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## WEST DEVON COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 28TH JANUARY, 2014

Agenda, Reports and Minutes for the meeting

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Reports to Council:

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# Agenda Item 1

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## **COUNCIL SUMMONS**

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of the **WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Kilworthy Park, **TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **JANUARY 2014** at **11.00 am**.

### **THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS IS PROPOSED TO BE TRANSACTED.**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest  
Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting.

If Councillors have any questions relating to predetermination, bias or interests in items on this Agenda, then please contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

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3. Business brought forward by or with the consent of the Mayor
4. Boundary Review – Draft Warding Arrangements **To follow**

### **PART TWO – ITEMS WHICH MAY BE TAKEN IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ON THE GROUNDS THAT EXEMPT INFORMATION MAY BE DISCLOSED (if any).**

If any, the Council is recommended to pass the following resolution:

“**RESOLVED** that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting for the undermentioned item of business on the grounds that exempt information may be disclosed as defined in Part I of Schedule 12(A) to the Act.”

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2014



Chief Executive

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## WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>NAME OF COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Special Council</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>28 January 2014</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	<b>Electoral Review of West Devon – Draft Warding Arrangements</b>
<b>Report of</b>	<b>Political Structures Working Group</b>
<b>WARDS AFFECTED</b>	<b>All</b>

**Summary of report:** To consider a report which seeks to make a Council submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on alternative warding arrangements for West Devon Borough Council.

**Financial implications:** None arising directly from this report

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That the Council agrees that Appendix A be submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England as the Council's submission on alternative warding arrangements.
2. That delegated authority be granted to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Political Structures Working Group, to finalise the Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England before the deadline of Monday, 3 February 2014.

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**Member contact:** Cllr McInnes, Chairman of the Political Structures Working Group  
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**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The LGBCE is responsible for reviewing local authority electoral arrangements, administrative boundaries and structure.

- 1.2 Members will recall that the Council resolved at its Special meeting on 1 July 2013 that *'the Council's submission to the LGBCE recommends that, when looking at the roles which need to be discharged by the Borough Council, coupled with the sparsity, rurality, and proposed population increases for West Devon, the Council size (eg number of Members elected) should not be reduced below the current number of 31. However, should the Boundary Commission wish to recommend any variation in Council size, then it should propose a marginal increase in number'* (Minute CM 27 refers).
- 1.3 At the conclusion of the consultation phase on Council size, the LGBCE met on 12 November 2013 to confirm its views. The Chief Executive was then informed on 27 November 2013 of the LGBCE decision to adopt a Council size of 31 Members for the purposes of consultation on warding arrangements.

## **2. ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **Next Stage of the Review**

- 2.1 This stage of the review began upon the receipt of the letter on 27 November 2013 and runs until 3 February 2014. The LGBCE has extended a general invitation to all interested parties to propose a new pattern of warding arrangements for the Council, with proposals being based upon a Council size of 31 Members.
- 2.2 After this deadline has expired, the Commission will consider the proposals it receives and then take a provisional decision on warding arrangements. It is then intended that these draft recommendations will be published in April 2014.
- 2.3 Upon this publication, there will then be a twelve week period of consultation on the draft recommendations before the Commission considers all representations received and formulates its final recommendations. The final recommendations are expected to be published in October 2014.

### **Member Deliberations**

- 2.4 At the request of Council, an all Member workshop was held on the afternoon of Monday, 13 January 2014. At this workshop, a number of discussion points were generated for the consideration of the Political Structures Working Group.
- 2.5 On Tuesday, 14 January 2014, these points were individually considered by the Working Group and a number of points were agreed which it was felt could form the basis of the Council's submission to the Commission.
- 2.6 Some Members also felt that, based upon these deliberations, it would be beneficial for officers to create some potential revised warding arrangements. In so doing, three options were created which were solely focused on a combination of Member views and the mathematics of ensuring compliance with the trigger points which prompted this Review.
- 2.7 Following a further consultation period with the wider membership, the Chairman of the Working Group has suggested that the first two options which had been

circulated and a new option 3 and option 4, coupled with the points raised during the Member deliberations, should be recommended, on an equal weighting, as the basis for the Council's submission to the Boundary Commission (Appendix A refers).

- 2.8 In suggesting to this meeting that the 4 options and the discussion points form the basis of the Council's submission, the Chairman of the Working Group has offered no personal preferences but believes that these will initiate Member consideration and discussion at this meeting. It will be a matter for this meeting to determine if (and if so, how many of) these options are included in the submission. Furthermore, the list of discussion points is by no means exhaustive and (if it is the wish of the meeting) further comments can be added (or indeed removed) before the submission is sent to the Boundary Commission.
- 2.9 Once the Council has reached a view on its submission, then it is recommended that the Democratic Services Manager be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Chairman of the Political Structures Working Group to finalise the Council's submission and send it to the LGBCE before the deadline of 3 February 2014.
- 2.10 During their deliberations, Members have wished to again reaffirm the point that all Members, local town and parish councils, community groups and residents are perfectly entitled to submit their own comments and patterns of warding arrangements for the Council to the LGBCE ([www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)) before the deadline of 3 February 2014.

### 3. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There is provision within the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 which established the ability for the LGBCE to conduct an Electoral Review.

### 4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The risk management implications are shown at the end of this report in the Strategic Risks template.

