

Appendix 2:

Draft Electoral Forecast

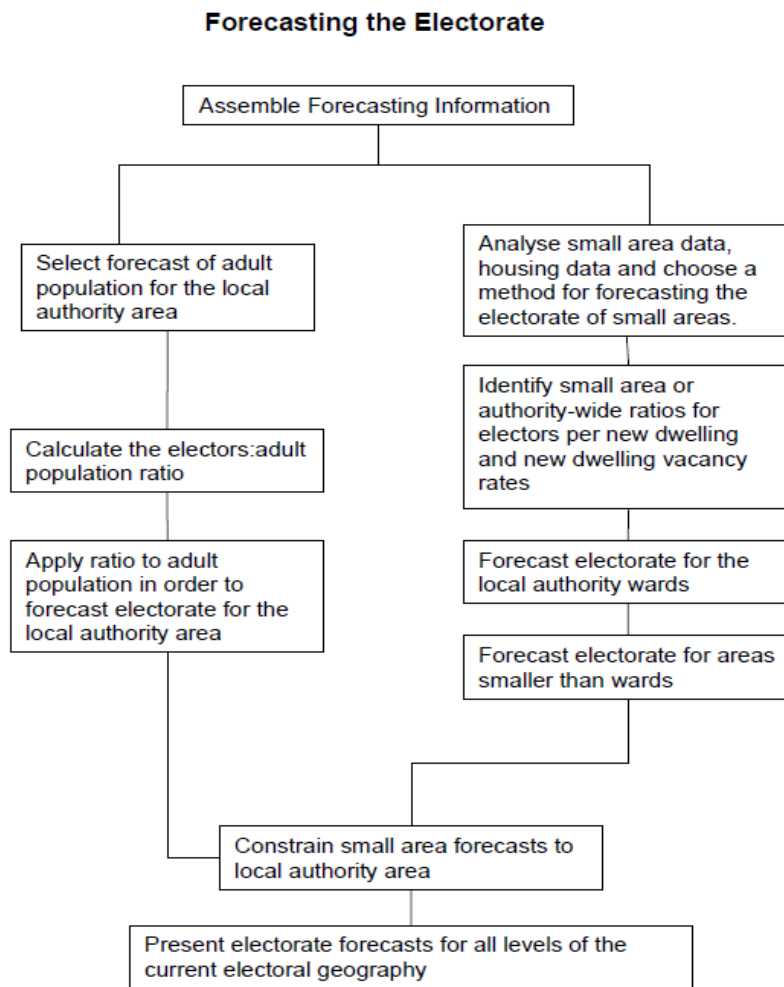
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Introduction

1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s (LGBCE) review of the City of Wolverhampton’s council size started in 2019. As part of this process, local authorities are required to provide electoral forecasts up to 2026. This report follows the “Electorate Forecasts – A Guide for Practitioners” document from the LGBCE, with some adjustments around population size. A flowchart showing the process is shown below, in Figure 1. Where the report uses data from the internal council records, this is noted with the abbreviation CWC.

Figure 1 – The “Forecasting the Electorate” flowchart, from LGBCE



Local Authority Review and Forecast

Adult population forecast

2. City of Wolverhampton Council does not produce its own forecasts; the adult population forecast from the Office for National Statistics’ 2016-based Subnational Population Projections (SNPP) was the starting point. These projections estimate a total population (including children) of 270,940 in Wolverhampton in 2026. Of those 270,940, it was projected 206,308 would be 18+, and eligible to register to vote.
3. However, upon review of the SNPP’s historical record in projecting the size of Wolverhampton’s population, it became apparent that the SNPP tends to significantly undercount the rate of growth for the city. For instance, the SNPP projected that Wolverhampton’s population in 2018 would be 260,993, but the Mid-Year Population Estimate (MYE) for 2018 estimated Wolverhampton’s population as 262,008. This is a difference of 1,015 within 2 years of the beginning of the projection period.

4. Similar divergences were found when comparing earlier SNPP releases with contemporary MYE releases also, and the divergences tended to worsen over time. This evidence supports the conclusion that the SNPP figures for Wolverhampton's population by 2026 are probably conservative. After considering our request about what adjustment to make the raw SNPP population of 270,940 in 2026, the LGBCE stated an estimated total population of 275,000 would be acceptable as a variation to the standard SNPP figure.
5. The base for the revised projection is that 77.2% of the population would be aged 18+ by 2026, slightly higher than at present. A key reason for using a slightly higher adult percentage is because (of the undercount of 1,015 between the 2018 SNPP and the contemporary 2018 MYE) 400 of the 1,015 undercount is from children aged 11-17 in 2018 who would be able to register to vote by 2026 (attainers is the technical term). Therefore, the base 18+ population used is: **275,000 (total population) – 62,700 (children estimate) = 212,300 (adult 18+ estimate)**.

