising no objections to the proposal.
15. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Amesbury Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations.

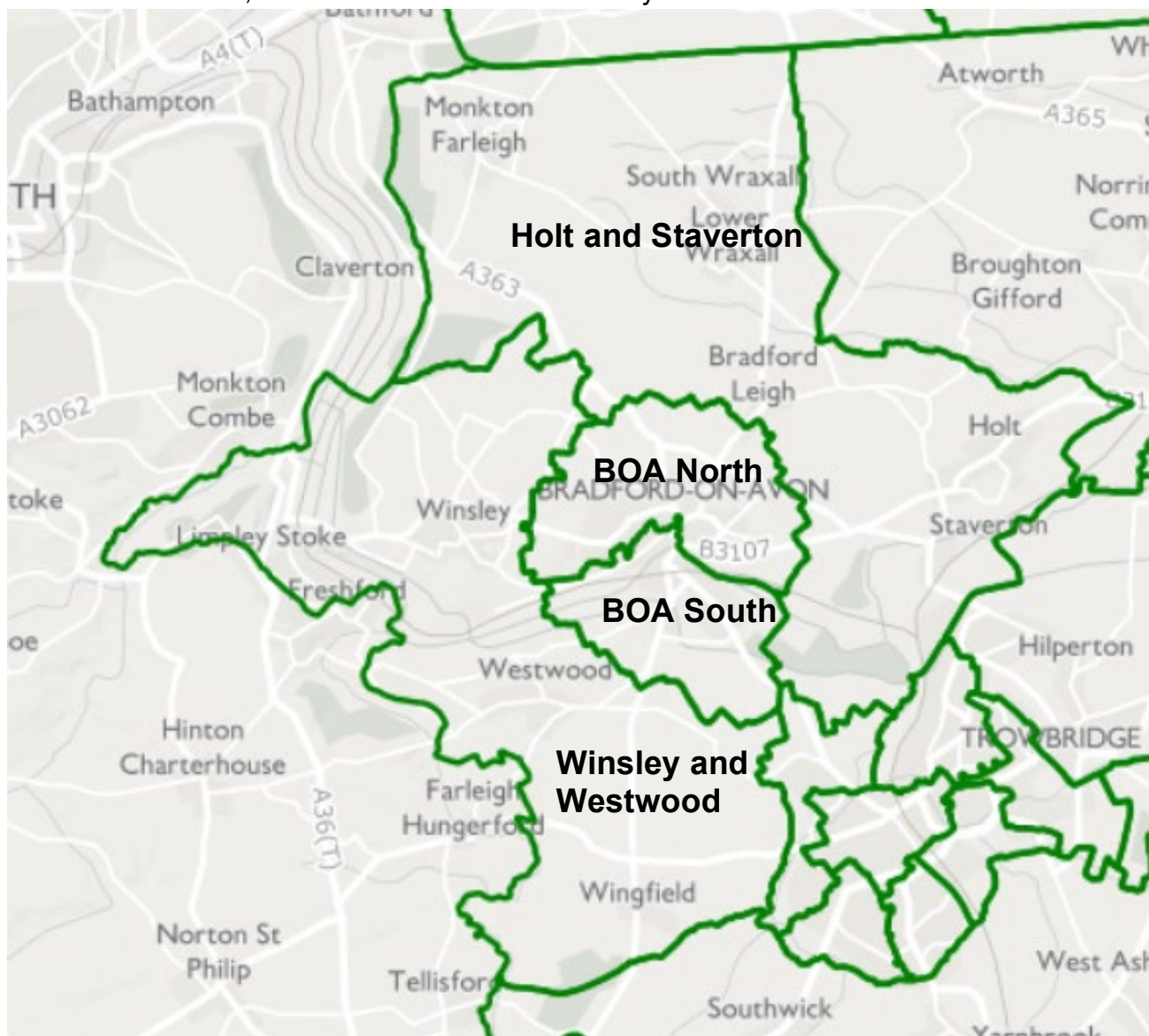
Recommendation 1

That Amesbury Area Board comprise the Divisions of Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury South, Amesbury West, Avon Valley, Durrington and Till Valley.

Bradford on Avon

Current Area Board

16. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Staverton and Winsley and Westwood.



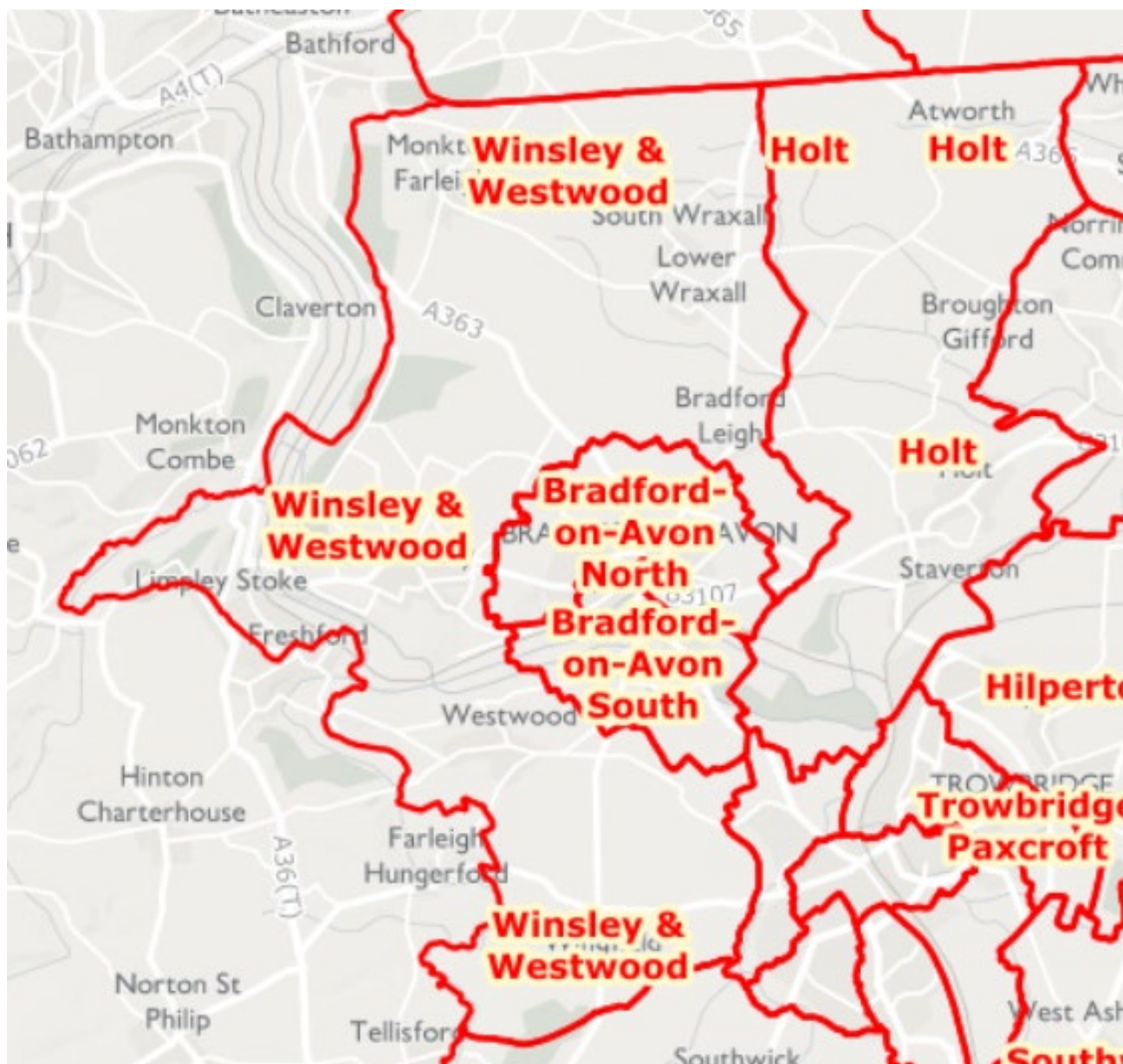
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17. The only change for the incoming Divisions was the inclusion of the parish of Atworth in the Holt Division. Atworth had previously been within the Melksham Area Board. However, given the larger part of the Division was within Bradford on Avon and Atworth's location between the two main towns, it was agreed Holt should be within the Bradford on Avon Area Board. This would also ensure the area had four members.

18. It was not considered there was any reason to expand the area to include Divisions to the north and south, and that Hilperton Division was closely aligned to Trowbridge.

Proposed Area Board

19. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt and Winsley and Westwood, as listed overleaf.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

20. 1 comment was received to the online survey. This was marked as an amendment, stating that Area Boards should be reformed 'to become democratic assemblies of all elect representatives in the area – unitary, town and parish'. The Committee only has responsibility for recommending boundaries for Area Boards to Full Council.

21. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

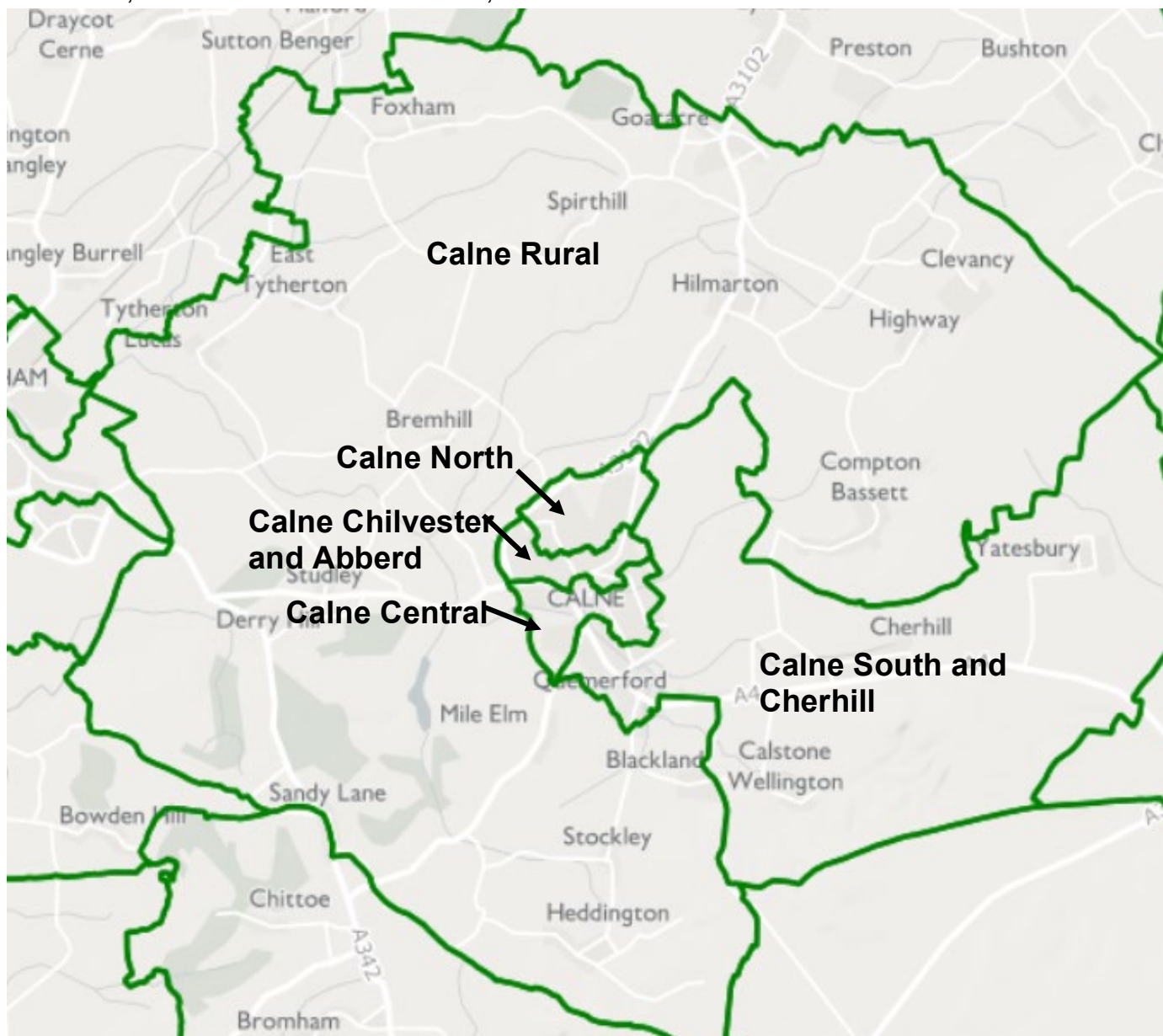
Recommendation 2

That Bradford-on-Avon Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bradford-on-Avon North, Bradford-on-Avon South, Holt, and Winsley & Westwood.

Calne

Current Area Board

22. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Calne Rural, Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, and Calne South and Cherhill.

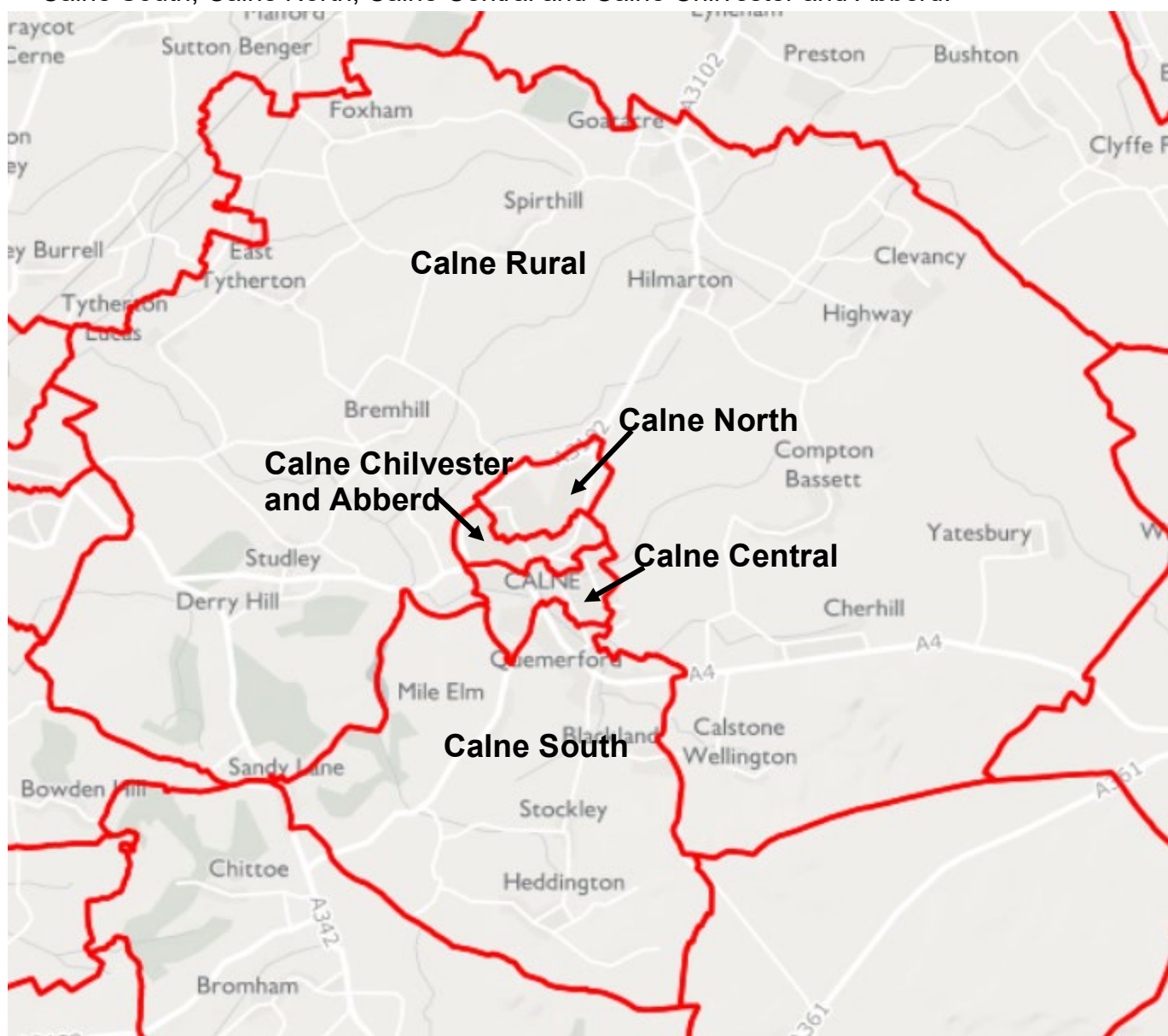


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23. The Committee did not consider there were any reasons of geography or community, or changes arising from the incoming divisions, to amend the existing boundaries of the Area Board.

Proposed Area Board

24. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Calne Rural, Calne South, Calne North, Calne Central and Calne Chilvester and Abberd.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

25. 2 comments were received to the online survey, with 1 in agreement and 1 which was stated to be in disagreement. This comment raised issues regarding the Sutton Benger Surgery, a branch of Patford House Partnership, which is based in Calne.

26. It was noted that the parish of Sutton Benger is within the Kington Division, which is currently proposed to remain within the Chippenham Area Board and includes the parishes of Chippenham Without, Kington St Michael, Kington Langley, Langley Burrell Without, Christian Malford, Seagry and Stanton St Quintin, and appropriate within that Area Board.

27. Following consideration of comments and discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Calne Area Board as originally proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 3

That Calne Area Board comprise the Divisions of Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, Calne North, Calne Rural, and Calne South.

Chippenham and Villages

Current Area Board

28. The existing Chippenham Area Board comprises the Divisions of By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Redlands, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriads, Chippenham Hardens and England, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Pewsham, and Chippenham Queens and Sheldon.