<b>Corporate priorities engaged:</b>	All
<b>Statutory powers:</b>	Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009
<b>Considerations of equality and human rights:</b>	No affected by this report
<b>Biodiversity considerations:</b>	Not affected by this report
<b>Sustainability considerations:</b>	No affected by this report
<b>Crime and disorder implications:</b>	Not affected by this report
<b>Background papers:</b>	Council Constitution Political Structures Working Group Agenda – 15 April 2013 Discussion points generated from the all Member Workshop held on 13 January 2014 Action points generated from the Political Structures Working Group meeting held on 14 January 2014

**Appendices attached:**

Appendix A: Draft Council Submission to the Boundary Commission



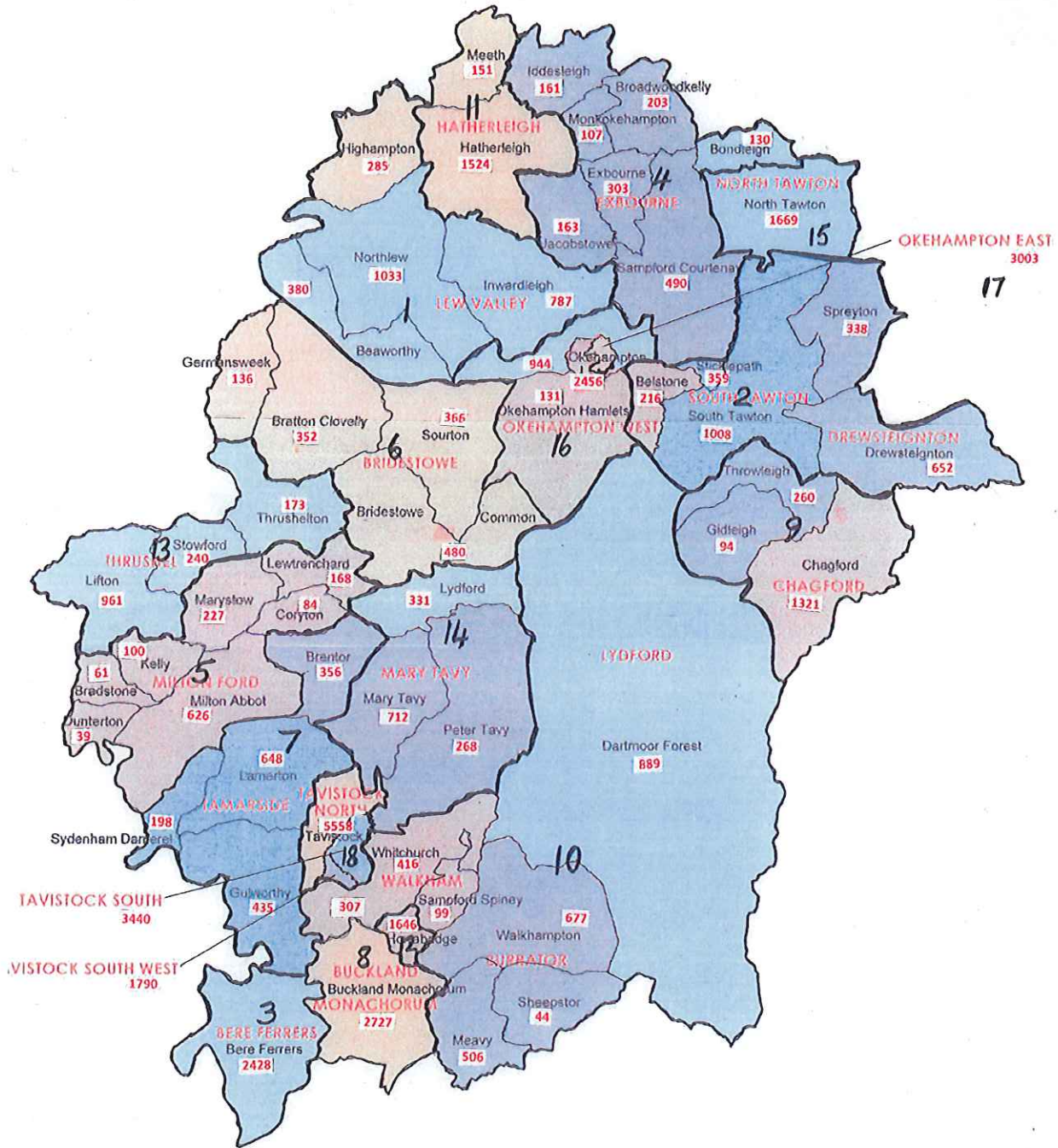
## STRATEGIC RISKS TEMPLATE

No	Risk Title	Risk/Opportunity Description	Inherent risk status				Mitigating & Management actions	Ownership
			Impact of negative outcome	Chance of negative outcome	Risk score and direction of travel			
1	Reaching a decision on a Council submission.	Failure to reach a decision on a submission may result in the LGBCE producing a pattern of warding arrangements for the Council which is deemed to be unacceptable.	4	3	12	↔	By the Council being able to reach a decision on its submission which is reasoned and justified.	Democratic Services Manager