Ratio of electors to adult population

6. The ratio of electors to adult population over a three-year period has been calculated in order to 'constrain' the total population figure. The adult population for 2017, 2018, and 2019 has been estimated using the 2016-based SNPPs (notwithstanding the issues described in points 3-5 above). The adult population to electorate ratio (electorate ÷ adult population x 100 = %) is set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Ratio electors to adults (Electorate from Electoral Services, CWC)

Year	Total Pop.	Adult Pop.	Local Govt Electorate	Electors to adult pop.
2019	262,474	200,973	188,458	93.8%
2018	260,993	200,364	177,614	88.6%
2017	259,484	199,634	180,693	90.5%
Total	782,951	600,971	546,765	91.0%

7. Taking account of these figures, an average ratio of 91.0% adult population to electorate has been used for the purposes of this forecast.

Predicted number of electors in 2026

8. The predicted whole authority electors in 2026 is calculated by multiplying the estimated adult population by the ratio of electors to adult population. This is 212,300 adults aged 18+ projected for 2026 x 0.91 = **193,193 electors**. A growth of 2.5% compared to the 2019 local government electorate.¹

Forecasting the electorate for Small Areas

9. Wolverhampton has inner-city urban areas that have that have large student populations as a result of hosting a university, and areas with concentrations of migrants. These trends

¹ There was a growth of 3.3% in the electorate of 2019 compared to 2003, the date of Wolverhampton's last electoral review.

have been ongoing for several years, and although those trends do affect registration rates, they are not volatile trends or new phenomena. However, it is a borough which is forecast to have a lot of housing development in forthcoming years (see Table 2). The city works alongside its neighbouring Local Authorities to deliver the Black Country Plan for housing and employment land development, and the city has received a New Homes Bonus from Central Government of £2,080,332 for the 2019/20 Financial Year.

Additional electors from new housing development

10. The guidance states the number of additional electors is calculated as follows: **New housing addition x Electorate per dwelling factor x Factor for vacant dwellings.**

New housing addition

11. Data was received from the Planning department at City of Wolverhampton Council in December 2019 concerning sites that have been assessed in terms of their potential housing delivery over the period, plus any large additional sites that have planning permission for housing that are not allocated. Table 2 identifies the sites where more than 10 dwellings are expected to be delivered over the period along with the number of dwellings expected and any assumptions made about build-out rates and site start dates. The housing sites are set out by electoral ward and polling district.
12. The Planning department list the sites using the following criteria: "Each site is one that is either under construction, or has full or outline permission, and is also a site which is estimated in the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) to generate housing completions up to 2026." This means the sites are likely to be either partly or totally built by 2026.
13. Table 2 indicates that the net number of new dwellings expected in the next 6 years is **4,256** in the borough as a whole. However, as the timescales for these building projects may alter or be subject to change depending on market conditions, a conservative 'vacant dwellings factor' has been used, to reflect the scale of the projected build and that not all sites may be occupied fully by 2026 (for reasons already outlined, and issues such as phased site release, project governance slippage, and building schedules).

Electorate per dwelling

14. The electorate per dwelling has been estimated for future years using electoral roll information and current properties to electorate ratios in each ward. Table 3 sets out the electorate per dwelling by ward.

Factor for vacant dwellings

15. The electorate per dwelling figure takes account of existing vacant dwellings. Many of the new housing sites will be completed well before the end of the forecast period, but it is accepted that there will be houses completed towards the end of the period that will not have their first occupiers by the end of the period. Therefore, as stated in paragraph 13 of this document, for this reason and the others cited, a vacancy factor of 30% has been

included within the calculations of the forecast electorate for polling districts with new housing development expected in the period.

Forecast additional electors for polling districts with new housing development

16. The additional electors have been calculated for the polling districts where new housing development is expected using the formula above and are shown in Table 4 (the “electorate yield” from these developments). In total it is forecasted that there will be **4,584** additional electors.