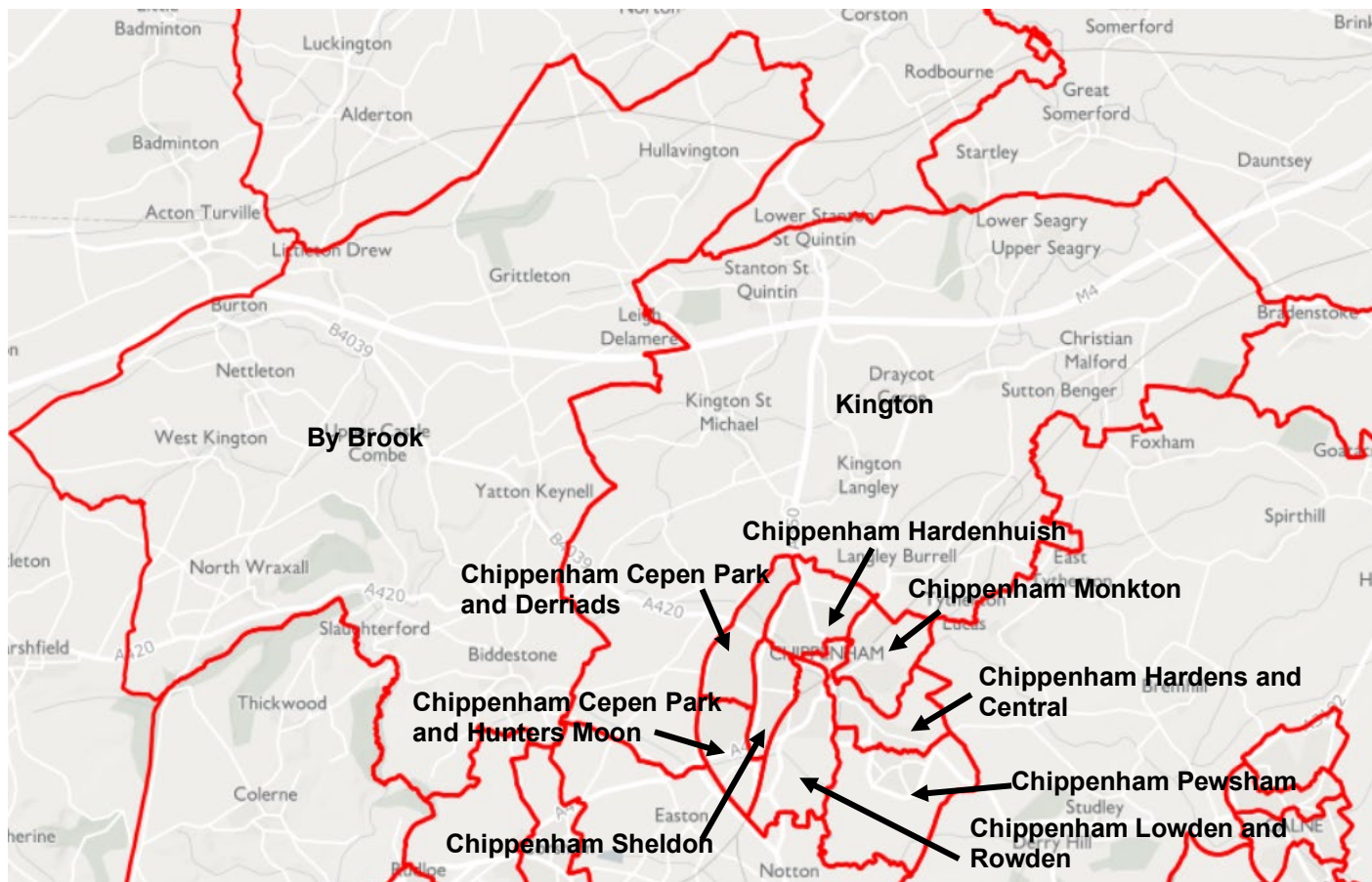


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29. The Committee noted that the incoming Divisions had not amended the external boundaries of the current Area Board. It noted that Kington, while being rurally focused, included communities closely linked by proximity to the town of Chippenham.
30. The Committee did consider whether By Brook Division should remain in the Area Board, given it had no boundary to any Chippenham Town Division and was of rural character, noting the implementation of a rural village forum for the current Area Board to give greater representation to the non-urban parishes.
31. However, the Committee felt there was no superior arrangement than the present situation, and that on balance By Brook looked to Chippenham more than it would to other places such as Malmesbury or Corsham.
32. Following the Community Governance Review decision by Full Council on 9 September 2020, Lacock Parish would not be split between Area Boards by the proposal.

Proposed Area Board

33. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriads, Chippenham Cepen Park and Hunters Moon, Chippenham Hardenhuish and Central, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Pewsham and Chippenham Sheldon.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

34. 1 comment was received to the online survey, which was in agreement on behalf of Chippenham Town Council.

35. Additionally, at its meeting on 7 October 2020 the Unitary Members of the Area Board supported recommending that it be renamed as the 'Chippenham and Villages Area Board' in order to reflect the large rural parts of the community area.

36. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above, but with the name of 'Chippenham and Villages Area Board' as reflecting the views of local Members on appropriate terminology.

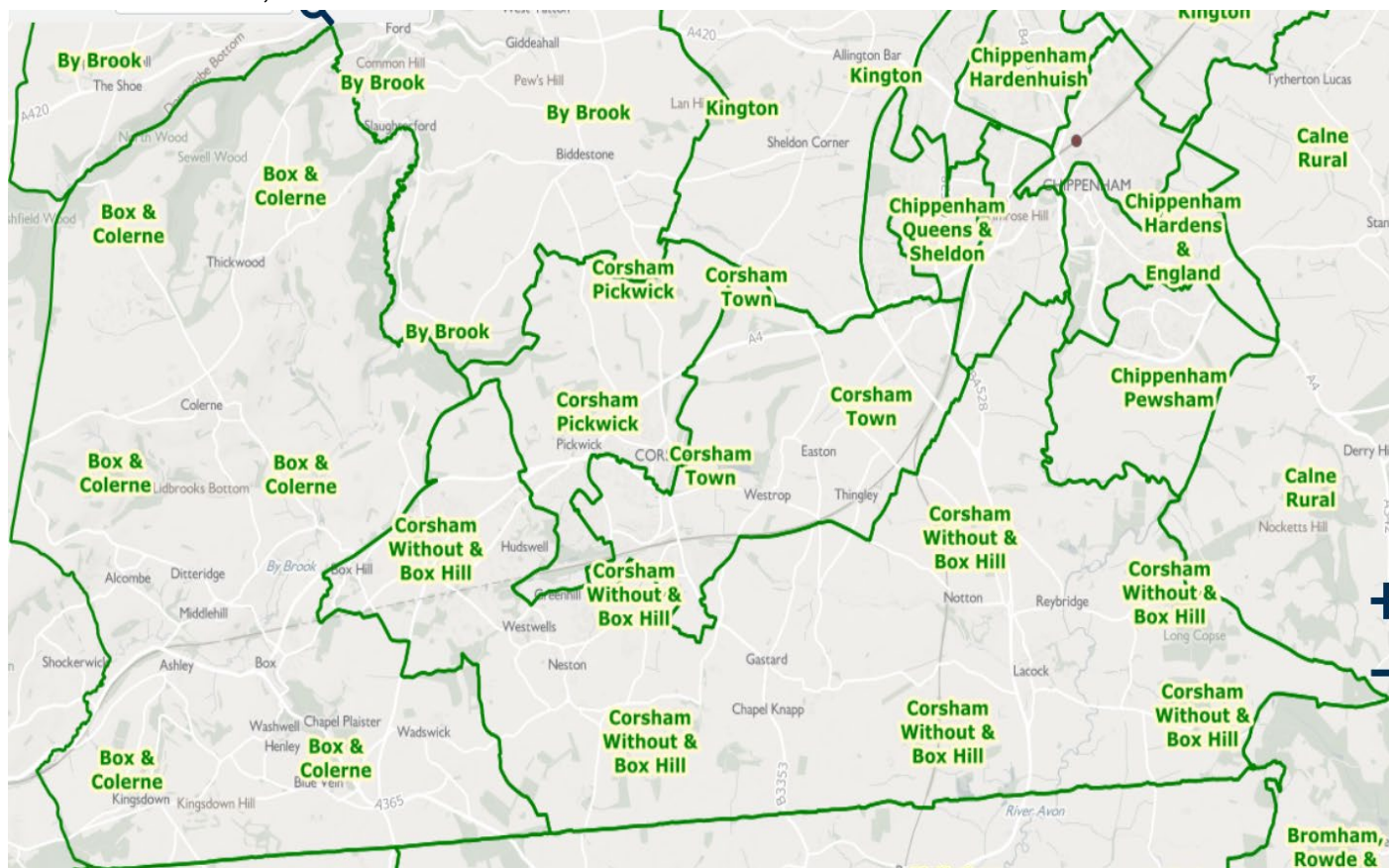
Recommendation 4

That the Chippenham and Villages Area Board comprise the Divisions of By Brook, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriads, Chippenham Cepen Park and Hunters Moon, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardenhuish and Central, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Sheldon, and Kington.

Corsham

Current Area Board

37. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Town, and Corsham Without and Box Hill.



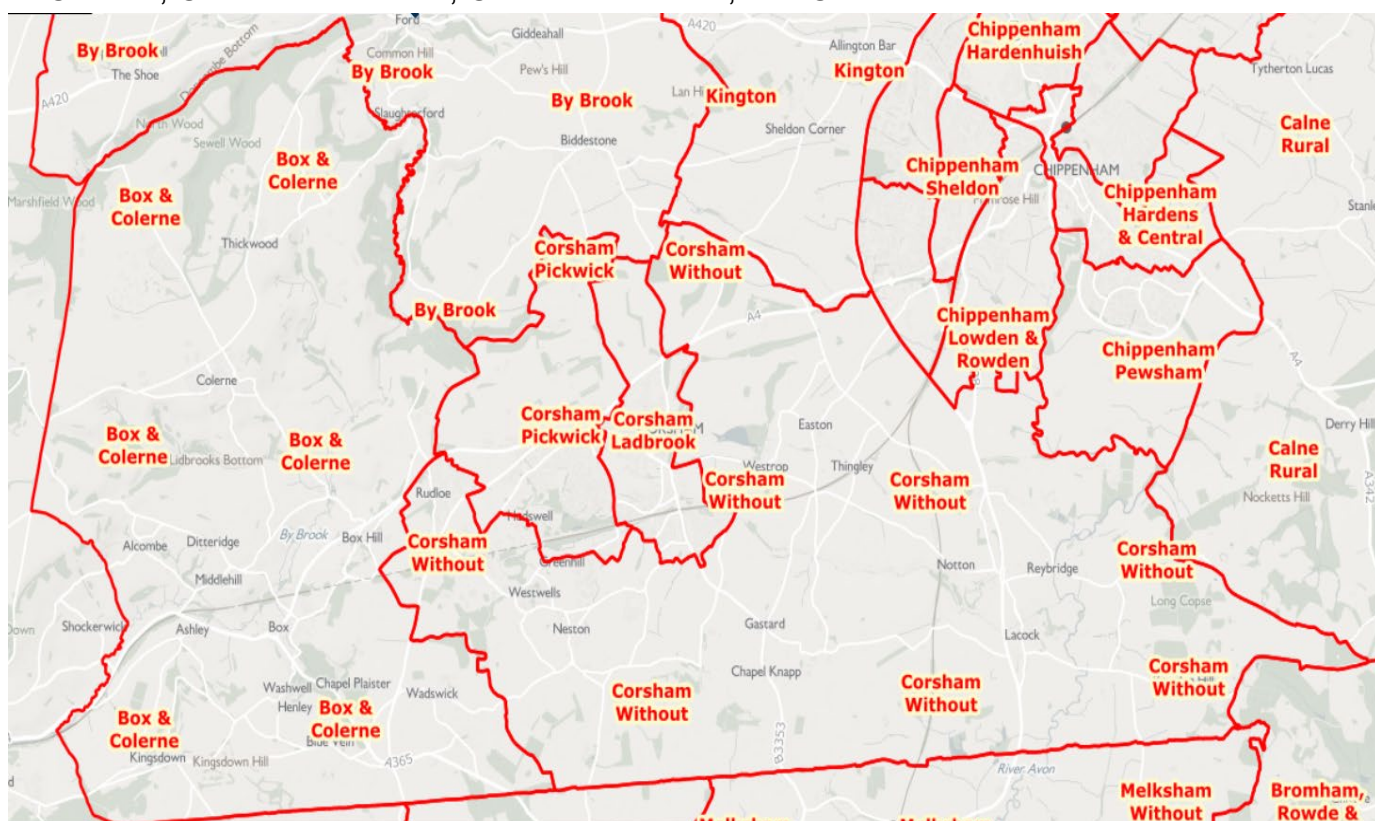
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38. It was not considered there were any community connections sufficient to include further Divisions from the north and south, and the current inclusion of four Divisions together including four parishes, was appropriate.

39. Following the Community Governance Review decision by Full Council on 9 September 2020, Lacock Parish would not be split between Area Boards by the proposal.

Proposed Area Board

40. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Box and Colerne, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Pickwick, and Corsham Without.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

41. 3 comments were received to the online survey, with all being in agreement. Comments included that the proposals incorporated all parishes in the Corsham Area.

42. A comment was also received from Box Parish Council raising no objections to the proposal.

43. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

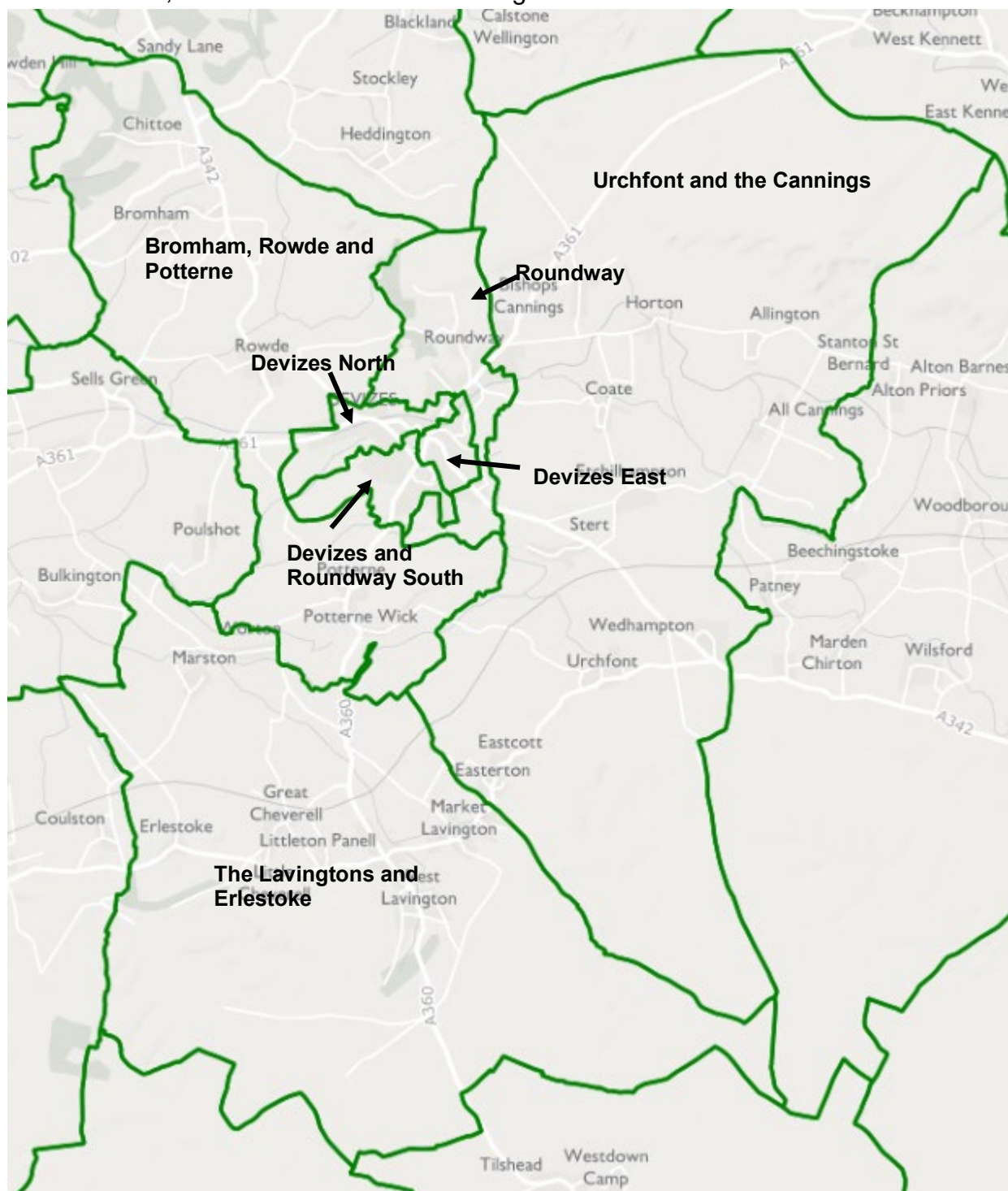
Recommendation 5

That the Corsham Area Board comprise the Divisions of Box & Colerne, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Pickwick, and Corsham Without.

Devizes

Current Area Board

44. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Bromham, Rowde and Potterne, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes and Roundway South, Roundway, The Lavingtons and Erlestoke, and Urchfont and the Cannings.