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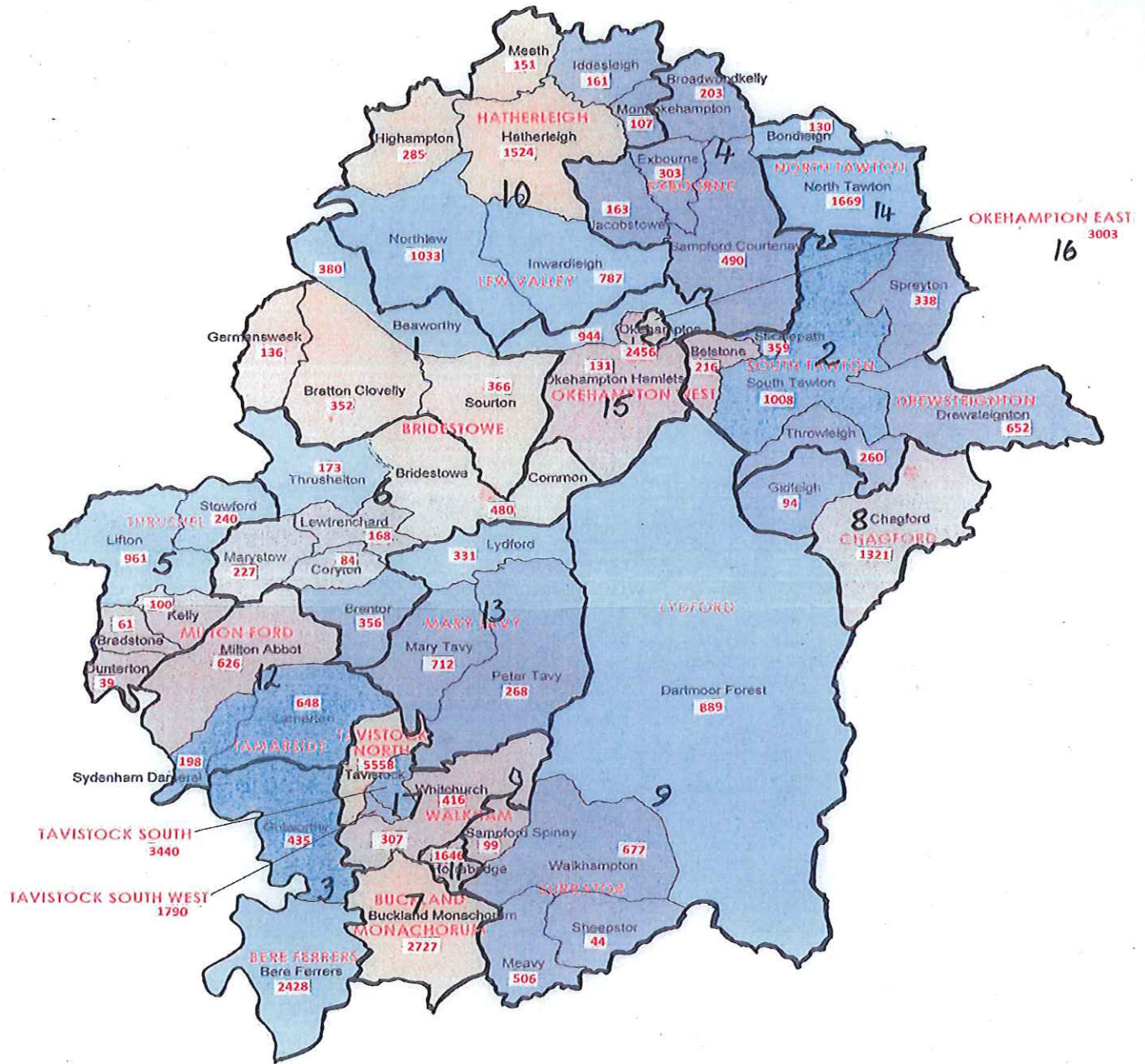
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3	Bere Ferrers	9	Chagford, Gidleigh & Throwleigh	15	North Tawton
4	Bondleigh, Broadwoodkelly, Exbourne, Iddesleigh, Jacobstowe, Monkokehampton & Sampford Courtenay	10	Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor, Walkhampton & Whitchurch	16	Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West
5	Bradstone, Coryton, Dunterton, Kelly, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Milton Abbot	11	Hatherleigh & Meeth	17	Okehampton East
6	Bratton Clovelly, Bridestowe, Germansweek & Sourton	12	Horrabridge	18	Tavistock

Draft Warding Arrangements Option 1

	Parishes in Ward	Number of Councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of Electors per Councillor	% Variance from Average
1	Beaworthy, Highampton, Inwardleigh & Northlew	2	2485	1243	-15.65
2	Belstone, Drewsteignton, South Tawton, Spreyton & Sticklepath	2	2573	1287	-12.66
3	Bere Ferrers	2	2428	1214	-17.58
4	Bondleigh, Broadwoodkelly, Exbourne, Iddesleigh, Jacobstowe, Monkokehampton & Sampford Courtenay	1	1557	1557	5.70
5	Bradstone, Coryton, Dunterton, Kelly, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Milton Abbot	1	1305	1305	-11.41
6	Bratton Clovelly, Bridestowe, Germansweek & Sourton	1	1334	1334	-9.44
7	Brentor, Gulworthy, Lamerton & Sydenham Damerel	1	1637	1637	11.13
8	Buckland Monachorum	2	3034	1517	2.99
9	Chagford, Gidleigh & Throwleigh	1	1675	1675	13.71
10	Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor, Walkhampton & Whitchurch	2	2631	1316	-10.69
11	Hatherleigh & Meeth	1	1675	1675	13.71
12	Horrabridge	1	1646	1646	11.74

	Parishes in Ward	Number of Councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of Electors per Councillor	% Variance to Average
13	Lifton, Stowford & Thrushelton	1	1374	1374	-6.72
14	Lydford, Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy	1	1311	1311	-11.00
15	North Tawton	1	1669	1669	13.31
16	Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West	2	3531	1766	19.86
17	Okehampton East	2	3003	1502	1.93
	Tavistock	7	10788	1541	4.63
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>45656</b>		

Option 2



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1	Beaworthy, Bratton Clovelly, Germansweek & Sourton	7	Buckland Monachorum	13	Lydford, Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy
2	Belstone, Drewsteignton, South Tawton, Spreyton, Sticklepath & Throwleigh	8	Chagford & Gidleigh	14	North Tawton
3	Bere Ferrers & Gulworthy	9	Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor & Walkhampton	15	Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West
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5	Bradstone, Dunterton, Kelly, Lifton, Stowford	11	Horrabridge	17	Tavistock & Whitchurch
6	Brentor, Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Thrushelton	12	Lamerton, Milton Abbot & Sydenham Damerel		

