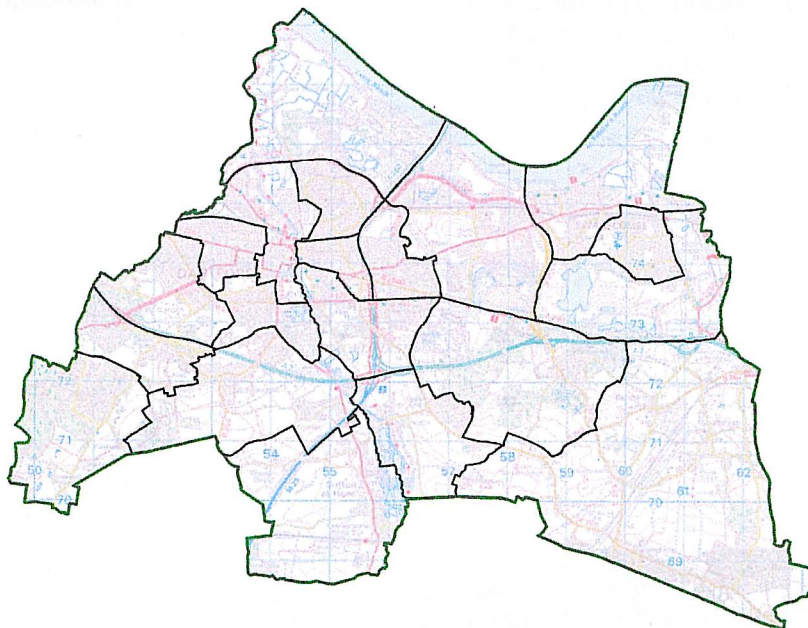


# Dartford Borough Council

## Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements



### Who we are:

- The Local Government Boundary Commission for England is an independent body set up by Parliament.
- We are not part of government or any political party.
- We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons.
- Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

### Electoral review:

An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority, including:

- The total number of councillors representing the council's voters ('council size').
- The names, number and boundaries of wards or electoral divisions.
- The number of councillors for each ward or division.

### Why Dartford?

- Dartford Borough Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality: some councillors represent many more - or many fewer - voters than others.
- Therefore the value of your vote, in borough council elections, varies depending on where you live in Dartford.

### Our proposals:

- Dartford currently has 44 councillors.
- We propose that the council should have **42 councillors** in future.
- Those councillors should represent 7 three-councillor wards, 8 two-councillor wards and 5 one-councillor wards across the council area.

**You have until 9 April 2018 to have your say on the recommendations**