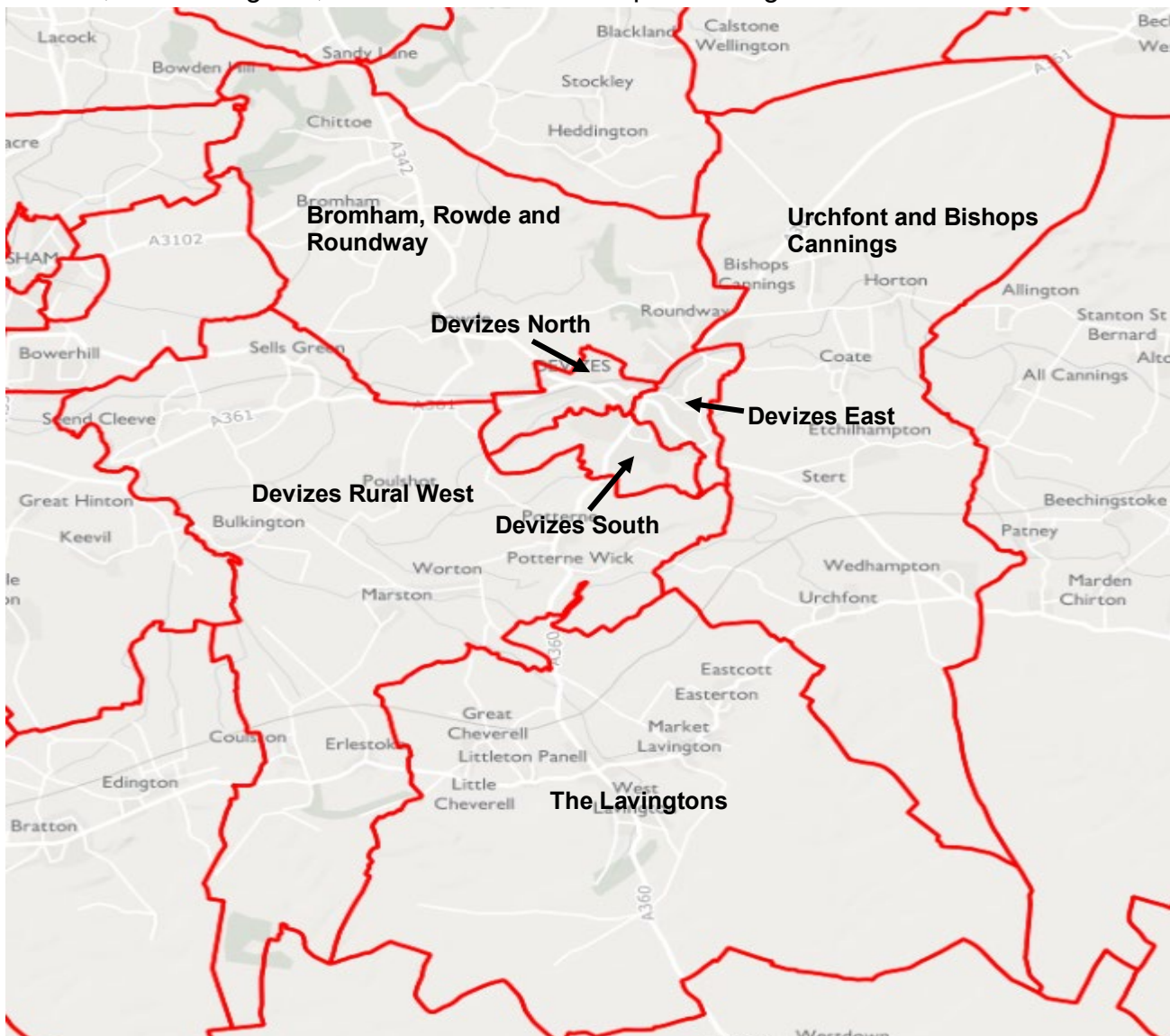
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45. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, currently part of Melksham Area Board, had been included within the Devizes Rural West Division, along with the parish of Coulston, currently a part of Westbury Area Board. The parish of All Cannings had been included with the Pewsey Vale West Division.

46. The Committee noted that a significant part of the Devizes Rural West Division was presently associated with the Melksham area, although the majority of the electorate of the area was associated with Devizes. Communities such as Potterne were closely linked with the town, whilst the parish of Seend lay between Melksham and Devizes, with other parishes relatively isolated but sharing character as smaller, rural communities.
47. On balance, the Committee considered that the overall Division was most closely aligned with Devizes and noted that given its name inclusion in another area would be a confusing arrangement. It therefore resolved to recommend the inclusion of the Division within Devizes Area Board.
48. It was not considered there was any justification for inclusion of further divisions within the area, noting the cohesive arrangements around Calne, the strong community links of the Pewsey Vale, and the geographic separation from other communities within the Warminster and Amesbury areas. Urchfont and Bishops Cannings was closely linked with Devizes and would not appropriately fit within another area.

Proposed Area Board

49. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bromham, Rowde and Roundway, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes South, Devizes Rural West, The Lavingtons, and Urchfont and Bishops Cannings.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

50. 12 comments were received to the online survey, 10 in agreement, 1 in disagreement and 1 suggesting an amendment. Comments in agreement included that the proposals fairly represented the communities which look to Devizes as their market or principal town, that it was geographically sensible, and it recognised local sentiments.
51. 1 of those survey comments confirmed that Devizes Town Council supported the proposals. An additional comment was also received from Easterton Parish Council raising no objections to the proposal.
52. The comment in disagreement enquired why the parish of All Cannings was being moved to Pewsey when it has many links with Etchilhampton.
53. The parish of All Cannings is presently in the Electoral Division of Urchfont and the Cannings, which is within Devizes Area Board. The parish of Etchilhampton is also within that Electoral Division. However, from May 2021 All Cannings will be within the Electoral Division of Pewsey Vale West, whilst Etchilhampton will be within the Electoral Division of Urchfont and Bishops Cannings. The Pewsey Vale West Electoral Division also includes the parishes of Stanton St Bernard, Alton, Wilcot, Huish and Oare, Woodborough, Manningford, Patney, Beechingstoke, North Newnton, Upavon, Rushall, Charlton, Wilsford, Marden, and Chirton.
54. A submission was also received from Seend Parish Council, noting its links with Melksham which would be ongoing with many local issues, and their distance from Devizes, and their wish to remain with Melksham Area Board. This was also requested in the survey comment seeking amendment to the proposal.
55. The parish of Seend is presently within the Summerham and Seend Electoral Division, which is included as part of Melksham Area Board. From May 2021 it will be part of the Devizes Rural West Electoral Division.
56. The Devizes Rural West Electoral Division also includes the parishes of Poulshot, Potterne, Bulkington, Worton, Erlestoke and Coulston. Approximately 57% of the projected electorate of the Electoral Division is presently within the Devizes Area Board, 39% presently within the Melksham Area Board, and 4% presently within the Westbury Area Board. The Committee considered, on balance, that the Division most appropriately fit with Devizes Area Board, given all the parishes involved.
57. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as initially proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons originally set out above.

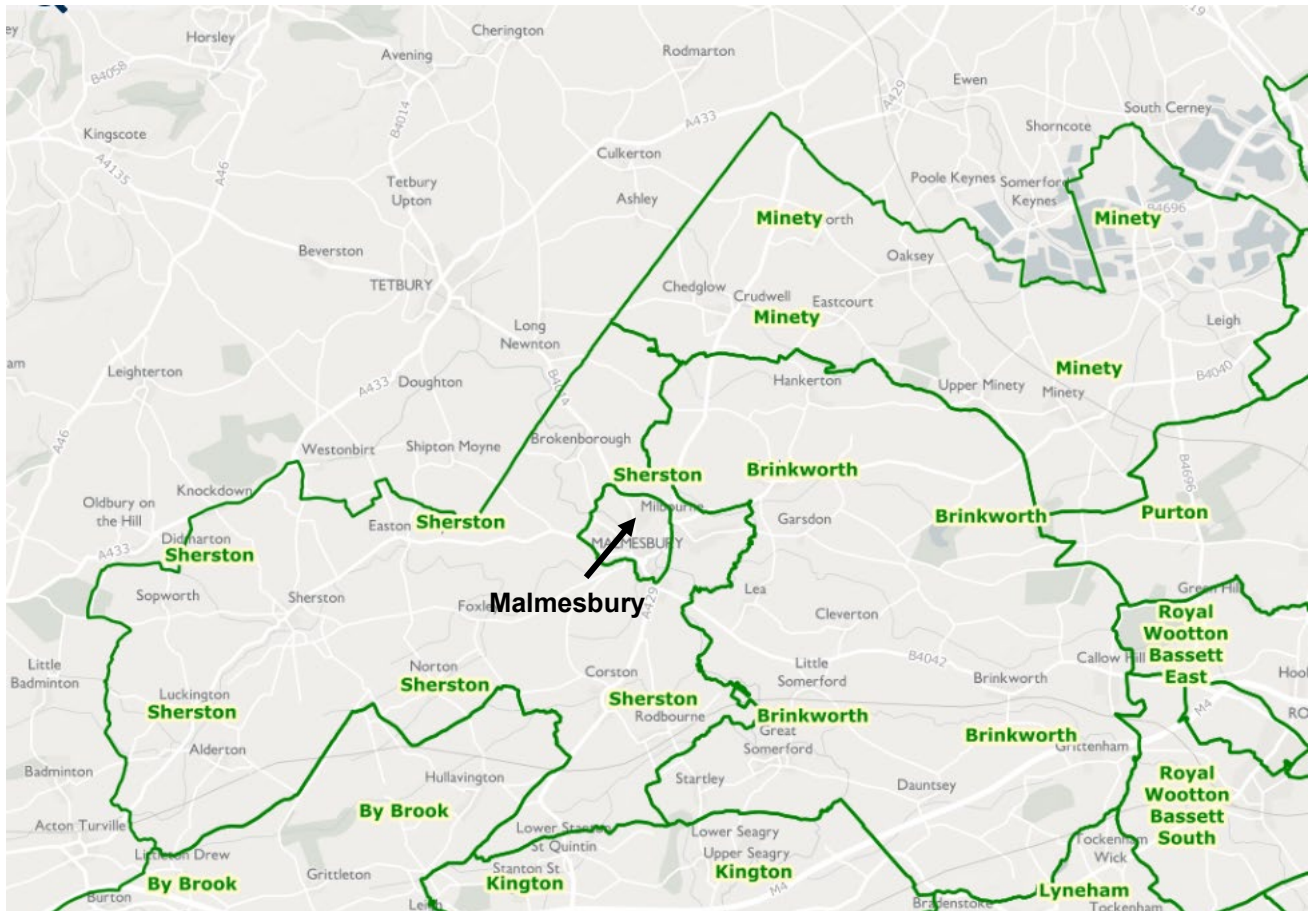
Recommendation 6

That the Devizes Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bromham, Rowde and Roundway, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes Rural West, Devizes South, The Lavingtons, and Urchfont and Bishops Cannings.

Malmesbury

Current Area Board

58. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Malmesbury, Minety, Brinkworth and Sherston.



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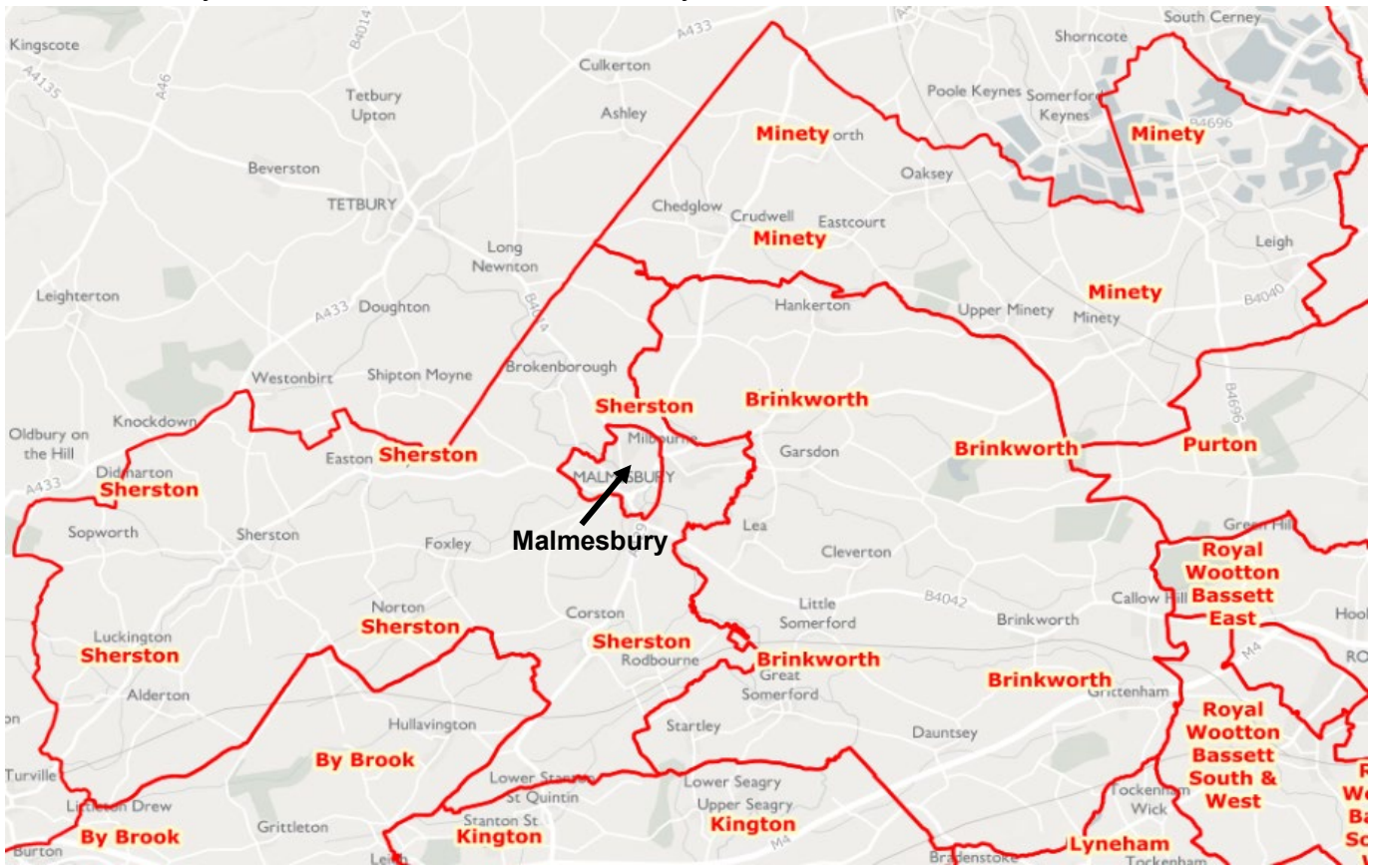
59. No areas external to the current Area Board had been included within the incoming Divisions, with the only change being inclusion of part of Malmesbury in the Sherston Division.

60. The Committee did consider whether the Divisions of By Brook or Kington might be included as part of the Malmesbury area, but concluded that although By Brook in particular had some separation from Chippenham, neither Division had closer connections with Malmesbury than with Chippenham.

61. Additionally, it was not considered that any Divisions to the East such as Cricklade and Latton had any community connections sufficient to suggest inclusion within the area.

Proposed Area Board

62. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Malmesbury, Sherston, Brinkworth and Minety.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

63. 1 comment was received to the online survey, which was in agreement with the proposal. Malmesbury Town Council also confirmed they were in support of the proposal.

64. Following consideration of comments and discussion, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

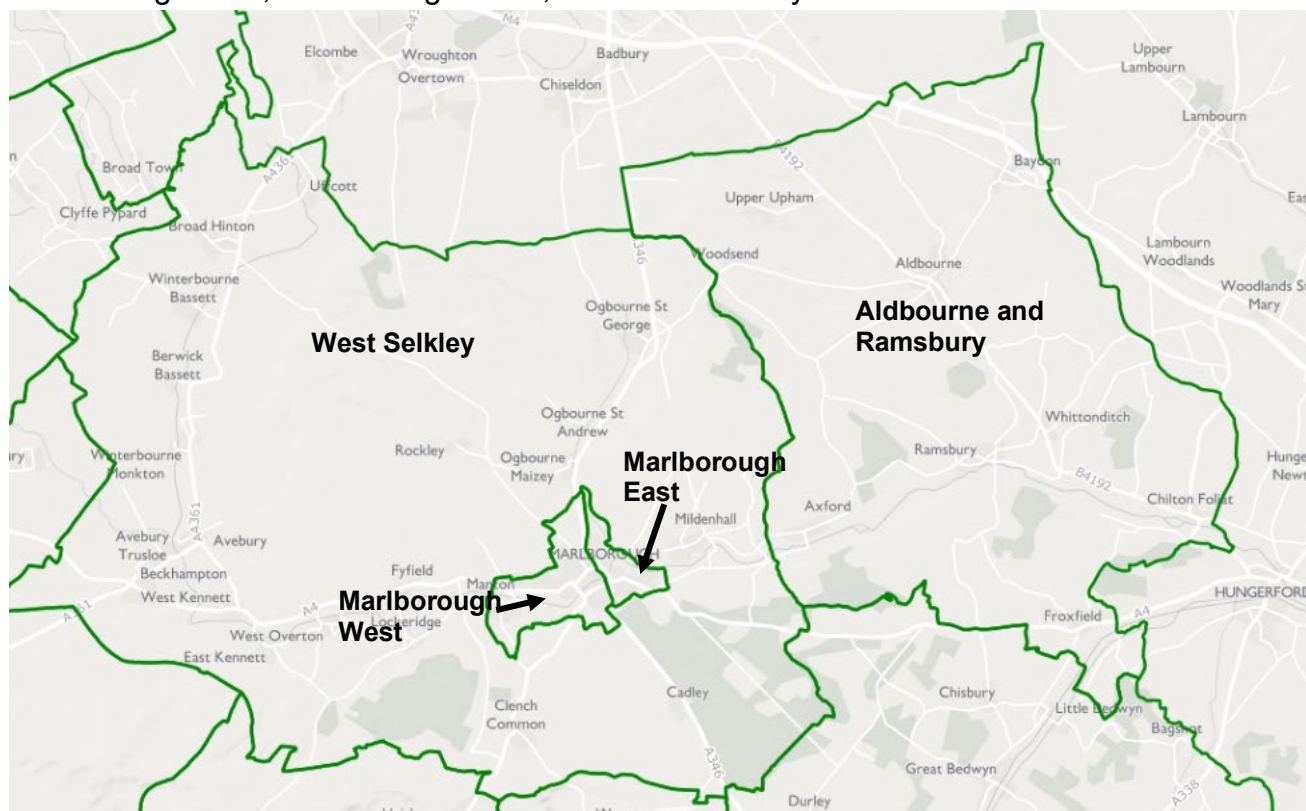
Recommendation 7

That the Malmesbury Area Board comprise the Divisions of Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety and Sherston.