17. This figure has then been added to the current electorate for each of these polling districts to provide a polling district-level forecast for 2026. These figures are ‘unconstrained’ and do not take account of the whole authority forecast electorate in 2026 as reported in paragraph 8 of this note; to reconcile the ‘unconstrained’ figures to the Local Authority electorate estimate from paragraph 8, it is necessary to adjust them via a ‘constraining’ factor, as described in paragraph 18 below.

Constrained forecast electorate

18. In accordance with the guidance the ‘unconstrained’ polling district electorate forecasts have been summed for all polling districts (including those where no new housing addition is predicted) and the whole authority forecast electorate has been divided by the sum of the ‘unconstrained’ polling district forecasts to give a constraining factor.

Sum of ‘unconstrained’ polling districts:	193,042
Whole authority forecast electorate:	193,193
Constraining factor (193,193/193,100)	1.000782

19. Table 5 shows the ‘unconstrained’ forecast electorate in 2026 for all polling districts. It then shows the ‘constrained’ electorate for each polling district, which has been calculated using the constraining factor. The sum of these constrained polling districts equals the whole authority forecast of 193,193.

20. The 2026 Electorate forecast data is all recorded in the Excel file.

Table 2: Sites with 10+ dwellings expected by 2026 (Sourced from Planning, CWC)

Ref	Site	Ward	Polling District	Net Dwellings to 2026	Site status as of end 2019
40400	Holme Cottage & The Cottage Bee Lane Wolverhampton WV10 6LD	Bushbury North	AAA	10	Full Planning Permission
D5	Northicote Secondary School, Northwood Park Road, WV10 8ER	Bushbury North	AHA	200	Council Resolution / Development Brief etc
29010	The Tapworks / Broome Road, Showell Road, Low Hill	Bushbury South & Low Hill	BDA	117	Under Construction / Partially Complete

Ref	Site	Ward	Polling District	Net Dwellings to 2026	Site status as of end 2019
39310	The Manse, Leacroft Avenue	Bushbury South & Low Hill	BEA	20	Outline Planning Permission
38610	Land corner of Stafford St and Bone Mill Lane WV1 1NT	Bushbury South & Low Hill	BHA	600	Full Planning Permission
30490	Goodyear site, Stafford Road	Bushbury South & Low Hill	BJA	126	Under Construction / Partially Complete
40110	Goodyear Tyre Factory, Stafford Road	Bushbury South & Low Hill	BJA	228	Full Planning Permission
39510	Land adjacent to Westcroft Avenue WV10 8NH	Fallings Park	CBA	11	Under Construction / Partially Complete
35660	Burton Crescent / Taylors Playing Field	Heath Town	DAA	46	Full Planning Permission
35670	Former Bass Brewery Playing Field	Heath Town	DAA	44	Under Construction / Partially Complete
36610	East of Qualcast Road	Heath Town	DCB	101	Outline Planning Permission
36741	Heath Town Estate Masterplan Phase 1: HRA1/HRA2/HRA3 Hobgate Road & HRA6 Tithe Court	Heath Town	DCB	40	Full Planning Permission
36742	Heath Town Estate Masterplan - HRA4/HRA5 Chervil Rise	Heath Town	DCB	30	Outline Planning Permission
36743	Heath Town Estate Masterplan - HRA7 Long Ley	Heath Town	DCB	20	Outline Planning Permission
36746	Heath Town Estate Masterplan - WVL1 Tremont Street	Heath Town	DCB	65	Outline Planning Permission
36748	Heath Town Estate Masterplan - WVL4/WVL5/WVL6 Chervil Rise	Heath Town	DCB	36	Outline Planning Permission
40410	New Heath Close Wolverhampton West Midlands WV11 1XX	Heath Town	DGA	48	Full Planning Permission
38601	Former Danesmore Park Primary School, Russell Close (school buildings)	Wednesfield North	FCA	30	Under Construction / Partially Complete
39350	Former Wednesfield High School Playing Fields	Wednesfield South	GAA	266	Under Construction / Partially Complete
27412	Bilston Urban Village - Phase 2	Bilston East	HAB	420	Under Construction / Partially Complete
38070	First Floor And Second Floor 28 - 36 Church Street Bilston Wolverhampton WV14 0AX	Bilston East	HAB	10	Full Planning Permission
40600	The Croft Resource Centre 87 Greencroft Bilston WV14 0DQ	Bilston East	HAB	10	Full Planning Permission
38880	Land North And South Of Lane Street, Bradley WV14 8UP	Bilston East	HJB	17	Under Construction / Partially Complete