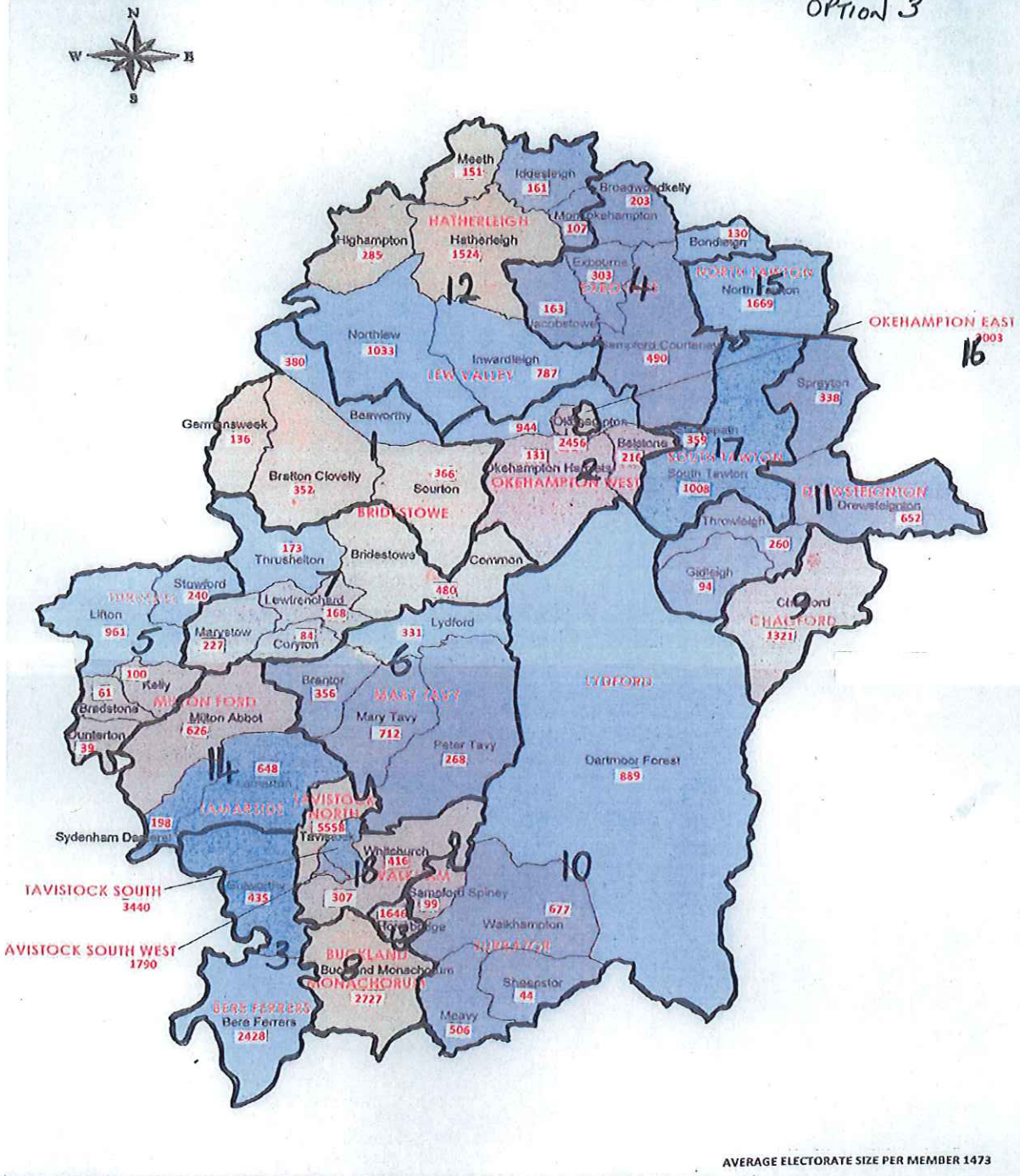
Draft Warding Arrangements Option 2

	Parishes in Ward	Number of Councillors	Electorate (2019)	Number of Electors per Councillor	% Variance from Average
1	Beaworthy, Bratton Clovelly, Germansweek & Sourton	1	1234	1234 #DIV/0!	-16.23
2	Beistone, Drewsteignton, South Tawton, Spreyton, Sticklepath & Throwleigh	2	2833	1417	-3.84
3	Bere Ferrers & Gulworthy	2	2863	1432	-2.82
4	Bondleigh, Broadwoodkelly, Exbourne, Jacobstowe & Sampford Courtenay	1	1289	1289	-12.49
	Bradstone, Dunterton, Kelly, Lifton, Stowford	1	1401	1401	-4.89
	Brentor, Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Thrushelton	1	1488	1488	1.02
7	Buckland Monachorum	2	3034	1517	2.99
8	Chagford & Gidleigh	1	1415	1415	-3.94
9	Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor & Walkhampton	2	2215	1108	-24.81
10	Hatherleigh, Highampton, Iddesleigh, Inwardleigh, Meeth, Monkekehampton & Northlew	3	4048	1349	-8.40
11	Horrabridge	1	1646	1646	11.74
12	Lamerton, Milton Abbot & Sydenham Damerel	1	1472	1472	-0.07

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OPTION 3



1	Beaworthy, Bratton Clovelly, Germansweek & Sourton	7	Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Thrushelton	13	Horrabridge
2	Belstone, Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West	8	Buckland Monachorum	14	Lamerton, Milton Abbot & Sydenham Damerel
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Draft Warding Arrangements Option 3