Marlborough

Current Area Board

65. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West, and West Selkley.



Preparation of Draft Recommendations

66. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett had been include as part of the Lyneham Division, presently within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.

67. it was noted that 86% of the projected electorate for the Division were presently contained within Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board. Given this, and the links between the new parishes and Broad Town, the Committee recommended that Lyneham remain within that community area.

68. Marlborough Town had been included in two Divisions, each with a number of rural parishes attached.

69. As a result, this would leave the Marlborough area with only three electoral divisions, meaning it would be vulnerable to becoming inquorate in the event of absence or conflict of a single Member.

70. The Committee considered whether the Marlborough area could be merged into a single area board with Pewsey, as the South West Wiltshire Area Board also contained more than a single community area. Both areas were large, rural areas with three Divisions. However, it was considered each had strong individual characters and that it would not be appropriate to merge the two together.

71. It was therefore considered whether to include the two areas in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if necessary. Such an arrangement was presently in place for Pewsey and Tidworth.

72. The Committee felt that the present arrangements for Pewsey and Tidworth had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Marlborough and Pewsey.

73. As Tidworth would also continue to only have three members, the Committee considered whether such an arrangement could be extended to cover all three areas in an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee. Despite the distance between Tidworth and Marlborough, the Committee did not consider such cooperation would be inappropriate given other arrangements such as the Eastern Area Planning Committee and agreed all three community areas could appropriately substitute for one another.

Proposed Area Board

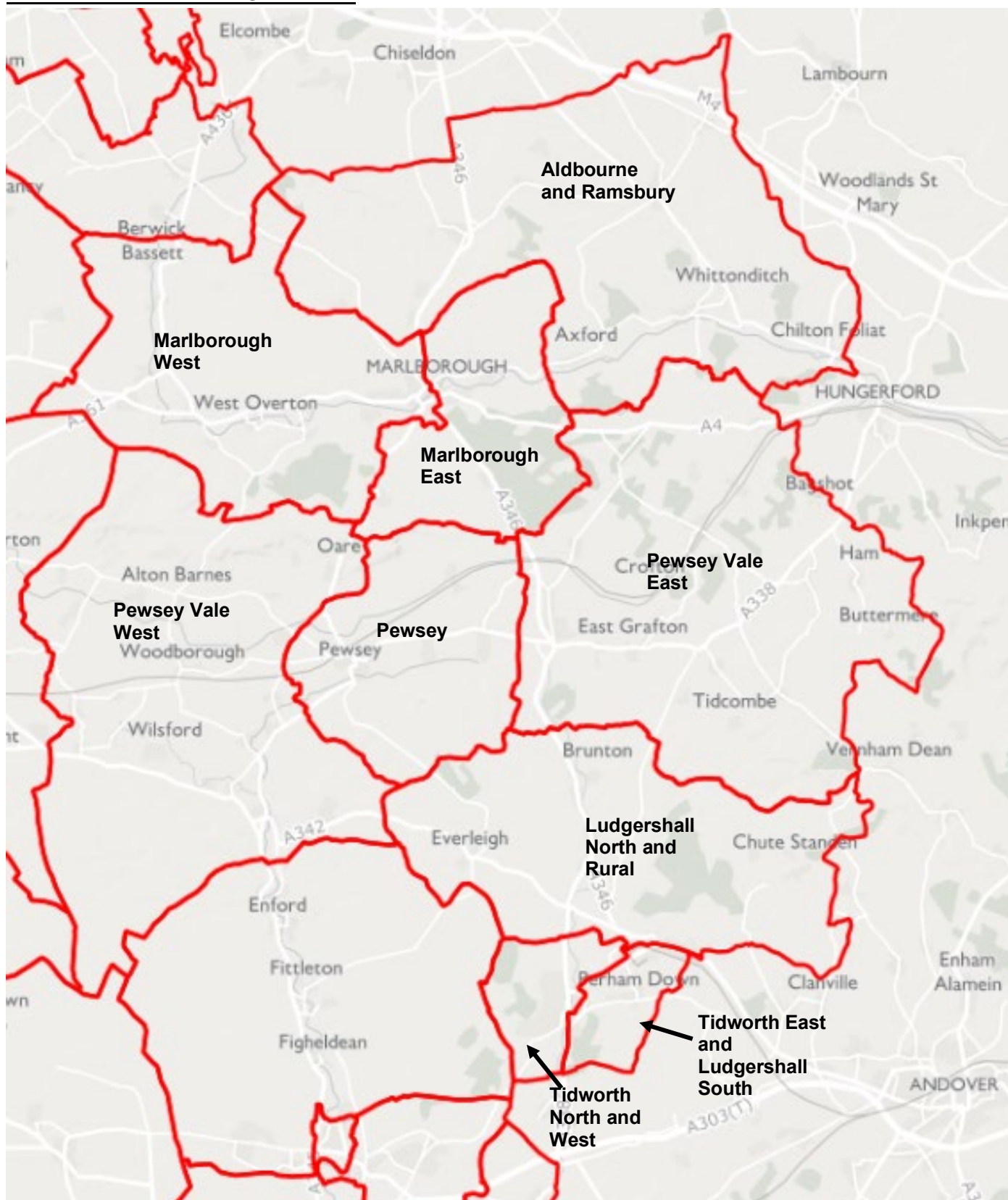
74. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East and Marlborough West.



75. The Committee also agreed that there should be an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee, shown overleaf, which would appoint members to Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards to enable substitution between the Area Boards.

76. Whilst each Area Board would meet separately, appoint their own chairmen and decide on community grants, the Committee did recommend that the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee should meet as a group several times a year in order to enable closer cooperation on wider community issues.

Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

77.9 comments were received to the online survey, with 3 in agreement and 6 in disagreement with the proposal. Comments in agreement included it being simpler.

78.5 of the comments in disagreement referenced objections to being included within the Pewsey Vale East Division or Pewsey generally, referencing matters including local

surgeries being in Ramsbury and connections of the parish of Froxfield with Aldbourne and Ramsbury and lack of connections with Pewsey.

79. The parish of Froxfield was previously within the Aldbourne and Ramsbury Electoral Division, which is within Marlborough Area Board, but from May 2021 will be part of the Pewsey Vale East Electoral Division, which is proposed to be within Pewsey Area Board.
80. Many of the objections are a continuation of objections raised during the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council to the inclusion of Froxfield within the Pewsey Vale East Division, the composition of which has been confirmed by Parliament.
81. Under the constitution with an Electoral Division only able to be in one Area Board and were Froxfield to be included in the Marlborough Area Board this would mean the entire Division would need to be included. Other parishes in Pewsey Vale East include Little Bedwyn, Great Bedwyn, Burbage, Grafton, Shalbourne, Ham, Buttermere and Tidcombe & Fosbury.
82. This would also result in Pewsey Area Board containing only 2 Electoral Divisions under present proposals.
83. A further comment in objection was from Marlborough Town Council in disagreement with the proposals. The comments objected to the use of a substitute arrangement to avoid the risk of becoming inquorate for decision making and raised concerns of political balance.
84. As an Area Committee, rules on political proportionality do not apply to Area Boards. The council's two current Area Boards with only 3 Electoral Divisions, Pewsey and Tidworth, have operated as independent boards with a substitute arrangement since 2009, which the proposals recommend be extended to include the new 3 member Marlborough Area Board, for rare occasions when it might be needed. Any member who was to be absent would be able to choose which member they wished to substitute in their place.
85. The Committee noted the comments received, many of which were more in relation to the Division and did not consider it appropriate in respect of governance or community to amend its Draft Recommendations in respect of the proposed Divisions.
86. Additionally, it was satisfied that extending the substitute arrangement already in place for Pewsey and Tidworth to include Marlborough was a suitable administrative arrangement which would not negatively impact the Board arrangements.
87. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 8

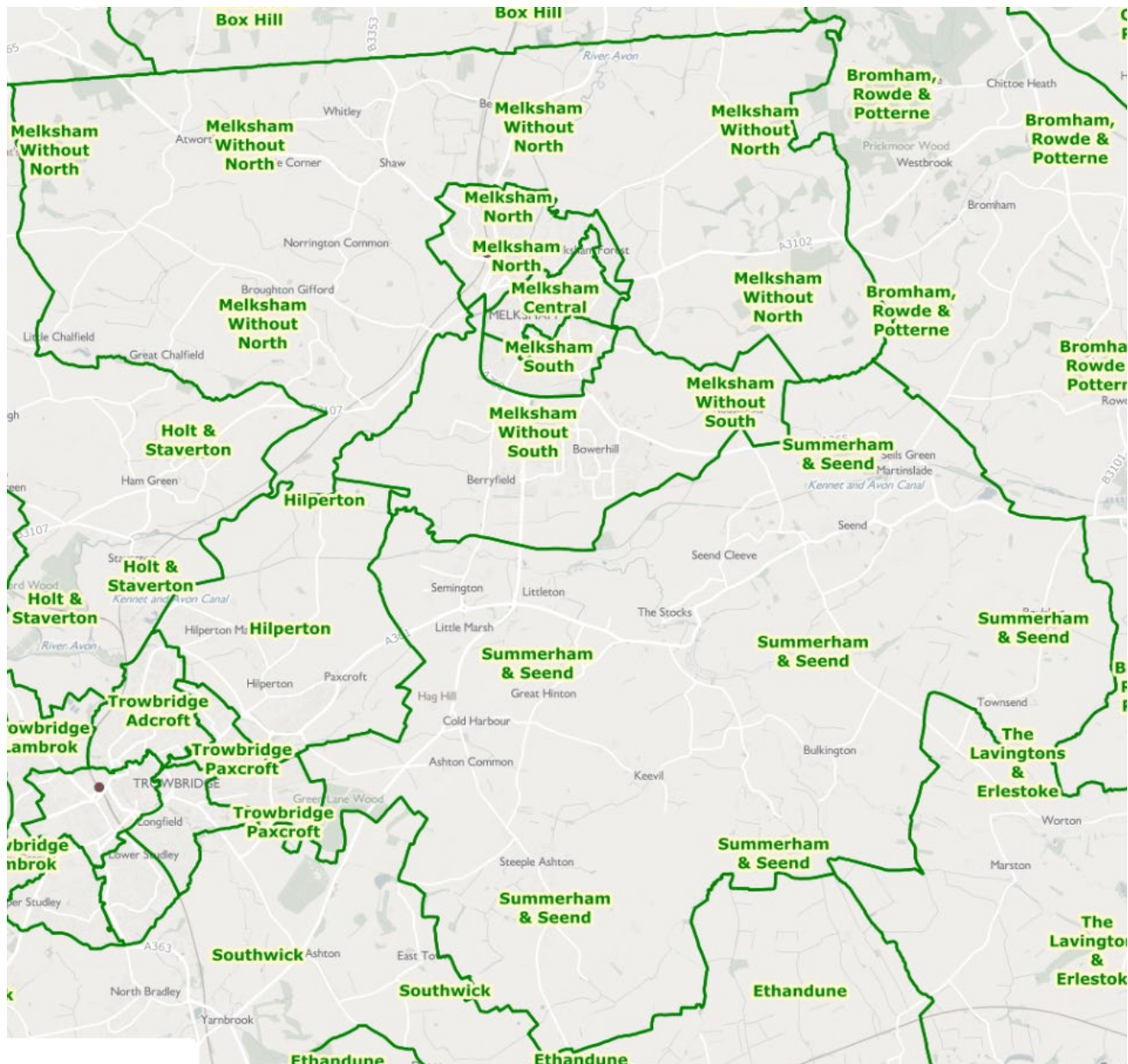
That the Marlborough Area Board comprise the Divisions of Aldbourne & Ramsbury, Marlborough East and Marlborough West.

That the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee comprise the Divisions of Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards, to enable where appropriate the use of substitution arrangements.

Melksham

Current Area Board

88. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Melksham Central, Melksham North, Melksham South, Melksham Without North, Melksham Without South, and Summerham and Seend.



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89. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot, had been included within the Devizes Rural West Division. The parish of Atworth was included within the Holt Division.

90. The Committee noted that a significant part of the Devizes Rural West Division was presently associated with the Melksham area, although the majority of the electorate of the area was associated with Devizes. Communities such as Potterne were closely linked with the town, whilst the parish of Seend lay between Melksham and Devizes, with other parishes relatively isolated but sharing character as smaller, rural communities.

91. On balance, the Committee considered that the overall Division was most closely aligned

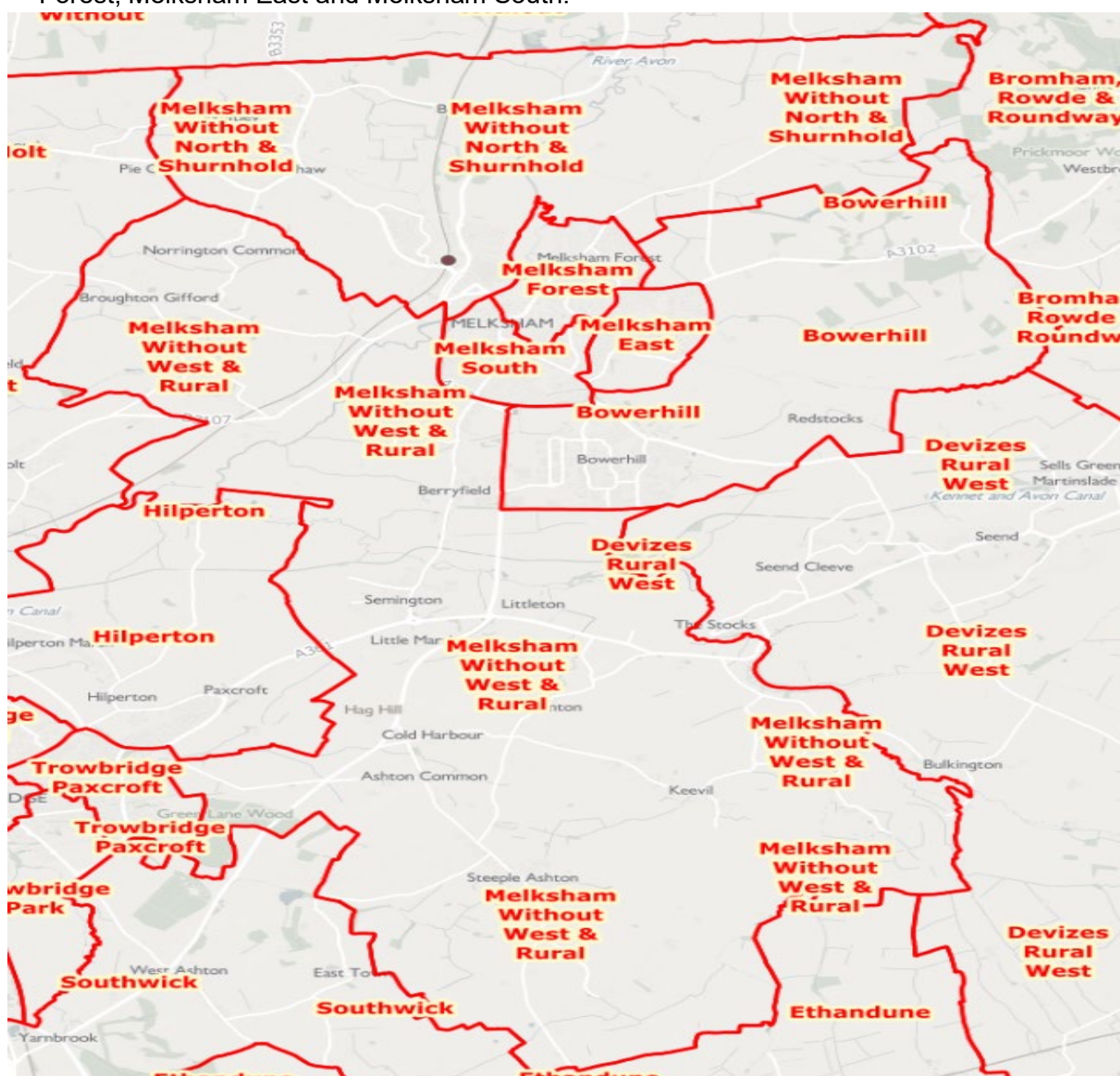
with Devizes and noted that given its name inclusion in another area would be a confusing arrangement. It therefore resolved to recommend the inclusion of the Division within Devizes Area Board rather than Melksham Area Board.

92. Whilst Atworth lay between Bradford-on-Avon and Melksham and might have closer links with the latter, the large majority of the Holt Division was presently part of the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board. Furthermore, if the Division were included within Melksham, this would result in the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board being reduced to only three Divisions and requiring some form of substitution arrangement.

93. The Committee did not consider that would be appropriate, and therefore recommended that Holt Division remain within Bradford-on-Avon Area Board.