Ref	Site	Ward	Polling District	Net Dwellings to 2026	Site status as of end 2019
33841	Former Bilston College Site, 40 and adjacent land, Mount Pleasant (conversion)	Bilston North	IFA	20	Full Planning Permission
33842	Former Bilston College Site, 40 and adjacent land, Mount Pleasant (new build)	Bilston North	IFA	44	Full Planning Permission
39320	Former Bilston Leisure Centre, Prouds Lane, Bilston	Bilston North	IFA	40	Under Construction / Partially Complete
37180	Niphon Works, Lower Villiers Street	Blakenhall	JAA	49	Under Construction / Partially Complete
37280	Former Police Station, Birmingham Road, WV2 3LN	Blakenhall	JHA	28	Full Planning Permission
27480	Portobello Flats, New Street & South Street	East Park	KGB	22	Under Construction / Partially Complete
27370	Royal Hospital Development Area (City Centre)	Ettingshall	LAB	347	Under Construction / Partially Complete
32131	Cable St / Steelhouse Lane (west)	Ettingshall	LAB	164	Full Planning Permission
32132	Cable St / Steelhouse Lane (east)	Ettingshall	LAB	151	Full Planning Permission
28861	Ward Street Master Plan, Ettingshall (1) Former Bilston Gas Works	Ettingshall	LEA	87	Under Construction / Partially Complete
28863	Ward Street Master Plan, Ettingshall (3) Bilston Primary School Playing Fields	Ettingshall	LEA	70	Full Planning Permission
39330	Former Ettingshall Primary School, Herbert Street	Ettingshall	LEA	34	Under Construction / Partially Complete
39340	Land at Sweetbriar Road / Pump Street	Ettingshall	LEA	10	Under Construction / Partially Complete
38010	Former Bulls Head 153 Millfields Road Wolverhampton West Midlands WV4 6JE	Ettingshall	LFA	13	Under Construction / Partially Complete
34050	Polypipe Factory, Chestom Road, Wolverhampton WV14 0RD	Ettingshall	LIA	53	Full Planning Permission
40590	Springvale House, Millfields Road, Bilston, WV14 0QR	Ettingshall	LIA	24	Full Planning Permission
40580	Land adjacent to 12 Mill Street, Bilston	Ettingshall	LJA	14	Full Planning Permission
37750	Land adjacent to Sunnyside Taylor Road Wolverhampton West Midlands	Ettingshall	LKA	14	Full Planning Permission
38620	Land rear of 45 Rookery Road	Spring Vale	MKA	22	Full Planning Permission
36910	Tower / Fort Works, Pelham Street	Graiseley	NDA	81	Under Construction / Partially Complete

Ref	Site	Ward	Polling District	Net Dwellings to 2026	Site status as of end 2019
40080	Land adjacent to 126 Church Road, Bradmore	Graiseley	NJA	29	Under Construction / Partially Complete
38490	58-60 Lichfield Street, City Centre	St Peters	RIA	29	Full Planning Permission
39360	Telecom House, Church Street, Wolverhampton City Centre	St Peters	RIA	282	Full Planning Permission
39550	Crown House Birch Street Wolverhampton WV1 4DS	St Peters	RIA	50	Full Planning Permission
39560	Network House School Street Wolverhampton WV1 4LJ	St Peters	RIA	20	Full Planning Permission
40020	Good Shepherd Centre Thornley Street Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 1JS	St Peters	RIA	20	Full Planning Permission
40180	Blunts Shoeshop, 5-15 Broad Street, Wolverhampton	St Peters	RIA	14	Full Planning Permission
40610	33-37 Victoria Street Wolverhampton West Midlands WV1 3PW	St Peters	RIA	18	Full Planning Permission
36751	Former Tettenhall Wood Special School (land), School Road	Tettenhall Wightwick	TEA	12	Under Construction / Partially Complete

Table 3: Households and Electorate per Polling District as at 1st December 2019 (Sourced from Electoral Services, CWC)

