



The current projections below cover the immediate five-year period and anticipate delivery of sites that already have planning permissions, or allocation status in an adopted plan.

As work progresses on identifying the new longer term growth areas colleagues in planning will work with democratic services to firm up electorate populations for future years.

Recommended number of councillors

National Association of Local Councils (NALC) NALC published guidance in 1988 on the suggested number of parish councillors to be allocated depending on the size of the population being represented. NALC recommended a council of no more than the legal minimum of five members is inconveniently small and it considers the practical minimum should be seven. It considered local council business does not usually require a large body of councillors, and business convenience makes it appropriate to suggest the practical maximum should be 25.

Within those minimum and maximum limits, the following allocations were recommended by NALC:

- Up to 900 electors: 7 councillors
- 901 - 1,400 electors: 8 councillors
- 1,401 - 2,000 electors: 9 councillors
- 2,001 - 2,700 electors: 10 councillors
- 2,701 - 3,500 electors: 11 councillors
- 3,501 - 4,400 electors: 12 councillors
- 4,401 - 5,400 electors: 13 councillors
- 5,401 - 6,500 electors: 14 councillors
- 6,501 - 7,700: 15 councillors
- 7,701 - 9,000: 16 councillors
- 9,001 - 10,400 electors: 17 councillors
- 10,401 -11,900 electors: 18 councillors
- 11,901 - 13,500 electors: 19 councillors
- 13,501 - 15,200 electors: 20 councillors
- 15,201 - 17,000 electors: 21 councillors
- 17,001 - 18,900 electors: 22 councillors
- 18,901 - 20,900 electors: 23 councillors
- 20,901 - 23,000 electors: 24 councillors
- Over 23,000 electors: 25 councillors

Please note, in rural authorities with sparsity of population, this table may not be appropriate.



Parish	Baseline February 2025		Projected 5-year forecast	
	Electorate	Current no. of seats	Estimated population (inc. 16- & 17-year-olds)	NALC recommended no. of Councillors for projected electorate
Abbots Leigh	667	5	688	7
Backwell	3,754	15	4,151	12
Banwell	3,278	12	4,688	13
Barrow Gurney	426	7	586	7
Blagdon	885	11	1,037	8
Bleadon	998	9	1,191	8
Brockley	226	6	241	7
Burrington	435	5	461	7
Butcombe	190	5	247	7
Churchill	2,134	13	2,528	10
Clapton-in-Gordano	289	6	300	7
Cleeve	731	7	795	7
Clevedon	16,885	21	18,889	22
Congresbury	3008	12	3,511	12
Dundry	730	10	798	7
Flax Bourton	586	7	613	7
Hutton	2,395	10	2,693	10
Kenn	384	7	435	7



Parish	Baseline February 2025		Projected 5-year forecast	
	Electorate (as per register)	Current number of seats	Estimated population (inc. 16- & 17- year-olds)	NALC recommended number of Councillors for projected electorate
Kewstoke	1,486	11	1,754	9
Kingston Seymour	335	7	333	7
Locking	3,417	15	5,539	14
Long Ashton	5,098	21	5,430	14
Loxton	178	5	191	7
Nailsea	12,984	20	15,580	21
Pill and Easton-in-Gordano	3,939	15	4,250	12
Portbury	757	8	797	7
Portishead	20,385	14	22,467	24
Puxton	315	7	361	7
St Georges	2,445	9	2,757	11
Tickenham	891	11	1,016	8
Walton-in-Gordano	302	5	310	7
Weston-in-Gordano	275	7	263	7
Weston-super-Mare	62,605	31	75,177	25
Wick St Lawrence	1,093	10	1,181	8
Winford	1,874	12	2,089	10
Winscombe and Sandford	4,087	15	4,880	13
Wraxall and Failand	1,965	11	2,115	10
Wrington	2,313	16	2,573	10
Yatton	6,725	18	7,773	16



Election results in the past 5 years

The table below shows the number of candidates who have stood in each local government election in the past 5 years. Those in green show elections that were contested (i.e. enough candidates put themselves forward for there to be a poll).

Parish / Town Council	Wards (if warded)	No. of seats	No. of candidates in 2015 election	No. of candidates in 2019 election	No. of candidates in 2023 election
Abbots Leigh Parish Council		5	3	4	6
Backwell Parish Council		15	14	13	11
Banwell Parish Council		12	6	9	9
Barrow Gurney Parish Council		7	5	4	6
Blagdon Parish Council		11	8	8	7
Bleadon Parish Council		9	4	8	5
Brockley Parish Council		6	5	6	5
Burrington Parish Council		5	4	5	4
Butcombe Parish Council		5	4	4	4
Churchill Parish Council		13	12	9	9
Clapton-in-Gordano Parish Council		6	4	4	3
Cleeve Parish Council		7	4	6	7
Clevedon Town Council	East Ward	4	4	6	5
	South Ward	4	4	3	3
	Walton Ward	5	7	2	2
	West Ward	4	4	3	3
	Yeo Ward	4	4	4	4
Congresbury Parish Council		12	6	7	6
Dundry Parish Council		10	9	4	3



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Flax Bourton Parish Council		7	7	4	5
Hutton Parish Council		10	8	9	5
Kenn Parish Council		7	6	6	5
Kewstoke Parish Council		11	10	11	10
Kingston Seymour Parish Council		7	5	7	7
Locking Parish Council		15	9	7	9
Long Ashton Parish Council	Long Ashton Ward	19	14	10	8
	Leigh Woods Ward	2	2	2	0
Loxton Parish Council		5	4	3	4
Nailsea Town Council	Golden Valley Ward	5	5	6	3
	West End Ward	5	5	3	4
	Yeo Ward	5	6	3	6
	Youngwood Ward	5	5	5	4
Pill and Easton-in-Gordano Parish Council	Easton in Gordano Ward	4	3	3	3
	Pill Ward	11	7	5	12
Portbury Parish Council		8	8	5	5
Portishead Town Council	East Ward	5	7	10	5
	North Ward	2	6	4	3
	South Ward	2	5	4	3
	West Ward	5	7	11	7
Puxton Parish Council		7	3	5	8
St Georges Parish Council		9	10	7	6
Tickenham Parish Council		11	10	8	6



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Walton-in-Gordano Parish Council		5	3	4	5
Weston-in-Gordano Parish Council		7	6	4	4
Weston-super-Mare Town Council	Bournville Ward	3	8	6	4
	Central Ward	3	9	10	9
	Hillside Ward	3	11	10	7
	Mid Worle Ward	2	7	5	6
	Milton Ward	4	9	10	8
	North Worle Ward	3	10	9	8
	South Worle Ward	4	10	8	10
	Uphill Ward	3	8	7	10
	Winterstoke Ward	3	10	6	8
	Worlebury Ward	3	9	7	8
Wick St Lawrence Parish Council	East Wick Ward	5	5	5	5
	West Wick Ward	5	2	3	3
Winford Parish Council	Winford Ward	5	4	5	3
	Felton Ward	5	3	5	2
	Regil Ward	2	2	2	1
Winscombe and Sandford Parish Council		15	14	14	12
Wraxall and Failand Parish Council		11	9	12	10
Wrighton Parish Council	Northeast Ward	4	1	0	0
	Southwest Ward	12	9	12	7



Parish / Town Council	Wards (if warded)	No. of seats	No. of candidates in 2015 election	No. of candidates in 2019 election	No. of candidates in 2023 election
Yatton Parish Council	Claverham Ward	3	1	2	2
	Horsecastle Ward	5	4	6	3
	North Ward	5	5	3	5
	South Ward	5	6	4	3