Proposed Area Board

94. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bowerhill, Melksham Without North and Shurnhold, Melksham Without West and Rural, Melksham Forest, Melksham East and Melksham South.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

95. 6 comments were received to the online survey. 2 comments were in agreement, stating that there are historic links with villages to the south of the town, Semington in particular.
96. 4 comments suggested an amendment. 1 stated that the Area Board should still include the parish of Atworth but not Steeple Ashton. 3 stated that the parish of Seend should be included within Melksham Area Board, rather than Devizes Area Board, given the connections with Melksham more than Devizes.
97. From May 2021 the parish of Atworth will be part of the Holt Electoral Division, which is presently proposed to be part of the Bradford-on-Avon Area Board, and also includes the parishes of Holt and Staverton. The parish of Steeple Ashton will be part of the Melksham Without West and Rural Electoral Division, including the parishes of Semington, Great Hinton, Keevil and part of the parish of Melksham Without.
98. A submission was also received from Seend Parish Council, noting its links with Melksham which would be ongoing with many local issues, and their distance from Devizes, and their wish to remain with Melksham Area Board.
99. As noted under the Devizes section, the parish of Seend is presently within the Summerham and Seend Electoral Division, which is within Melksham Area Board. From May 2021 it will be part of the Devizes Rural West Electoral Division. Under the constitution each Division may only be in one Area Board. The Devizes Rural West Electoral Division also includes the parishes of Poulshot, Potterne, Bulkington, Worton, Erlestoke and Coulston. Approximately 57% of the projected electorate of the Electoral Division is presently within the Devizes Area Board, 39% presently within the Melksham Area Board, and 4% presently within the Westbury Area Board.
100. The Committee continued to considered, on balance, that the Division most appropriately fit with Devizes Area Board, given all the parishes involved.
101. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 9

That the Melksham Area Board comprise the Divisions of Bowerhill, Melksham Without North and Shurnhold, Melksham Without West and Rural, Melksham Forest, Melksham East and Melksham South.

Pewsey

Current Area Board

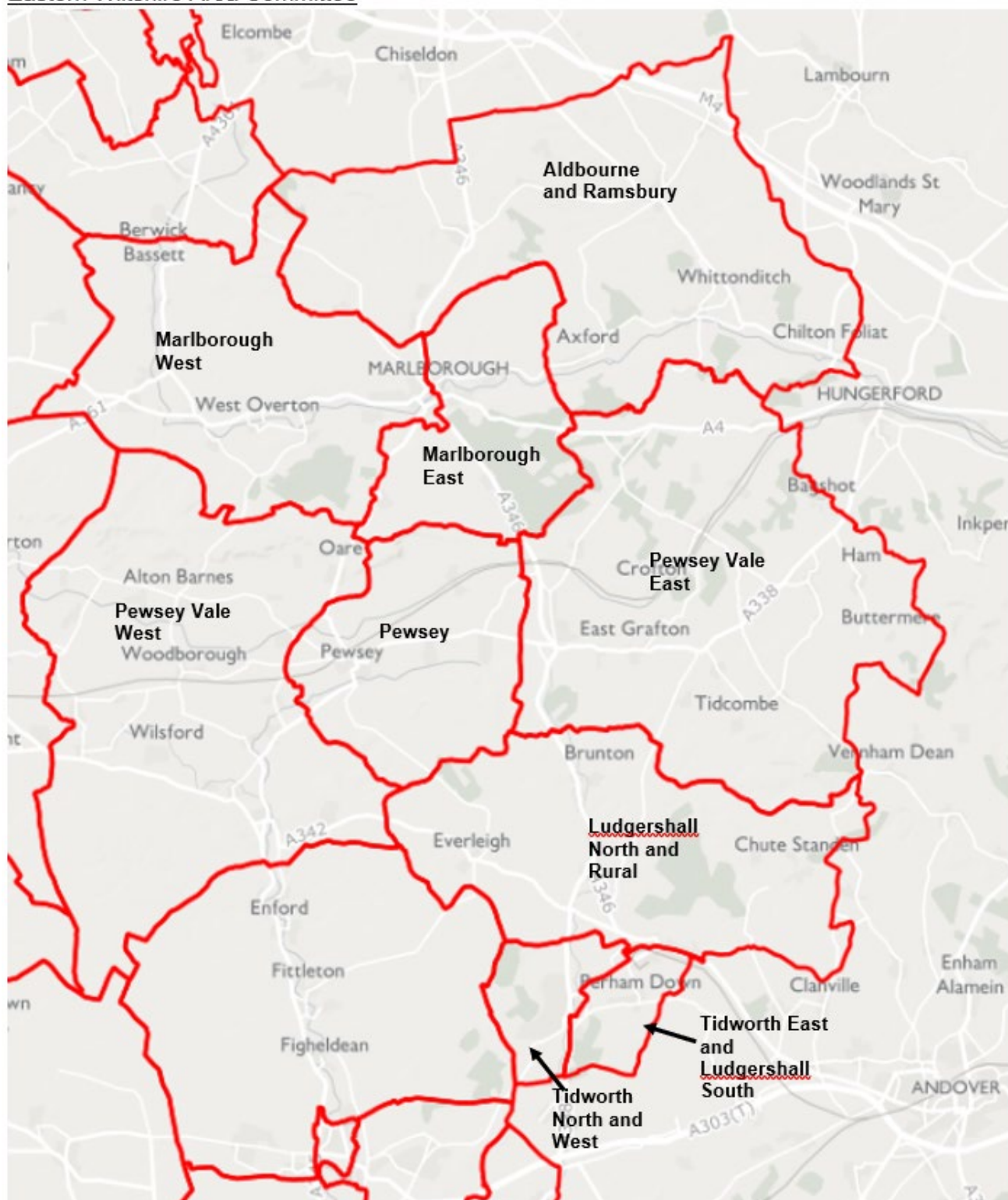
102. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Burbage and the Bedwyns, Pewsey, and Pewsey Vale.
103. The Area Board was currently appointed as part of the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee, including the Divisions of The Collingbournes and Netheravon, Tidworth, and Ludgershall and Perham Down, to enable substitution arrangements as a result of having only three Divisions.



Preparation of Draft Recommendations

104. A number of parishes including All Cannings, Tidcombe and Fosbury, and Froxfield had been moved into Pewsey area Divisions.
105. The Committee considered whether it was appropriate to merge the Area Board with Marlborough for a single six-Division area board, noting both areas were large and rural with a major town or large village as a focal point. However, the Committee felt that each area had a distinct character, noting the strong community connections of the Pewsey Vale, and so did not resolve to recommend such an option.
106. It was therefore considered whether to include the two areas in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if necessary. Such an arrangement was presently in place for Pewsey and Tidworth.
107. The Committee felt that the present arrangements for Pewsey and Tidworth had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Pewsey and Marlborough.

Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

- 112. 17 comments were received to the online survey, with 3 in agreement and 13 in disagreement. Comments in agreement included that it was an efficient way to meet the needs of parishes and would not affect the efficiency of the current Area Board.
- 113. 1 Comment was listed as an amendment, stating that a reference to the parish of Chirton should be corrected to Chirton and Conock Parish Council. Council information is that the legal name of the parish is Chirton, however a request could be made to amend this at a future date if the parish wished.

114. Many of the comments in disagreement directly referenced the parish of Froxfield and its connections with Marlborough and the current Marlborough Area Board, stating it has limited community or geographic links with Pewsey Area Board. Other comments referred to a parish or parish council they state has relationships and connections with Marlborough and were from postcodes in the Froxfield area.
115. As noted under the Marlborough summary, above, the Parish of Froxfield will be within the Pewsey Vale East Electoral Division from May 2021. Including Pewsey Vale East within the Marlborough Area Board would leave only two Electoral Divisions within Pewsey Area Board under the current proposals, which would have governance implications as it could not be quorate for decision making.
116. A comment was also received from Wilcot, Huish and Oare Parish Council, stating continued opposition to any amalgamation of the Pewsey Area Board with Marlborough or Tidworth.
117. It was noted that the Pewsey Area Board is administratively at present a Sub-Committee of the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee, to enable substitution arrangements as each Board has only three Electoral Divisions. The Draft Recommendations proposal extends the arrangement to include Marlborough as it would also now have only three Electoral Divisions, but each area would retain its own Area Board as is the case at present.
118. The Committee in discussion noted the comments received, many of which were more in relation to the Division and did not consider it appropriate in respect of governance or community to amend its Draft Recommendations in respect of the proposed Divisions.
119. Additionally, it was satisfied that extending the substitute arrangement already in place for Pewsey and Tidworth to include Marlborough was a suitable administrative arrangement which would not negatively impact the Board arrangements for those areas already within such an arrangement as with Pewsey
120. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 10

That the Pewsey Area Board comprise the Divisions of Pewsey, Pewsey Vale East and Pewsey Vale West

That the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee comprise the Divisions of Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards, to enable where appropriate the use of substitution arrangements.

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade

Current Area Board

121. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Cricklade and Latton, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett South, Royal Wootton Bassett North and Lyneham.



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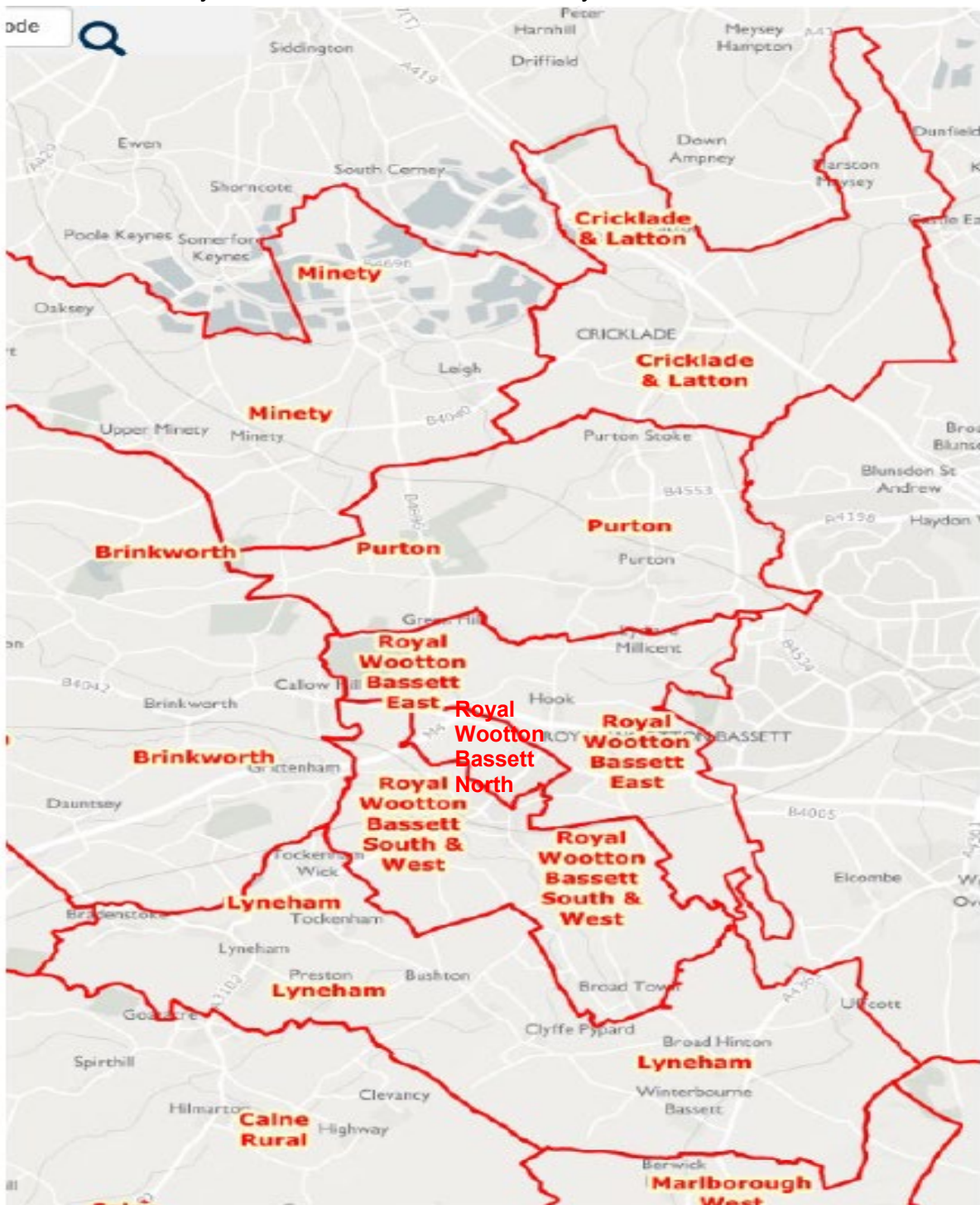
122. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council, the Division of Lyneham will now include the parishes of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett, currently within the West Selkley Division of Marlborough Area Board.
123. In reviewing the area, the Committee did not consider there was any justification in including the Divisions of Brinkworth or Minety in the community area. Geographically the two Divisions were separated from the communities focusing around Cricklade and Royal

Wootton Bassett and along the border with Swindon. Equally, neither the Cricklade and Latton or Purton Divisions had closer connections to the Malmesbury area than with Royal Wootton Bassett.

124. In respect of the Lyneham Division, it was noted that 86% of the projected electorate for the Division were presently contained within Royal Wootton Bassett Area Board. Given this, and the links between the new parishes and Broad Town, the Committee recommended that Lyneham remain within the community area.

Proposed Area Board

125. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the following Divisions: Cricklade and Latton, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett South, Royal Wootton Bassett North and Lyneham.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

126. 5 comments were received to the online survey, with 4 being in agreement and 1 in disagreement.
127. Comments in agreement included that it was logical and the only change of two additional parishes was realistic as a result of the Electoral Division changes.
128. The comment in disagreement was on behalf of the joint Parish Council of Broad Hinton and Winterbourne Bassett, however the objection was focused upon the composition of the Lyneham Electoral Division and the inclusion of those two parishes within that Division, not the composition of the Area Board. The inclusion of the parishes within the Lyneham Electoral Division has already been determined by the LGBCE and approved by Parliament and could not be revisited and changed as the parish council requested.
129. The Committee continued to consider that as set out for the Draft Recommendations the nature of the incoming Divisions and their composition meant that for reasons of community and governance Lyneham should remain within the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board.
130. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

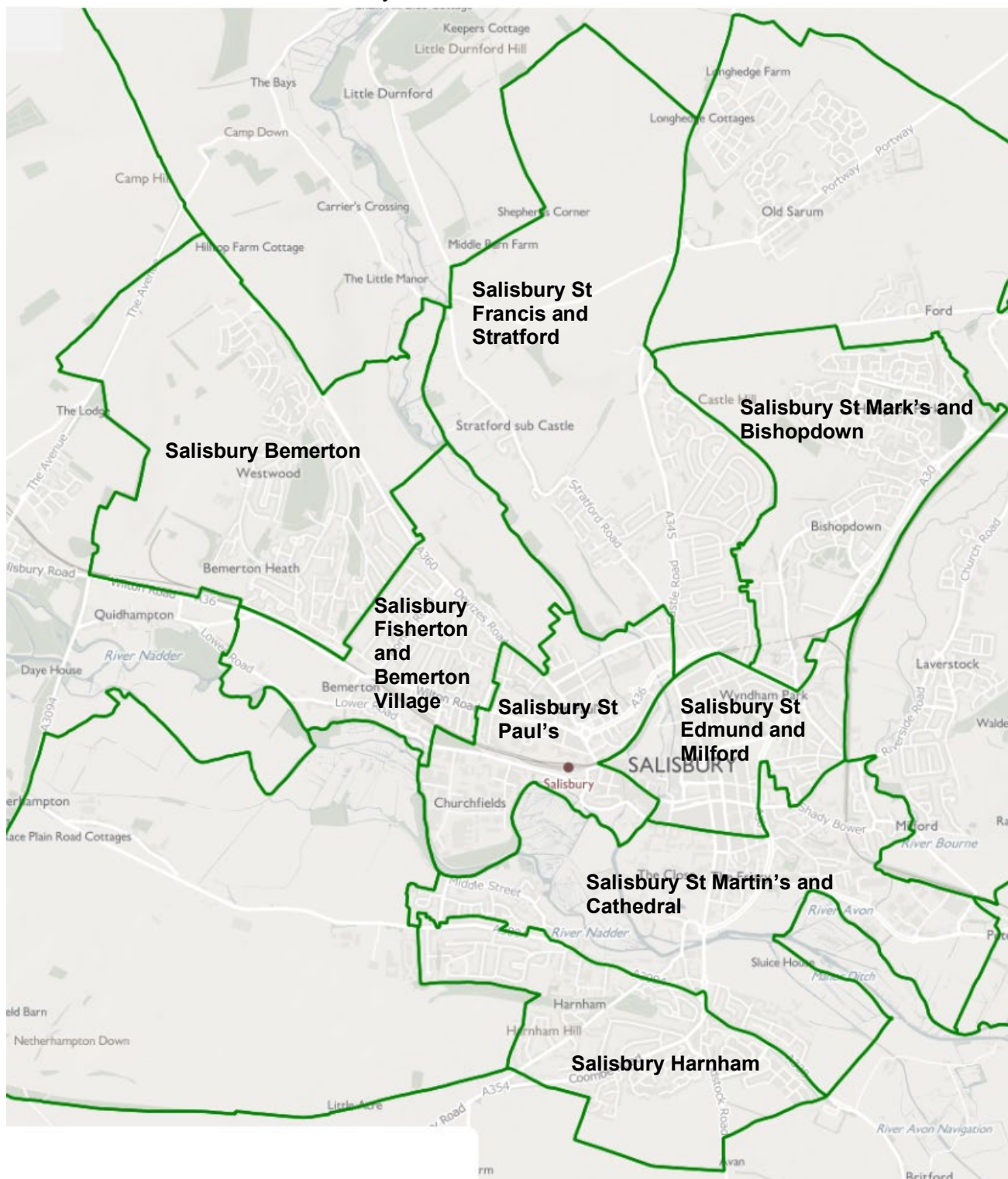
Recommendation 11

That the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board comprise the Divisions of Cricklade and Latton, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett South, Royal Wootton Bassett North and Lyneham.