Ward	Polling Districts	Household No.	Electorate	Electorate per dwelling
Bilston East	HAB, HBA, HCA, HEB, HIA, HJB, HLA, HNA	6,877	10,772	1.57
Bilston North	IAB, ICA, IDA, IFA, IGB, IIB	5,127	9,236	1.8
Blakenhall	JAA, JBA, JHA, JIA, JKA, JMA	4689	8,889	1.9
Bushbury North	AAA, ACA, ADA, AEA, AFA, AGA, AHA	5,303	9,212	1.74
Bushbury South & Low Hill	BAA, BDA, BEA, BGA, BHA, BIA, BJA	6,940	10,907	1.57
East Park	KAA, KBA, KDB, KGB, KHB, KIA, KLA	5,734	9,325	1.63
Ettingshall	LAB, LCA, LEA, LFA, LIA, LJA, LKA	6,908	10,947	1.58
Fallings Park	CAA, CBA, CDA, CEA, CGA, CIA, CKA	5,143	9,120	1.77
Graiseley	NAA, NDA, NGA, NHA, NIA, NJA	5,771	8,732	1.51

Ward	Polling Districts	Household No.	Electorate	Electorate per dwelling
Heath Town	DAA, DCB, DEA, DGA, DHA, DJA, DMB	6,981	9,267	1.33
Merry Hill	OAA, OCA, OEA, OGA, OIA, OJA	5,354	9,469	1.77
Oxley	EAA, ECA, EFA, EGA, EHA	5,386	9,170	1.7
Park	PAA, PBA, PDA, PFA, PGA, PIA	5,724	8,474	1.48
Penn	QAB, QBB, QDA, QEA, QFA, QJA, QKB	5,215	10,281	1.97
Spring Vale	MAA, MCA, MDA, MFA, MJA, MKA	5,202	9,267	1.78
St. Peters	RAA, RBA, RCA, RDB, RGA, RHA, RIA	7,144	8,331	1.17
Tettenhall Regis	SBB, SEB, SGB, SHB, SIB, SJB	5190	9,757	1.88
Tettenhall Wightwick	TBA, TCA, TEA, TGA, THA, TKA	5,483	9,342	1.7
Wednesfield North	FAA, FBA, FCA, FFA, FHA, FIA	5,133	8,871	1.73
Wednesfield South	GAA, GBA, GCA, GFA, GGA, GHA, GIA	5,289	9,089	1.72
ALL WARDS		114,593	188,458	1.64

Table 4: 2026 Forecast electorate for each polling district with new housing development

A	B	C	D	E	SUM (B * D)	SUM (B * D) / E	C + (SUM (B * D)/E)
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Ward	Polling district	New dwellings by 2026	Electors (Dec 2019 Baseline)	Electors per dwelling (in ward)	Factor Vacant dwellings	Electors in new dwellings	Additional Electors via building	Electors 2026
Bilston East	HAB	440	1,578	1.57	0.7	691	484	2,062
Bilston East	HJB	17	1,849	1.57	0.7	27	19	1,868
Bilston North	IFA	104	1,346	1.8	0.7	187	131	1,477
Blakenhall	JAA	49	2,064	1.9	0.7	93	65	2,129
Blakenhall	JHA	28	1,382	1.9	0.7	53	37	1,419
Bushbury North	AAA	10	1,955	1.74	0.7	17	12	1,967
Bushbury North	AHA	200	1,779	1.74	0.7	348	244	2,023

Ward	Polling district	New dwellings by 2026	Electors (Dec 2019 Baseline)	Electors per dwelling (in ward)	Factor Vacant dwellings	Electors in new dwellings	Additional Electors via building	Electors 2026
Bushbury South & Low Hill	BDA	117	1,708	1.57	0.7	184	129	1,837
Bushbury South & Low Hill	BEA	20	1,666	1.57	0.7	31	22	1,688
Bushbury South & Low Hill	BHA	600	952	1.57	0.7	942	659	1,611
Bushbury South & Low Hill	BJA	354	1,289	1.57	0.7	556	389	1,678
East Park	KGB	22	2,034	1.63	0.7	36	25	2,059
Ettingshall	LAB	662	2,766	1.58	0.7	1046	732	3,498
Ettingshall	LEA	201	2,202	1.58	0.7	318	222	2,424
Ettingshall	LFA	13	1,881	1.58	0.7	21	14	1,895
Ettingshall	LIA	77	821	1.58	0.7	122	85	906
Ettingshall	LJA	14	693	1.58	0.7	22	16	709
Ettingshall	LKA	14	1,213	1.58	0.7	22	16	1,229
Fallings Park	CBA	11	1,312	1.77	0.7	20	14	1,326
Graiseley	NDA	81	2,053	1.51	0.7	122	86	2,139
Graiseley	NJA	29	1,117	1.51	0.7	44	31	1,148
Heath Town	DAA	90	1,538	1.33	0.7	120	84	1,622
Heath Town	DCB	292	2,068	1.33	0.7	388	272	2,340
Heath Town	DGA	48	1,404	1.33	0.7	64	45	1,449
Spring Vale	MKA	22	1,342	1.78	0.7	39	27	1,369
St. Peters	RIA	433	568	1.17	0.7	507	355	923
Tettenhall Wightwick	TEA	12	1,273	1.7	0.7	20	14	1,287
Wednesfield North	FCA	30	1,860	1.73	0.7	52	36	1,896
Wednesfield South	GAA	266	1,517	1.72	0.7	458	320	1,837
HOUSEBUILDING		4,256	45,230			6,548	4,584	