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1	Beaworthy, Bratton Clovelly, Germansweek & Sourton	1	1234	1234	-16.23
2	Belstone, Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West	2	3747	1874	27.19
3	Bere Ferrers & Gulworthy	2	2863	1432	-2.82
4	Bondleigh, Broadwoodkelly, Exbourne, Jacobstowe & Sampford Courtenay	1	1289	1289	-12.49
5	Bradstone, Dunterton, Kelly, Lifton, Stowford	1	1401	1401	-4.89
6	Brentor, Lydford, Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy	1	1667	1667	13.17
7	Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Marystow & Thruselton	1	1132	1132	-23.15
8	Buckland Monachorum	2	3034	1517	2.99
9	Chagford	1	1321	1321	-10.32
10	Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor & Walkhampton	2	2215	1108	-24.81
11	Drewsteignton, Gidleigh, Throwleigh & Spreyton	1	1344	1344	-8.76
12	Hatherleigh, Highampton, Iddesleigh, Inwardleigh, Meeth, Monkekehampton & Northlew	3	4048	1349	-8.40

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Draft Warding Arrangements Option 4

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	Bradstone, Dunterton, Kelly, Lifton, Stowford	1	1401	1401	-4.89
	Brentor, Mary Tavy & Peter Tavy	1	1336	1336	-9.30
7	Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Lydford, Marystow & Thrushelton	1	1463	1463	-0.68
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## **West Devon Borough Council Submission – Points Raised for the Consideration of the Commission**

### **General Principles:**

- The larger the rural wards which are created, the harder it will be to attract potential candidates to stand to be a Borough Councillor;
- The Council does not support the splitting of any parishes. Indeed. It was often more divisive to split a parish than to have a multi-Member ward;
- Whilst multi-Member wards are not always desirable, there is an acceptance that there is a place for these if it ensures that those communities which need to be kept together are done so;
- This stage of the Review has been made very difficult since there is very little margin for error in the electorate forecast figures. For example, 10% of the mean average equates to only 147 electors. In addition, the Review is further constrained by the relatively small number of Council wards. For example, 30% of a total of 22 wards would only permit 7 wards to be outside of the 10% mean average figure.

### **Specific Points:**

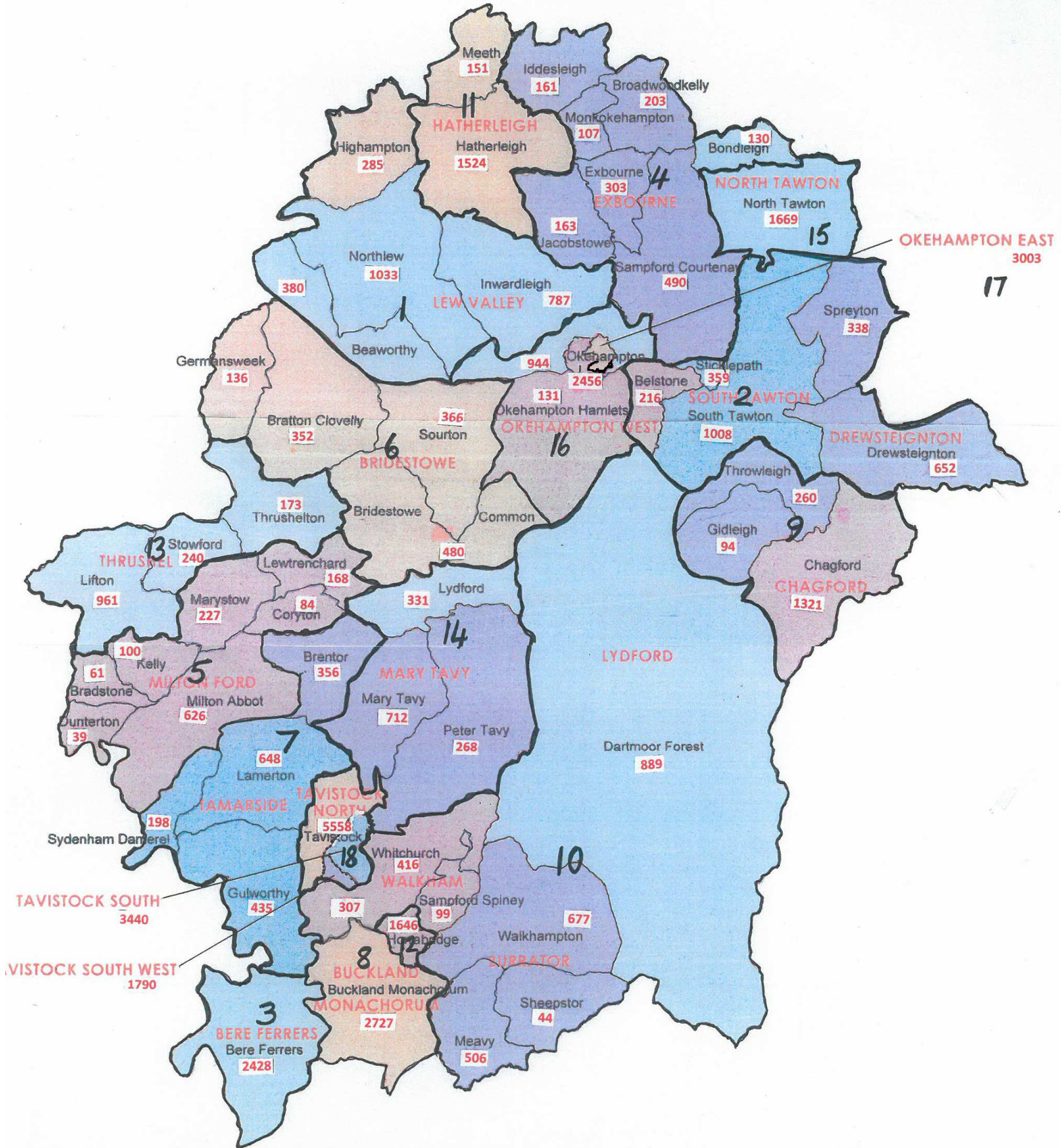
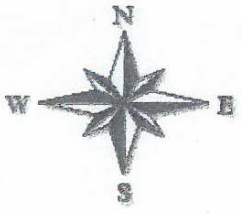
- There was general support for 7 Members to be retained in Tavistock and 4 Members in Okehampton town. However, it was felt that each ward boundary should be re-looked at to ensure better equality of electorate number in both towns. Regarding Tavistock, it was also considered that, where possible, the River Tavy should serve as a ward boundary. In light of the level of detail associated with this exercise, it was considered that the Council Submission could simply state that Tavistock should be served by 7 Members and Okehampton by 4;
- Okehampton Hamlets parish should be reunited and no longer split between Okehampton West and Lew Valley wards. For the purposes of the Council submission, it should be stated that the Council recognises that the parish council has requested a review of its boundaries, which has been put on hold pending the Borough Council Boundary Review;
- Lydford parish (electorate of 331) has a natural synergy with the Mary Tavy ward and the Boundary Commission is asked to keep this in mind;
- South Tawton ward is already within the 10% population forecast threshold and should remain unaltered;
- To reduce North Tawton ward numbers, Bondleigh could be moved into Exbourne ward;
- Highampton parish could be moved into Lew Valley ward and Lew Valley could potentially become a two Member ward;
- Hatherleigh and Meeth parishes have a common synergy and there was a good case for these to become a standalone single Member ward;
- In the Southern and South Western ends of the Borough, it was recognised that a number of existing wards were below the forecasted mean average. Therefore, there was considered to be scope to revise the current warding arrangements to make a reduction by one Member across this area to reflect the need to have an additional Member in the north of the Borough. In making this point, the sparsity of this area was acknowledged and specifically,