Salisbury

Current Area Board

131. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury St Paul's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown, Salisbury St Edmund and Milford, Salisbury St Martin's and Cathedral, and Salisbury Harnham.



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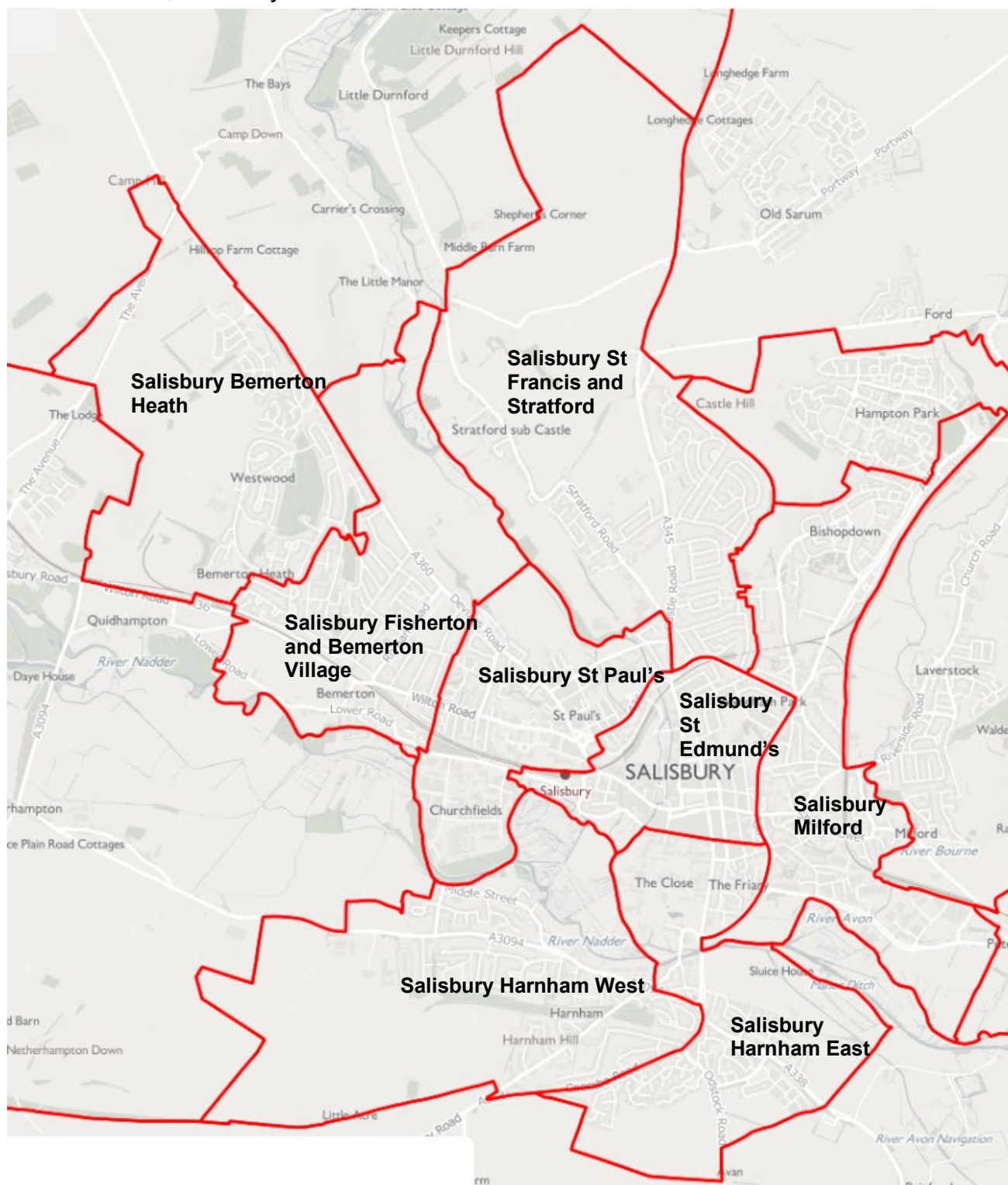
132. The existing Salisbury Area Board was the only Area Board where a parish was split between different Area Boards, with part of the parish of Laverstock and Ford within the Salisbury St Mark's and Bishopdown Division. Since the establishment of the Area Board

in 2009, more of the area had been transferred from the parish of Salisbury to Laverstock and Ford.

133. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.
134. Following the Community Governance Review decision by Full Council on 9 September 2020, Netherhampton Parish would not be split between Area Boards by the proposal.
135. There was some discussion of whether the smaller, more urban Division of Wilton would appropriately fit within the Salisbury Area Board. However, despite the proximity of the two areas, it was considered that Wilton's strong character apart from the city meant it should remain in its present Area Board.
136. It was also not considered appropriate that the Area Board expand to cover the rural parishes to the south and east of the city, given the strength of the communities as distinct from the city-based divisions.
137. In considering whether any other Divisions should be included within the Area Board the Committee noted as above its consideration that parishes not be split between Area Boards.
138. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division, currently within Amesbury Area Board, was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas previously within the Southern Area Board.
139. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board. The Parish of Laverstock and Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would need to be included in the same area.
140. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock & Ford, and it would mean a further three Member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.
141. As such, it was not considered that there was any justification based on community or geography to extend the Salisbury Area Board to include an area covering through the Bourne Valley to Cholderton or to the border of Wiltshire at Winterslow. It was not appropriate to include only the Laverstock Division, separated from a significant portion of the rest of the Laverstock and Ford parish.

Proposed Area Board

142. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Salisbury Bemerton Heath, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury St Paul's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

143. No comments were received regarding Salisbury Area Board during the consultation.
144. Therefore, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

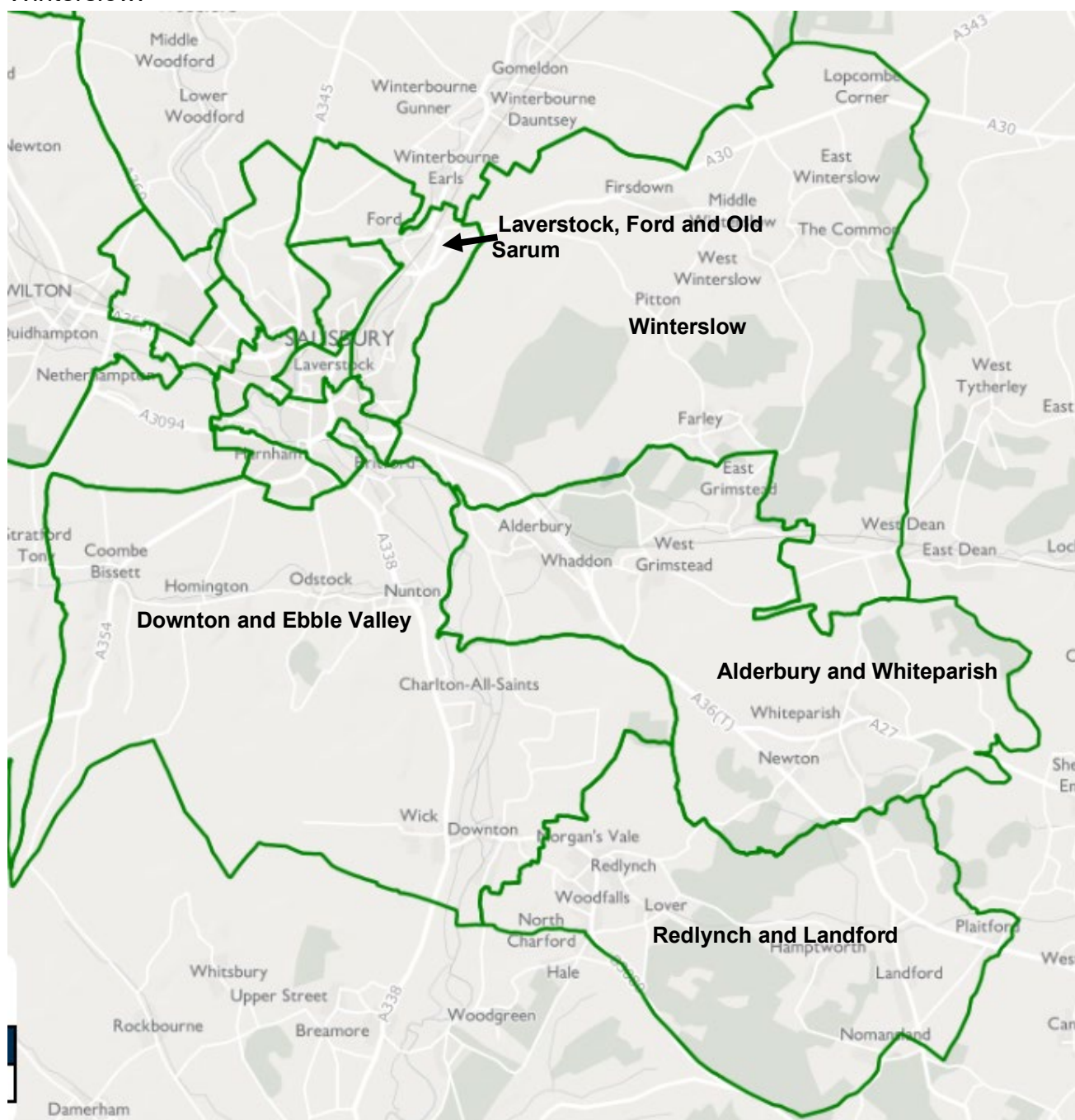
Recommendation 12

That the Salisbury Area Board comprise the Divisions of Salisbury Bemerton Heath, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury St Paul's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West.

Southern

Current Area Board

145. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Laverstock, Ford and Old Sarum, Alderbury and Whiteparish, Redlynch and Landford, Downton and Ebble Valley, and Winterslow.



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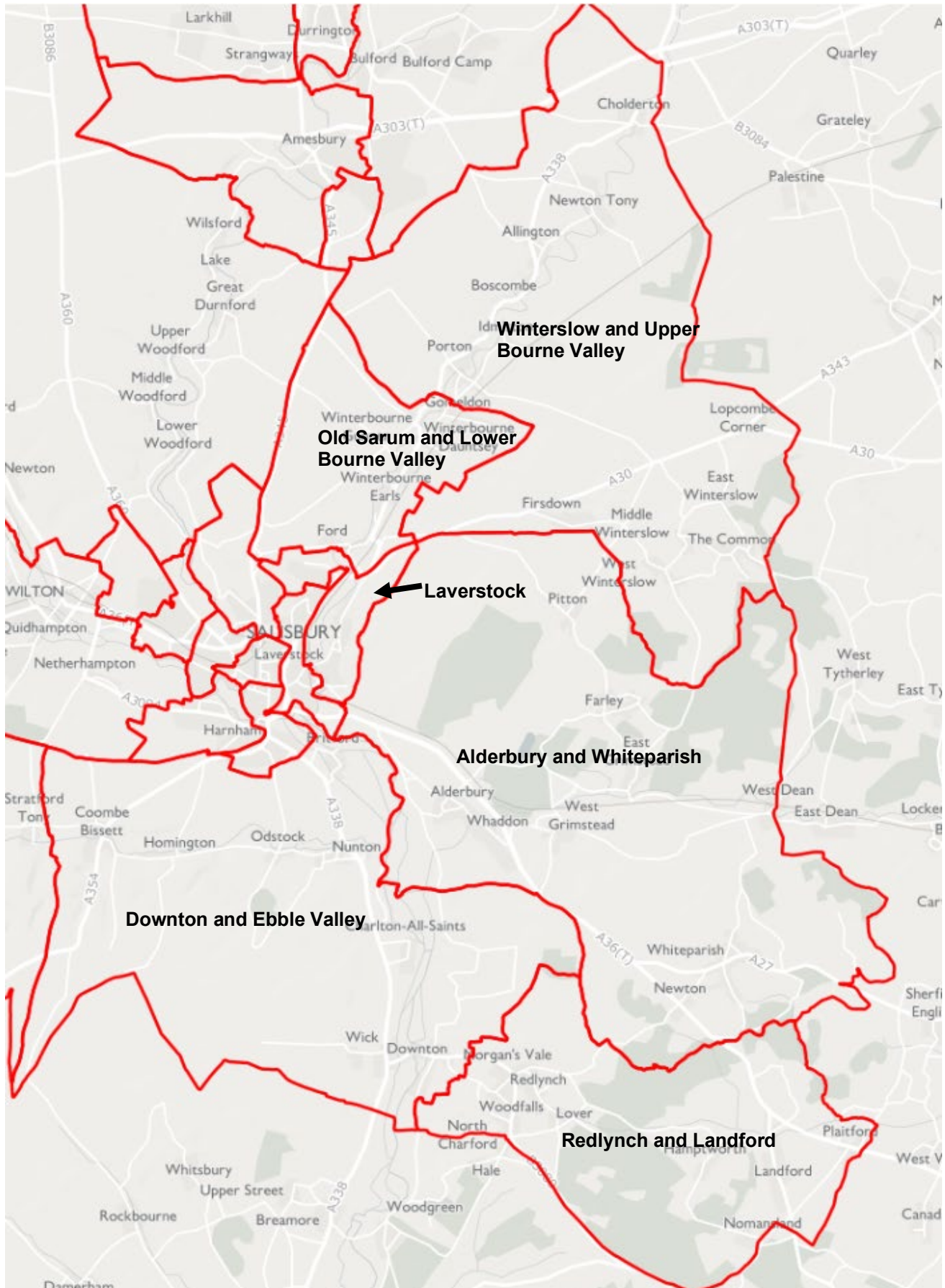
146. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.
147. The former Bourne and Woodford Valley Division presently within Amesbury Area Board was now divided between the Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley Division and the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division. Both of those Divisions included areas

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previously within the Southern Area Board.

148. Additionally, the parish of Idmiston had been split between those two divisions by the LGBCE. The Committee therefore considered both should be in the same Area Board. The Parish of Laverstock and Ford, moreover, was split between the Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley Division and the Laverstock Division. To avoid splitting a parish between Area Boards, all three would need to be included in the same area.
149. The Committee did not consider creating a three-member Area Board of just those Divisions was justified or appropriate, given they would be dominated by Laverstock and Ford, and it would mean a further three Member Board to the south, with associated problems for a quorum for decision making.
150. Therefore, the Committee had to decide if the three Divisions should be within the Amesbury Area Board or a South East Wiltshire Area Board.
151. In terms of projected electorate, the majority had previously been within the Southern Area Board, though significant numbers had not. Connections between the Upper Bourne Valley and the southern area were not great, however the nature of the Division, which the Council had objected to, could not be altered. Winterslow was the most significant settlement of that Division and including all three Divisions with Amesbury would create an extremely large community area stretching from Enford to the borders of Salisbury.
152. Therefore, on balance, it was considered that the three divisions most appropriately fitted with the South East area.
153. It was discussed whether other areas could be included within the Area Board, such as Wilton or Fovant and Chalke Valley, however it was not felt that there were sufficient connections to justify such an arrangement.

Proposed Area Board

154. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Laverstock, Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley, Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley, Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, and Redlynch and Landford.



Consultation on the Draft Recommendations

155. 3 comments were received to the online survey, with 12 in agreement and 1 in disagreement.
156. Comments in agreement included that the proposals retained Laverstock & Ford in one Area Board, that it was a sensible area, but also noting that some areas may feel a bit isolated. 1 comment stated that renaming the area to South East [Wiltshire] Area Board might address concerns of areas around Porton and Idmiston, previously within the Amesbury Area Board, about the expanded area. Others confirmed that Pitton and Farley Parish Council and Britford Parish Council were in agreement with the proposal.
157. The comment in disagreement stated it would prefer to retain the title of Southern Area Board as more reflective of the Geography of the area.
158. At its meeting on 1 October 2020, a majority of the Unitary Members of the Southern Area Board supported retaining the name of Southern Area Board for the proposed area. An additional comment was also received from the Chairman of the Area Board affirming the name Southern Wiltshire Area Board.
159. A comment from Winterslow Parish Council supported the makeup of South East Wiltshire Area Board, as did Winterbourne Parish Council, so that the Bourne Valley parishes were all in the same Board.
160. The Committee considered the comments and noted no disagreement had been received on the composition of Divisions within the Area Board, and so upheld its Draft Recommendations.
161. In respect of the name while there were some comments in support of the Draft Recommendation name, there was a clear view that retaining the present naming arrangements was most appropriate. There was some confusion over how the current Area Board was referred to, and the Committee considered that it was most commonly referred to as the Southern Area Board and therefore this should be the name of the Board officially.
162. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above, with the name Southern Area Board.