Table 5: 2026 Forecast electorate for each polling district (constrained)

A	B	A + B	A + B with 1.000782 Constraining Factor
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Polling District	Ward	Electors (01.12.2019)	Extra electors via building	Electorate 2026 (unconstrained)	Electorate 2026 (constrained)
HAB	Bilston East	1,578	484	2,062	2,063
HBA	Bilston East	1,377		1,377	1,378
HCA	Bilston East	1,725		1,725	1,726
HEB	Bilston East	947		947	948
HIA	Bilston East	886		886	887
HJB	Bilston East	1,849	19	1,868	1,869
HLA	Bilston East	2,071		2,071	2,073
HNA	Bilston East	339		339	339
IAB	Bilston North	2,245		2,245	2,247
ICA	Bilston North	1,622		1,622	1,623
IDA	Bilston North	327		327	327
IFA	Bilston North	1,346	131	1,477	1,478
IGB	Bilston North	2,068		2,068	2,070
IIB	Bilston North	1,628		1,628	1,629
JAA	Blakenhall	2,064	65	2,129	2,131
JBA	Blakenhall	1,322		1,322	1,323
JHA	Blakenhall	1,382	37	1,419	1,420
JIA	Blakenhall	1,635		1,635	1,636
JKA	Blakenhall	1,905		1,905	1,906
JMA	Blakenhall	581		581	581
AAA	Bushbury North	1,955	12	1,967	1,969
ACA	Bushbury North	1,049		1,049	1,050
ADA	Bushbury North	1,006		1,006	1,007
AEA	Bushbury North	1,082		1,082	1,083
AFA	Bushbury North	1,159		1,159	1,160
AGA	Bushbury North	1,182		1,182	1,183
AHA	Bushbury North	1,779	244	2,023	2,024
BAA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	2,799		2,799	2,801
BDA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	1,708	129	1,837	1,838
BEA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	1,666	22	1,688	1,689
BGA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	1,241		1,241	1,242
BHA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	952	659	1,611	1,613
BIA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	1,252		1,252	1,253
BJA	Bushbury South & Low Hill	1,289	389	1,678	1,679
KAA	East Park	1,387		1,387	1,388
KBA	East Park	1,483		1,483	1,484

Polling District	Ward	Electors (01.12.2019)	Extra electors via building	Electorate 2026 (unconstrained)	Electorate 2026 (constrained)
KDB	East Park	1,616		1,616	1,617
KGB	East Park	2,034	25	2,059	2,061
KHB	East Park	1,906		1,906	1,907
KIA	East Park	656		656	657
KLA	East Park	243		243	243
LAB	Ettingshall	2,766	732	3,498	3,501
LCA	Ettingshall	1,371		1,371	1,372
LEA	Ettingshall	2,202	222	2,424	2,426
LFA	Ettingshall	1,881	14	1,895	1,897
LIA	Ettingshall	821	85	906	907
LJA	Ettingshall	693	16	709	709
LKA	Ettingshall	1,213	16	1,229	1,229
CAA	Fallings Park	600		600	600
CBA	Fallings Park	1,312	14	1,326	1,327
CDA	Fallings Park	1,377		1,377	1,378
CEA	Fallings Park	1,557		1,557	1,558
CGA	Fallings Park	1,572		1,572	1,573
CIA	Fallings Park	1,391		1,391	1,392
CKA	Fallings Park	1,311		1,311	1,312
NAA	Graiseley	1,781		1,781	1,782
NDA	Graiseley	2,053	86	2,139	2,140
NGA	Graiseley	1,552		1,552	1,553
NHA	Graiseley	1,181		1,181	1,182
NIA	Graiseley	1,048		1,048	1,049
NJA	Graiseley	1,117	31	1,148	1,149
DAA	Heath Town	1,538	84	1,622	1,623
DCB	Heath Town	2,068	272	2,340	2,342
DEA	Heath Town	1,630		1,630	1,631
DGA	Heath Town	1,404	45	1,449	1,450
DHA	Heath Town	1,475		1,475	1,476
DJA	Heath Town	975		975	976
DMB	Heath Town	177		177	177
OAA	Merry Hill	1,842		1,842	1,843
OCA	Merry Hill	759		759	760
OEA	Merry Hill	2,438		2,438	2,440
OGA	Merry Hill	1,845		1,845	1,846
OIA	Merry Hill	1,416		1,416	1,417
OJA	Merry Hill	1,169		1,169	1,170
EAA	Oxley	2,315		2,315	2,317
ECA	Oxley	2,907		2,907	2,909
EFA	Oxley	792		792	793
EGA	Oxley	1,683		1,683	1,684