the Group had sympathy with the unique nature of Bere Ferrers, for which it was felt that a good case could be made to retain this area as a two Member ward.

- To reflect the Review being prompted by the population increases in the north of the Borough, the Commission was asked to consider increasing the Council Size to 32 to enable for an extra Member to be appointed in this part of the Borough.



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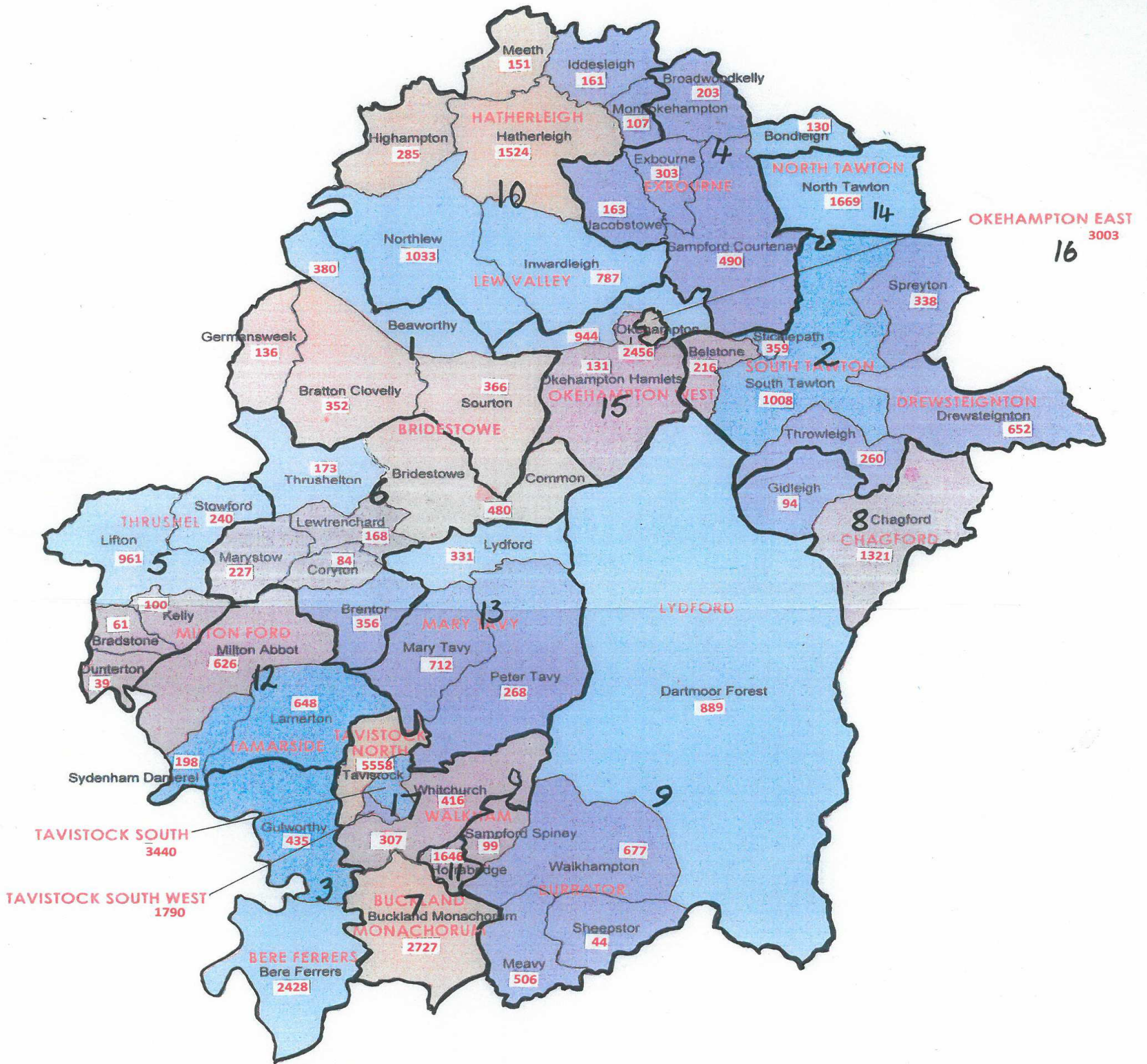
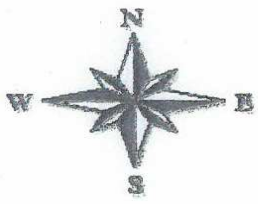