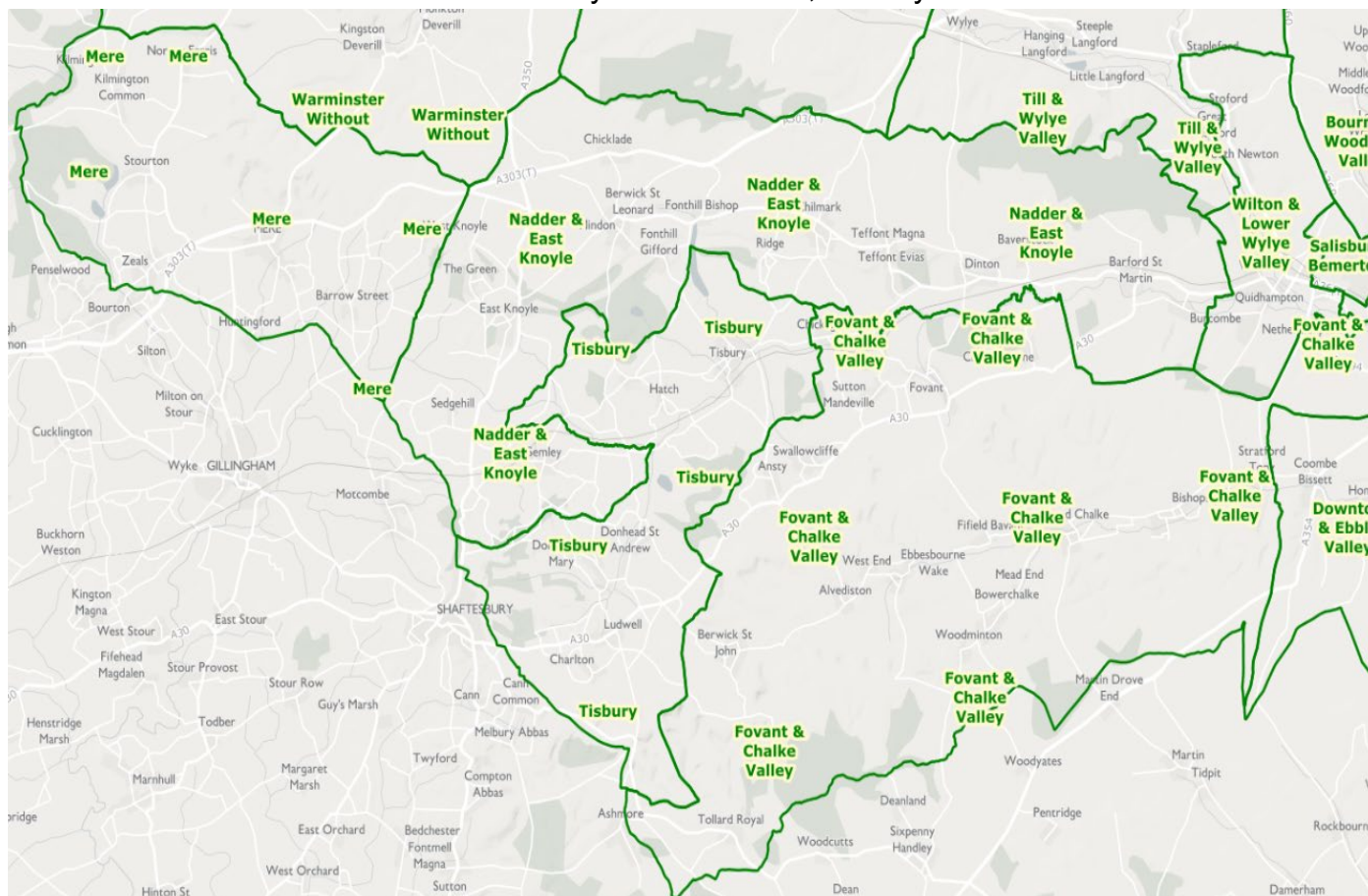
Recommendation 13

That the Southern Area Board comprise the Divisions of Laverstock, Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley, Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley, Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, and Redlynch and Landford.

South West Wiltshire

Current Area Board

164. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Mere, Nadder and East Knoyle, Tisbury, Fovant and Chalke Valley, and Wilton and Lower Wylde Valley.
165. The Area Board includes the community areas of Mere, Tisbury and Wilton.

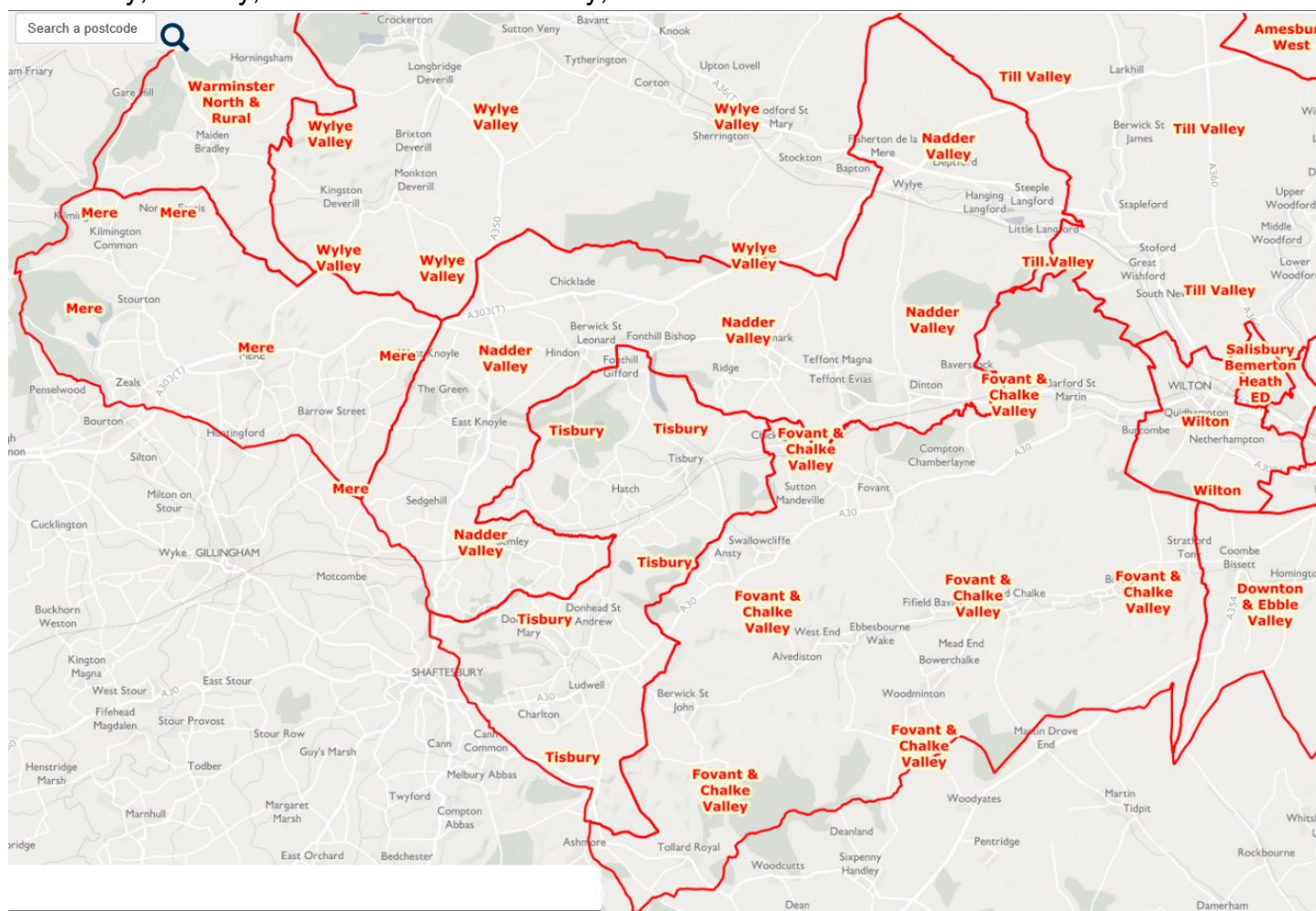


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166. As a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council the parishes of Steeple Langford and Wylde had been included within the Nadder Valley Division, and the parish of South Newton within the Till Valley Division.
167. As the vast majority of the area and population of the Nadder Valley Division was comprised of areas within the current South West Wiltshire Area Board it was recommended to remain within that Board. As the vast majority of the area and population of the Till Valley Division comprised of areas within the current Amesbury Area Board, it was recommended the Division remain within that Board.
168. It was discussed whether the smaller scale and more urban focus of the Wilton Division meant it might be appropriately included within the Salisbury Area Board, but the distinct character of the area as separate to the city meant the Committee did not consider this appropriate.
169. It was not considered that any other divisions had stronger connections with other areas.

Proposed Area Board

170. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Mere, Nadder Valley, Tisbury, Fovant and Chalke Valley, and Wilton.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

- 171. 5 comments were received to the online survey, with 3 in agreement, 1 in disagreement and 1 suggesting an amendment. A comment in agreement stated it was in line with what had been asked for by the parish council and was listed as being from Swallowcliffe parish. Another from Steeple Langford Parish Council did not object, but made various comments on consultation, integration within the Area Board, grant funding and other matters.
- 172. The suggested amendment stated that the Wilton area had a far more urban characteristic than the very rural south west.
- 173. The comment in disagreement stated that South Newton has much stronger links and affiliation with Wilton than Amesbury.
- 174. The parish of South Newton is presently in the Wilton and Lower Wylde Valley Electoral Division, part of South West Wiltshire Area Board. From May 2021 it will be within the Till Valley Electoral Division, proposed to be within the Amesbury Area Board. The incoming Electoral Division also includes the parishes of Tilshead, Orcheston, Shrewton, Winterbourne Stoke, Berwick St James, Wilsford cum Lake, Woodford, Durnford,

175. The Committee did not consider the comments provided sufficient reason to change its original recommendation in respect of the Board.
176. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

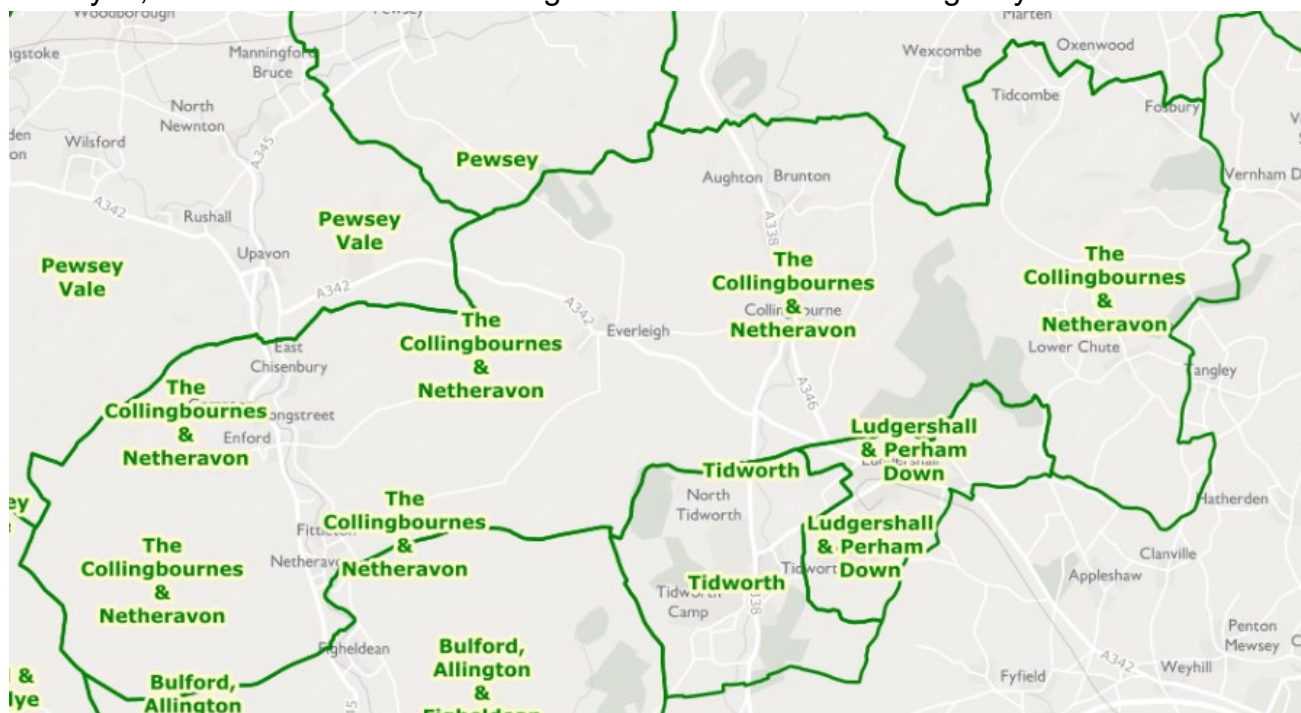
Recommendation 14

That the South West Wiltshire Area Board comprise the Divisions of Mere, Nadder Valley, Fovant & Chalke Valley, Tisbury and Wilton.

Tidworth

Current Area Board

177. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Tidworth, Ludgershall and Perham Down, and The Collingbournes and Netheravon.
178. The Area Board was currently appointed as part of the Pewsey and Tidworth Area Committee, including the Divisions of Pewsey, Pewsey Vale, and Burbage and the Bedwyns, to enable substitution arrangements as a result of having only three Divisions.



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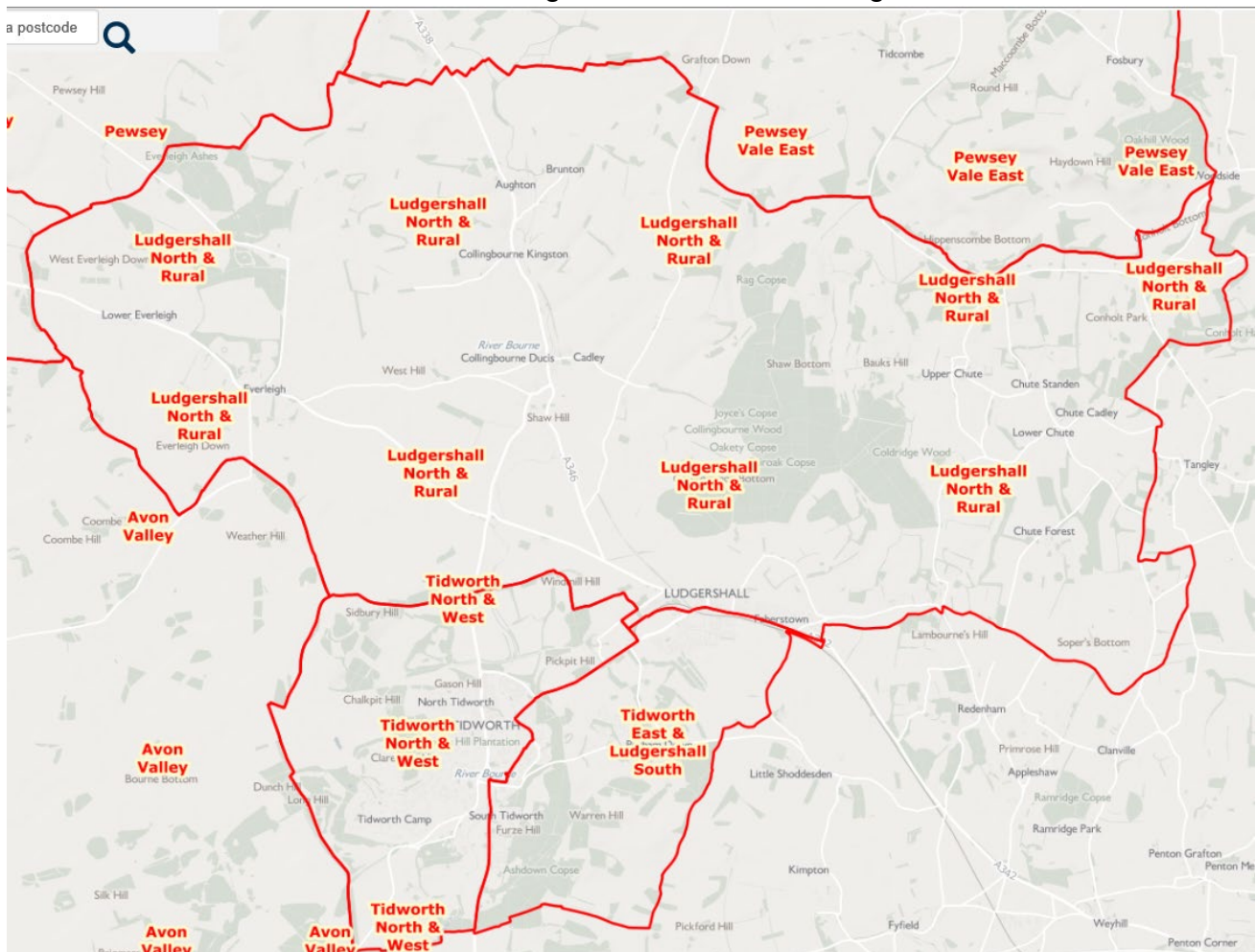
179. A number of parishes including Enford and Netheravon were now included within the Avon Valley Division. This included part of the parish of Durrington, the remainder of which was included within the Durrington Division. Durrington was presently within the Amesbury Area Board, and very closely connected with the town of Amesbury.
180. The Committee did not believe splitting parishes between Area Boards was sensible or desirable given the potential administrative confusion and community difficulty this could, and had, created in the past. It therefore resolved not to split a parish between different Area Boards.
181. In addition to not wishing to split a parish by including the Avon Valley Division within Tidworth Area Board, the Committee considered that the parishes running south from Enford in any case had closer connections to the Amesbury notwithstanding their previous inclusion within the Tidworth community area.
182. As such, Tidworth area would continue to comprise only three divisions. As noted above at present there was an administrative arrangement with Pewsey. It was not considered appropriate to merge Tidworth with Amesbury given the disparity in size, character and focus.
183. It was therefore appropriate to continue to include the areas of Pewsey and Tidworth in an area committee, which would enable Members from one to substitute for the other if

necessary.

184. The Committee felt this had ensured effective administration whilst retaining the community cohesiveness of both areas, and that the approach was suitable for Pewsey and Marlborough.
185. As the Marlborough area would now also only have three members, the Committee considered whether such an arrangement could be extended to cover all three areas in an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee. Given the existing arrangement with Tidworth and Pewsey, the Committee did not consider such cooperation would be inappropriate given other arrangements such as the Eastern Area Planning Committee and agreed all three community areas could appropriately substitute for one another.