Polling District	Ward	Electors (01.12.2019)	Extra electors via building	Electorate 2026 (unconstrained)	Electorate 2026 (constrained)
EHA	Oxley	1,473		1,473	1,474
PAA	Park	1,586		1,586	1,587
PBA	Park	1,972		1,972	1,974
PDA	Park	1,304		1,304	1,305
PFA	Park	1,104		1,104	1,105
PGA	Park	1,306		1,306	1,307
PIA	Park	1,202		1,202	1,203
QAB	Penn	1,528		1,528	1,529
QBB	Penn	1,425		1,425	1,426
QDA	Penn	1,440		1,440	1,441
QEA	Penn	894		894	895
QFA	Penn	2,382		2,382	2,384
QJA	Penn	1,655		1,655	1,656
QKB	Penn	957		957	958
MAA	Spring Vale	1,560		1,560	1,561
MCA	Spring Vale	1,202		1,202	1,203
MDA	Spring Vale	1,759		1,759	1,760
MFA	Spring Vale	2,574		2,574	2,576
MJA	Spring Vale	830		830	831
MKA	Spring Vale	1,342	27	1,369	1,370
RAA	St. Peters	558		558	558
RBA	St. Peters	1,963		1,963	1,965
RCA	St. Peters	1,184		1,184	1,185
RDB	St. Peters	2,262		2,262	2,264
RGA	St. Peters	1,183		1,183	1,184
RHA	St. Peters	613		613	613
RIA	St. Peters	568	355	923	923
SBB	Tettenhall Regis	2,286		2,286	2,288
SEB	Tettenhall Regis	2,025		2,025	2,027
SGB	Tettenhall Regis	1,029		1,029	1,030
SHB	Tettenhall Regis	1,119		1,119	1,120
SIB	Tettenhall Regis	1,667		1,667	1,668
SJB	Tettenhall Regis	1,631		1,631	1,632
TBA	Tettenhall Wightwick	1,187		1,187	1,188
TCA	Tettenhall Wightwick	1,729		1,729	1,730
TEA	Tettenhall Wightwick	1,273	14	1,287	1,288
TGA	Tettenhall Wightwick	1,178		1,178	1,179
THA	Tettenhall Wightwick	1,579		1,579	1,580
TKA	Tettenhall Wightwick	2,396		2,396	2,398
FAA	Wednesfield North	1,743		1,743	1,744
FBA	Wednesfield North	1,427		1,427	1,428
FCA	Wednesfield North	1,860	36	1,896	1,898

Polling District	Ward	Electors (01.12.2019)	Extra electors via building	Electorate 2026 (unconstrained)	Electorate 2026 (constrained)
FFA	Wednesfield North	1,091		1,091	1,092
FHA	Wednesfield North	1,192		1,192	1,193
FIA	Wednesfield North	1,558		1,558	1,559
GAA	Wednesfield South	1,517	320	1,837	1,839
GBA	Wednesfield South	890		890	891
GCA	Wednesfield South	1,440		1,440	1,441
GFA	Wednesfield South	1,455		1,455	1,456
GGA	Wednesfield South	964		964	965
GHA	Wednesfield South	1,596		1,596	1,597
GIA	Wednesfield South	1,227		1,227	1,228
TOTALS		188,458	4,584	193,042	193,193

