

Local Government Boundary Review

Councillor Survey

Overview

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has informed the Council of its decision to carry out an Electoral Review of the Council size (number of elected Councillors) and the number of wards and ward boundaries for Rochdale Borough Council.

There are two main benefits in regards to the outcome of an electoral review:

- a) Fair representation of all electors in a council's area.
- b) Equal accessibility of elected members to their electorate

There is a requirement for the LGBCE to fully understand the role of a councillor in Rochdale.

To assist with this please could you complete the short questionnaire. Your views are important and will help in regards to compiling the Council Size report.

Survey

1 What is your name?

Name:

2 What ward do you represent?

Please select an option

Please select only one item

- Balderstone and Kirkholt
- Bamford
- Castleton
- Central Rochdale
- East Middleton
- Healey
- Hopwood Hall
- Kingsway
- Littleborough Lakeside
- Milkstone and Deeplish
- Milnrow and Newhey
- Norden
- North Heywood
- North Middleton
- Smallbridge and Firgrove
- South Middleton
- Spotland and Falinge

- Wardle and West Littleborough
- West Heywood
- West Middleton

3 How long have you been a Councillor with Rochdale Council?

Please select an option

Please select only one item

- to 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 15 years
- 16 to 20 years
- Over 20 years

4 In addition to your role as a councillor, what other responsibilities do you have within the Council? (Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Mayor
- Deputy Leader
- Cabinet Member and Portfolio Holder
- Assistant Portfolio Holder
- Committee Chair

5 Which governance groups are you a member? (Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Council
- Cabinet
- Informal Cabinet
- Property Growth Fund Sub-Committee
- Township Committees and Sub Committees
- Heywood Township Committee
- Heywood Township Delegated Sub Committee
- Middleton Township Committee
- Middleton Township Devolved Funding and Devolved Services Sub Committee
- Pennines Township Committee
- Pennines Township Delegated and Funding Sub-Committee
- Rochdale North Township Action & Resources Delegated Sub
- Rochdale North Township Committee
- Rochdale South Township Action and Resources Delegated Sub-Committee
- Rochdale South Township Committee
- Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Health, Schools and Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Charitable Trustee Committee
- Chief Officer Employment Committee

- Corporate Parenting Board
- Hearing Sub-Committee
- Licensing Sub-Committee
- Norman Barnes Fund
- Planning and Licensing Committee
- Integrated Commissioning Board
- Strategic Place Board (formerly HWBB)
- Ward Forums and Township Working Parties
- Audit and Governance Committee
- Balderstone and Kirkholt Community Meeting
- Bamford and Oakenrod Area Forum
- Brimrod, Marland and Sudden Area Forum
- Castleton Area Forum
- Central Rochdale Area Forum
- Healey Area Forum
- Kingsway Area Forum
- Littleborough and Wardle Community Meeting
- Middleton Township Environment and Culture Forum
- Milkstone and Deeplish Area Forum
- Milnrow, Newhey and Firgrove Area Forum
- Norden Area Forum

- Pennines Township Regeneration & Facilities
- Rochdale Township Members Regeneration Group
- Spotland and Falinge Area Forum
- Conservative Group Meeting
- Governance Board
- Labour Group Executive Meeting
- Labour Group Meeting
- Leader's Meeting with Pensioner's Representatives
- Voluntary Sector Partnership
- Joint Scrutiny Panel for Pennine Care (Mental Health) Trust
- Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale (STaR) Joint Committee

6 Do you attend or are a member of any Greater Manchester committee groups?
(Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Greater Manchester Combined Authority
- AGMA
- Joint GMCA & AGMA
- GMCA Standards Committee
- GMCA Resources Committee

- Greater Manchester Audit Committee
- GM Corporate Issues & Reform Overview & Scrutiny committee
- GM Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee
- GM Housing Planning & Environment Overview & Scrutiny
- GM Planning & Housing Commission
- AGMA Statutory Functions Committee 2019/20
- GM Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- GM Transport Committee
- GM Local Enterprise Partnership
- GM Health & Care Board
- GM Health & Care Joint Commissioning Board
- GM Waste & Recycling Committee
- GM Culture & Social Impact Fund Committee 2019/20
- GMP & Crime Panel
- Independent Police Ethics Committee
- GM Green City Region Partnership 2019/20
- Low Carbon Hub Board (to 29 July 2019)

7 Have you been appointed by the Council to any additional outside bodies?

Please select an option:

Please select only one item

Yes

No

Please state the organisation(s)

Please state the role(s)

8 On average, how many hours per month do you spend on council business?

1 to 5 hours	6 to 10 hours	11 to 15 hours	16 to 20 hours	Over 20 hours
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Attendance at
Council
Committees e.g.
Scrutiny, Licensing
etc.