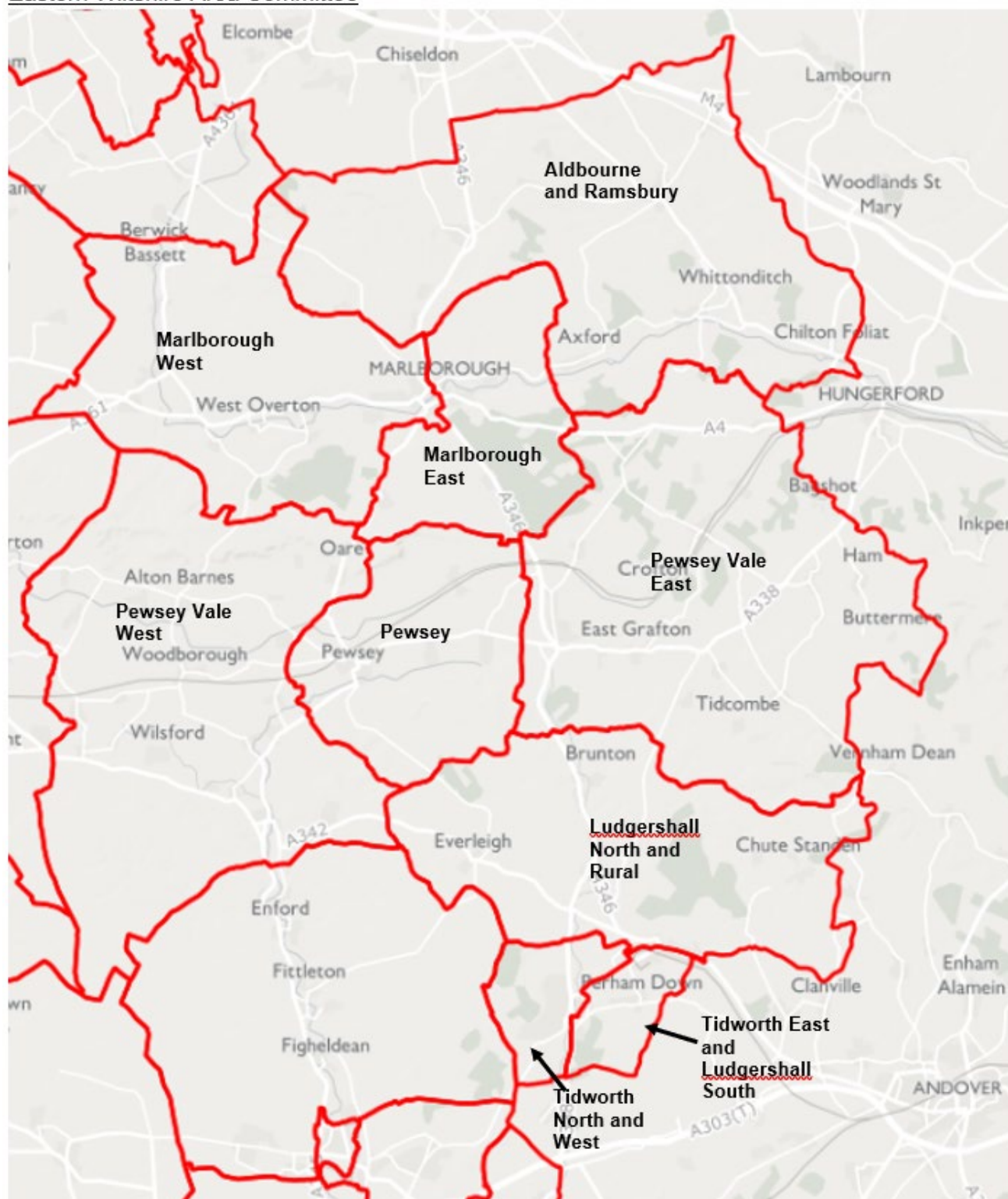
Proposed Area Board

186. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Tidworth North and West, Tidworth East and Ludgershall South, and Ludgershall North and Rural.



187. The Committee also agreed that there should be an Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee, shown overleaf, which would appoint members to Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards to enable substitution between the Area Boards.
188. Whilst each Area Board would meet separately, appoint their own chairmen and decide on community grants, the Committee did recommend that the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee should meet as a group several times a year in order to enable closer cooperation on wider community issues.

Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

- 189. 9 comments were received to the online survey, with 8 being in agreement and 1 being in disagreement.
- 190. Comments in agreement included that the proposal evened out the population in each area and represented the natural community area. A comment confirmed Tidworth Town Council supported the proposals, including the use of a substitute arrangement with Pewsey and Marlborough.

191. The comment in disagreement was in fact disagreeing with the extent of one of the Electoral Divisions, which have already been confirmed by the LGBCE.
192. Therefore, following consideration of comments and discussion, the Committee agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 15

That the Tidworth Area Board comprise the Divisions of Tidworth North and West, Tidworth East and Ludgershall South, and Ludgershall North and Rural.

That the Eastern Wiltshire Area Committee comprise the Divisions of Marlborough, Pewsey and Tidworth Area Boards, to enable where appropriate the use of substitution arrangements.

Trowbridge

Current Area Board

193. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Paxcroft, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Central.



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194. No changes had been made to the external boundaries of the area as a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council. It was not considered there was any justification for the inclusion of additional Divisions.
195. The Committee agreed that it remained appropriate that the Divisions of Southwick and Hilperton remain within the Area Board, as given the close proximity of the town there were no other areas more appropriate to include them with.

Proposed Area Board

196. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Paxcroft, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Central.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

197. No comments were received on the proposal on the online survey. An additional comment was received from North Bradley Parish Council accepting the proposal.

198. Therefore, it was agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 16

That the Trowbridge Area Board comprise the Divisions of Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Paxcroft, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, and Trowbridge Central.

Warminster

Consultation on Draft Recommendations

199. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Warminster West, Warminster East, Warminster Broadway, Warminster Without, and Warminster Copheap and Wylde.



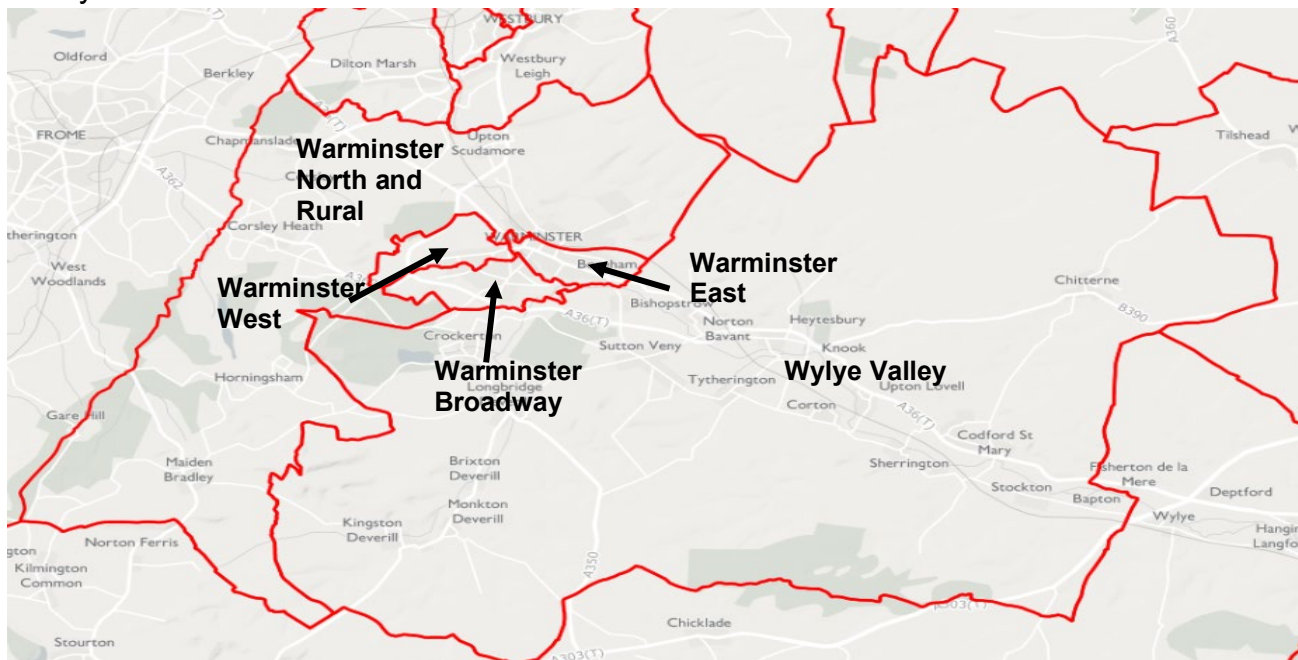
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200. No areas external to the present Area Board were included in the incoming Divisions as a result of the Electoral Review of Wiltshire Council.

201. The Committee did not consider there were reasons of community or geography to include other Divisions such as Till Valley or Mere.

Proposed Area Board

202. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board comprise the Divisions of Warminster West, Warminster East, Warminster Broadway, Warminster North and Rural, and Wylde Valley.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

203. 3 comments were received to the online survey, all in agreement with the proposal. It was stated that the proposal included all villages with good links to Warminster and use its facilities. 1 comment was from Upper Deverills Parish Council noting no impact on its parishes.
204. A comment was also received from Chapmanslade Parish Council, who raised no concerns with the proposal.
205. There being no concerns raised, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 17

That the Warminster Area Board comprise the Divisions of Warminster West, Warminster East, Warminster Broadway, Warminster North and Rural, and Wylve Valley.

Westbury

Current Area Board

206. The existing Area Board comprises the Divisions of Westbury North, Westbury East, Westbury West, and Ethandune.



Preparation of Draft Recommendations

207. The parish of Coulston was no longer within the Ethandune Division, but no areas external to the current Area Board had been included with the incoming Divisions.
208. It was not considered appropriate to include any Divisions from within the Warminster area, the closest of which included part of Warminster Town, which would therefore split the parish if included with Westbury. The parishes to the north were all in close proximity to Trowbridge and appropriately included in that community area.

Proposed Area Board

209. Accordingly, it was proposed that the Area Board continue to comprise the Divisions of Westbury West, Westbury East, Westbury North, and Ethandune.



Consultation on Draft Recommendations

210. 2 comments were received to the online survey, both in agreement with the proposal with 1 noting there was no change in the Electoral Divisions included.
211. There being no concerns raised, it was therefore agreed to recommend Full Council approve the Area Board as proposed in the Draft Recommendations, for the reasons set out above.

Recommendation 18

That the Westbury Area Board comprise the Divisions of Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West, and Ethandune.

Proposed Area Board Boundary Map 2021



Proposed allocation of Electoral Divisions to Area Boards 2021

Amesbury Area Board

Divisions - Amesbury East and Bulford, Amesbury West, Amesbury South, Avon Valley, Durrington, Till Valley.

Parishes - Amesbury, Berwick St James, Bulford, Durnford, Durrington, Enford, Figheldean, Fittleton cum Haxton, Great Wishford, Milston, Netheravon, Orcheston, Shrewton, South Newton, Stapleford, Tilshead, Wilsford cum Lake, Winterbourne Stoke, Woodford.

Bradford on Avon Area Board

Divisions - Bradford on Avon North, Bradford on Avon South, Holt, Winsley and Westwood.

Parishes - Atworth, Bradford on Avon, Holt, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Farleigh, South Wraxall, Staverton, Westwood, Wingfield, Winsley.

Calne Area Board

Divisions - Calne North, Calne Central, Calne Chilvester and Abberd, Calne South, Calne Rural.

Parishes - Bremhill, Calne, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, Hilmarton.

Chippenham and Villages Area Board

Divisions - By Brook, Kington, Chippenham Cepen Park and Derriards, Chippenham Cepen Park and Hunters Moon, Chippenham Hardenhuish, Chippenham Hardens and Central, Chippenham Monkton, Chippenham Lowden and Rowden, Chippenham Pewsham, Chippenham Sheldon.

Parishes - Biddestone, Castle Combe, Chippenham, Chippenham Without, Christian Malford, Grittleton, Hullavington, Kington Langley, Kington St Michael, Langley Burrell Without, Nettleton, North Wraxall, Seagry, Stanton St Quintin, Sutton Benger, Yatton Keynell.

Corsham Area Board

Divisions - Box and Colerne, Corsham Pickwick, Corsham Ladbrook, Corsham Without and Box Hill.

Parishes - Box, Colerne, Corsham, Lacock.

Devizes Area Board

Divisions - Bromham, Rowde and Roundway, Devizes South, Devizes East, Devizes North, Devizes Rural West, The Lavingtons, Urchfont and Bishops Cannings.

Parishes - Bishops Cannings, Bromham, Bulkington, Cheverell Magna, Coulston, Devizes, Easterton, Erlestoke, Etchilhampton, Little Cheverell, Market Lavington, Marston, Potterne, Poulshot, Rowde, Seend, Stert, Urchfont, West Lavington, Worton.

Malmesbury Area Board

Divisions - Brinkworth, Malmesbury, Minety, Sherston.

Parishes - Ashton Keynes, Brinkworth, Brokenborough, Charlton (nr Malmesbury),

Crudwell, Dauntsey, Easton Grey, Great Somerford, Hankerton, Lea and Cleverton, Leigh, Little Somerford, Luckington, Malmesbury, Minety, Norton, Oaksey, Sherston, Sopworth, St Paul Malmesbury Without.

Marlborough Area Board

Divisions - Aldbourne and Ramsbury, Marlborough East, Marlborough West.

Parishes - Aldbourne, Avebury, Baydon, Berwick Bassett, Chilton Foliat, East Kennett, Froxfield, Fyfield, Marlborough, Mildenhall, Ogbourne St Andrew, Ogbourne St George, Preshute, Ramsbury, Savernake, West Overton, Winterbourne Monkton.

Melksham Area Board

Divisions - Bowerhill, Melksham East, Melksham Forest, Melksham South, Melksham Without North and Shurnhold, Melksham Without West and Rural.

Parishes - Broughton Gifford, Great Hinton, Keevil, Melksham, Melksham Without, Semington, Steeple Ashton.

Pewsey Area Board

Divisions - Pewsey, Pewsey Vale East, Pewsey Vale West.

Parishes - All Cannings, Alton, Beechingstoke, Charlton, Chirton, Easton, Froxfield, Manningford, Marden, Milton Lilbourne, North Newnton, Patney, Pewsey, Rushall, Stanton St Bernard, Upavon, Wilcot, Huish and Oare, Wilsford, Woodborough, Wootton Rivers, Burbage, Buttermere, Grafton, Ham, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn, Shalbourne, Tidcombe and Fosbury.

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board

Divisions - Cricklade and Latton, Lyneham, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett East, Royal Wootton Bassett North, Royal Wootton Bassett South and West.

Parishes - Braydon, Broad Town, Broad Hinton, Clyffe Pypard, Cricklade, Latton, Lydiard Milicent, Lydiard Tregoze, Lyneham and Bradenstoke, Marston Maisey, Purton, Royal Wootton Bassett, Tockenham, Winterbourne Bassett.

Salisbury Area Board

Divisions - Salisbury Bemerton, Salisbury Fisherton and Bemerton Village, Salisbury Harnham East, Salisbury Harnham West, Salisbury St Edmund's, Salisbury St Francis and Stratford, Salisbury Milford, Salisbury St Paul's.

Parishes - Salisbury

Southern Area Board

Divisions - Alderbury and Whiteparish, Downton and Ebble Valley, Laverstock, Old Sarum and Lower Bourne Valley, Redlynch and Lanford, Winterslow and Upper Bourne Valley

Parishes - Alderbury, Allington, Britford, Cholderton, Clarendon Park, Coombe Bissett, Downton, Firsdown, Grimstead, Idmiston Landford, Laverstock & Ford, Newton Tony, Odstock, Pitton and Farley, Redlynch, West Dean, Whiteparish, Winterbourne, Winterslow.

South West Wiltshire Area Board

Divisions - Fovant and Chalke Valley, Mere, Nadder Valley, Tisbury, Wilton.

Parishes - Alvediston, Ansty, Barford St Martin, Berwick St John, Berwick St Leonard, Bishopstone, Bowerchalke, Broadchalke, Burcombe Without, Chicklade, Chilmark, Compton Chaberlayne, Dinton, Donhead St Andrew, Donhead St Mary, East Knoyle, Ebbesborne Wake, Fonthill Gifford, Kilmington, Mere, Netherhampton, Quidhampton, Sedgehill and Semley, Stourton with Gasper, Steeple Langford, Stratford Tony, Sutton Mandeville, Swallowcliffe, Teffont, Tisbury, Tollard Royal, West Knoyle, West Tisbury, Wilton, Wylde, Zeals.

Tidworth Area Board

Divisions - Tidworth North and West, Tidworth East and Ludgershall South, Ludgershall North and Rural

Parishes - Chute, Chute Forest, Collingbourne Ducis, Collingbourne Kingston, Everleigh, Ludgershall, Tidworth.

Trowbridge Area Board

Divisions - Hilperton, Southwick, Trowbridge Adcroft, Trowbridge Central, Trowbridge Drynham, Trowbridge Grove, Trowbridge Lambrok, Trowbridge Park, Trowbridge Paxcroft.

Parishes - Hilperton, North Bradley, Southwick, Trowbridge, West Ashton.

Warminster Area Board

Divisions - Warminster Broadway, Warminster North and Rural, Warminster East, Warminster West, Wylde Valley.

Parishes - Bishopstrow, Boyton, Brixton Deverill, Chapmanslade, Chitterne, Codford, Corsley, Heytesbury, Horningsham, Kingston Deverill, Knook, Longbridge Deverill, Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield, Norton Bavant, Sherrington, Stockton, Sutton Veny, Upton Lovell, Upton Scudamore, Warminster.

Westbury Area Board

Divisions - Ethandune, Westbury East, Westbury North, Westbury West.

Parishes - Bratton, Dilton Marsh, Edington, Heywood, Westbury.

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