Appendix 3: Councillor Survey

1. What is your name?
 - a. Text
2. How long have you been a Councillor with the City of Wolverhampton Council
 - a. 1-3 years
 - b. 3-6 years
 - c. 7-9 years
 - d. 10-15 years
 - e. 16-20 years
 - f. Over 20 years
3. If you are a governor at one or more schools in the city, please indicate which one(s) below.
 - a. Text
4. Please identify any regional bodies or meetings you attend as part of your role as a Councillor e.g. West Midlands Combined Authority meetings, West Midlands Pension Fund meetings, Transport for West Midlands meetings, Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership meetings, Black Country Transport meetings, etc...
 - a. Text
5. Please identify any national bodies or meetings you attend as part of your role as a Councillor e.g. Local Government Association meetings, etc...
 - a. Text
6. How many cases/ issues do you deal with on average per week on behalf of local residents?
 - a. 1 -5
 - b. 6-10
 - c. 11-15
 - d. 16-20
 - e. 20-30
 - f. 31-40
 - g. 41-50
 - h. Over 50
7. How many hours do you spend on Council/ political business each week?
 - a. Attending Councillor meetings e.g. scrutiny panel, cabinet, political group meetings etc...
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
 - b. Attending other Council business meetings (meetings with officers) e.g. member briefings

- i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- c. Attendance at external meetings where you are a Council representative within the city e.g. school governor meeting, housing association
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- d. Attendance at external meetings where you are supporting the regional agenda e.g. West Midlands Combined Authority meetings, West Midlands Pension Fund meetings, Transport for West Midlands meetings, Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership meetings, Black Country Transport meetings, etc...
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- e. Engaging with ward residents on direct Council business e.g. enquiries, casework, home visits.
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- f. Community obligations on indirect Council business e.g. community forum
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- g. Preparing for Council or other meetings in relation to your role as a councillor e.g. reading, research, officer briefings, political group discussions
 - i. 0 hours
 - ii. 1-5 hours
 - iii. 5-10 hours
 - iv. 11-15 hours
 - v. Over 15 hours
- h. Attending training and conferences

- i. 0 hours
- ii. 1-5 hours
- iii. 5-10 hours
- iv. 11-15 hours
- v. Over 15 hours

i. Travel related to Council business

- i. 0 hours
- ii. 1-5 hours
- iii. 5-10 hours
- iv. 11-15 hours
- v. Over 15 hours

8. What support do you receive to enable you in your role as a Councillor? Is it enough?
a. Text

9. Is the time you are spending as a councillor what you expected?

- a. Yes
- b. No I spend more time
- c. No I spend less time

10. Has the time you spend on Council business changed over recent years?

- a. Yes I spend more time on council business
- b. Yes I spend less time on council business
- c. No
- d. Reason for answer (text)

11. What aspect of your duties has changed most in recent years (if applicable)?

- a. Text

12. Please rank the following in order of importance as modes of communication with ward residents? (leave blank if you do not use that type of communication)

- a. Face to face (e.g. at somebody's home or the Council offices)
- b. Face to face (at a surgery)
- c. Telephone
- d. Text
- e. Email
- f. Letter
- g. Social media
- h. Newsletters
- i. Community meetings
- j. Other - text

13. Do you think you have sufficient time to effectively communicate with your ward residents?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Reason why – text

14. Do you feel that you have sufficient time to effectively carry out your role as a Councillor?

a. Yes

b. No

c. Reason why - text

15. Is there anything else relevant for the Council Size submission that you would like to add?

a. Text

Appendix 4 Councillor Journal (Example)

This journal is to support the evidence base of the Council's 'Council Size Submission' that will be provided to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE). This submission will provide an argument to the LGBCE stipulating the optimum number of Councillors within the Local Authority.

Instructions:

1. Fill this journal in everyday this week
2. Record all time spent on Council Business and community activity
3. Time spent on non-Council/ community business does not need to be recorded.

An example journal entry is directly below. Please be as precise as possible.

Activity	Location	Time
		7:00
Checking council emails	At home	7:30
Checking council emails	At home	8:00
		8:30
		9:00
		9:30
		10:00
		10:30
		11:00
		11:30
		12:00
Travel		12:30
WMCA Meeting	WMCA Offices	13:00
WMCA Meeting	WMCA Offices	13:30
Travel		14:00
		14:30
		15:00

		15:30
		16:00
		16:30
Meeting with ward members over community fundraising event	St Stevens Church	17:00
Meeting with ward members over community fundraising event	St Stevens Church	17:30
Meeting with ward members over community fundraising event	St Stevens Church	18:00
		18:30
		19:00
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