*Please select only
one item*

1 to 5 hours 6 to 10 hours 11 to 15 hours 16 to 20 hours Over 20 hours

Attendance at other Council meetings e.g. meetings with officers, working groups etc

Please select only one item

Time spent on party business

Please select only one item

Attendance at external meetings (where you have been appointed a representative by the Council)

Please select only one item

Community obligations (e.g. community forums)

Please select only one item

Engaging with constituents, eg. Advice Bureaux, home visits, ward walk-about

1 to
5
hours

6 to 10
hours

11 to 15
hours

16 to 20 hours

Over 20
hours

*Please select only
one item*

Dealing with
constituents
enquiries/casework
from and on behalf
of constituents

*Please select only
one item*

Preparing for
meetings

*Please select only
one item*

Attending
workshops,
training,
conferences

*Please select only
one item*

Travel related to
councillor business

*Please select only
one item*

Other

*Please select only
one item*

Please state other

9 How many cases/issues do you deal with, on average, per month?

Please select an option

Please select only one item

- 1 to 5
- 6 to 10
- 11 to 15
- 16 to 20
- 21 to 25
- 26 to 30
- 31 to 35
- 36 to 40
- 41 to 45
- 46 to 50
- Over 50

10 How do you deal with your ward casework and what support do you receive, eg. Yourself via the Contact Centre, via officers from the appropriate area, via officers from Members' Services?

Please comment below

11 Is the time you spend on council business what you expected when you became a councillor?

Please select an option

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No - I spend more time on council business
- No - I spend less time on council business

12 Has the time you spend on council business increased since you were initially elected as a councillor?

Please select an option:

Please select only one item

- Yes
- No

If yes, what do you think the reason is for the increase?

13 What aspect of your duties have increased the most since becoming a councillor?

Please comment below

14 What methods of communications do you use when engaging with constituents?
(Tick all that apply)

Please select all that apply

- Face to face
- Telephone
- Text
- Email
- Letter
- Social Media
- Newsletters/Leaflets
- Meetings
- Other (please state)

Please state other

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%

Please select only one item

Other

Please select only one item

16 Have you noticed any significant change in the amount of time you spend communicating via each of these methods in the last 12 months?

Spending significant more time Spending more time Spending less time Spending significantly less time N/A

Face to face

Please select only one item

Telephone

Please select only one item

Text

Please select only one item

Email

Please select only one item

	Spending significant more time	Spending more time	Spending less time	Spending significantly less time	N/A
Letter <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Social media <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Newsletters <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Meetings <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Surgeries <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other <i>Please select only one item</i>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

17 Do you feel the balance above is right for you to communicate effectively with your constituents?

Please select an option:

Please select only one item

Yes

No

Why do you think this is?

18 Is there anything else about your experience, and the activities you undertake as a Rochdale Councillor, that you would like to tell us about?

Please comment below

About You

As part of the Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission, information will be included regarding the extent to which elected members of the Council reflect the diversity of our communities.. You are not required to complete the Equalities section of this survey and please note that this information will be collated separately from your survey response, however by providing this information you will assist the Council to provide as much information as possible to the LGBCE.

19 What is your gender?

Please select only one item

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

20 Which age group are you in?

Please select only one item

- 0-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- Over 60

21 Which group best describes your ethnicity?

Please select only one item

- White: British
- White: English
- White: Welsh

- White: Scottish
- White: Northern Irish
- White: Irish
- Any Other White Background
- Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Group
- Asian/Asian British: Indian
- Asian/Asian British: Pakistani
- Asian/Asian British: Bangladeshi
- Asian/Asian British: Kashmiri
- Asian/Asian British: Chinese
- Any Other Asian Background
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: African
- Black/African/Caribbean/Black British: Caribbean
- Any Other Black/African/Caribbean Background
- Arab
- Prefer not to say
- Any other ethnic group (please specify below)
- Other Ethnicity