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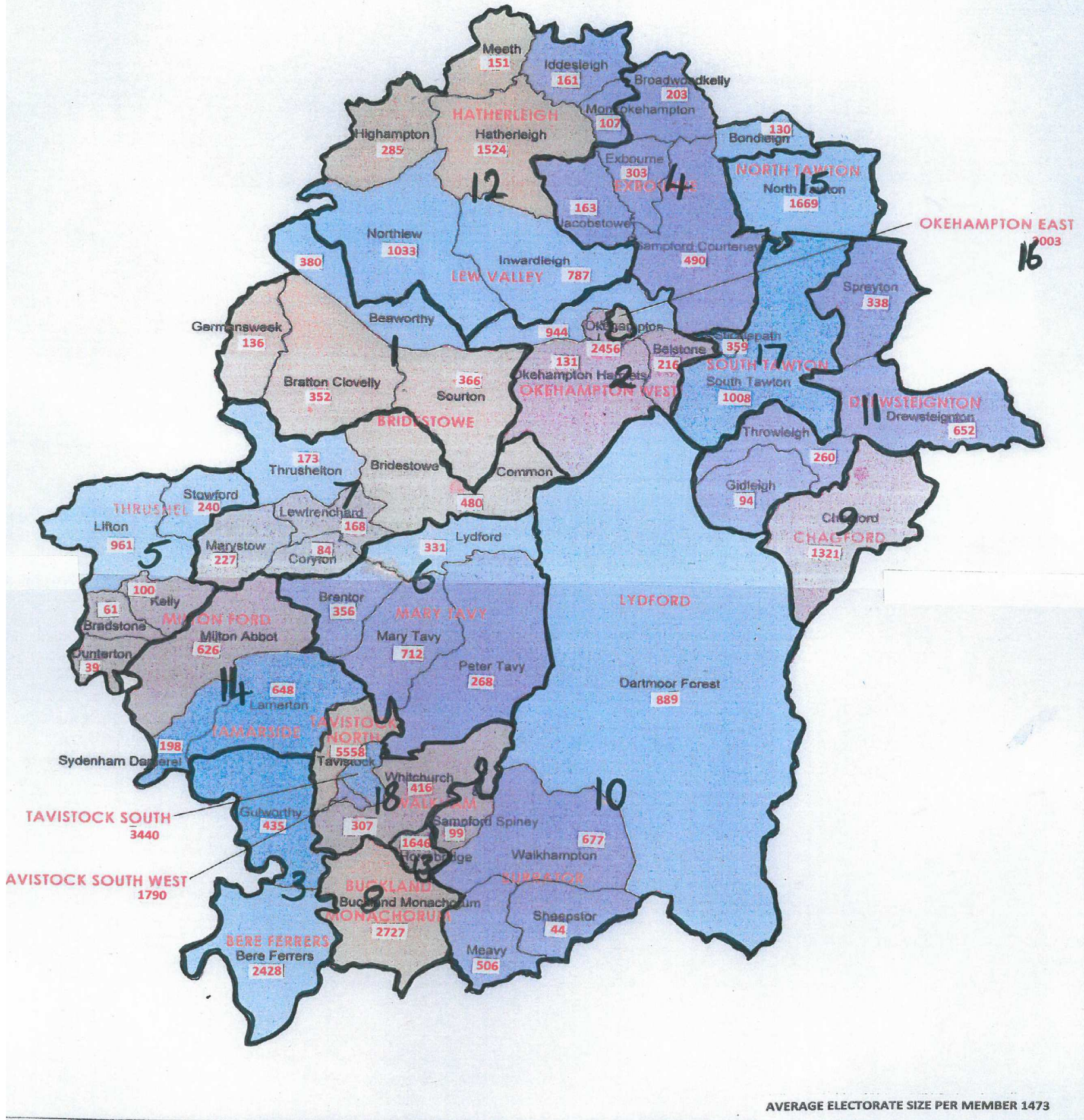


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5	Bradstone, Dunterton, Kelly, Lifton, Stowford	11	Horrabridge	17	Tavistock & Whitchurch
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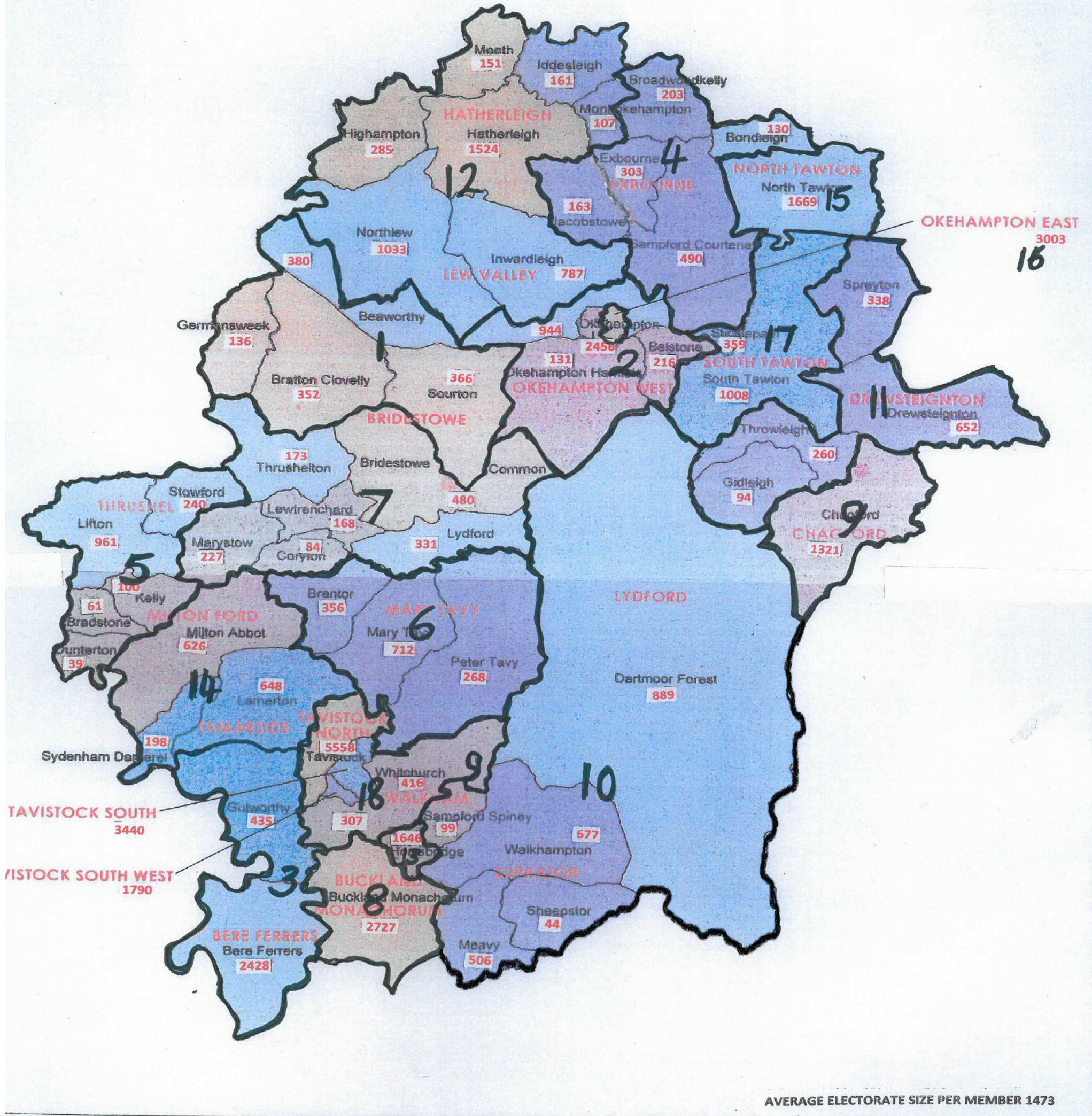
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2	Belstone, Okehampton Brightley, Okehampton Hamlets & Okehampton West	8	Buckland Monachorum	14	Lamerton, Milton Abbot & Sydenham Damerel
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OPTION 4



1	Beaworthy, Bratton Clovelly, Germansweek & Sourton	7	Bridestowe, Coryton, Lewtrenchard, Lydford, Marystow & Thrushelton	13	Horrabridge
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# Agenda Item 3

At the Special Meeting of the **WEST DEVON BOROUGH COUNCIL** held in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILWORTHY PARK, TAVISTOCK** on **TUESDAY** the **28<sup>th</sup>** day of **JANUARY 2014** at **10.00am** pursuant to Notice given and Summons duly served.

**Present** Cllr W G Cann OBE – The Mayor (In the Chair)

Cllr S C Bailey	Cllr K Ball
Cllr M J R Benson	Cllr D W Cloke
Cllr M V L Ewings	Cllr C Hall
Cllr T J Hill	Cllr L J G Hockridge
Cllr A F Leech	Cllr C M Marsh
Cllr J R McInnes	Cllr J B Moody
Cllr N Morgan	Cllr M E Morse
Cllr D E Moyse	Cllr C R Musgrave
Cllr T G Pearce	Cllr P J Ridgers
Cllr R F D Sampson	Cllr D K A Sellis
Cllr J Sheldon	Cllr D Whitcomb

Head of Paid Service  
Head of Corporate Services  
Monitoring Officer  
Democratic Services Manager

**CM 61 MR ROGER COLLINS**

Following the sad news that Mr Roger Collins, Head of Building Control until his retirement almost three years ago, had recently passed away, the Council stood as a mark of respect and observed a minute's silence.

In addition, the Mayor confirmed that, on behalf of the Council, he would be sending a letter of condolence to the family of Mr Collins.

**CM 62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R E Baldwin, A Clish-Green, D W Horn, R J Oxborough, L B Rose, P R Sanders, E H Sherrell and D M Wilde.

**CM 63 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

The Mayor invited Members to declare any interests in the items of business to be considered during the course of the meeting, but there were none made.

**CM 64 BOUNDARY REVIEW – DRAFT WARDING ARRANGEMENTS**

A report was considered which sought to make a Council submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) on alternative warding arrangements for West Devon Borough Council.

To enable the debate, the recommendations as outlined in the presented agenda report were moved by Cllr J R McInnes and seconded by Cllr M J R Benson.

In discussion, the following points were raised:-

- (a) It was requested that Members' appreciation be extended to the Chairman of the Political Structures Working Group and the Democratic Services Manager for their hard work and efforts during this stage of the Review;
- (b) Some Members were of the view that the Council should agree no more than two of the four potential options to be included in its submission to the LGBCE;
- (c) The comment was expressed that the electoral inequalities were largely prompted by the Hatherleigh and Lew Valley Wards. As a consequence, a simple solution would be to recommend to the LGBCE that the remainder of the Borough wards should remain as they were, with the Council Size being increased to 32 in order to address the electorate variances in Hatherleigh and Lew Valley;
- (d) A number of concerns were raised in respect of the accuracy of the electorate forecast figures which had been supplied;
- (e) The importance of all Members, local town and parish councils, community groups and residents submitting their own comments and potential warding arrangements to the LGBCE before the deadline of 3 February 2014 was again emphasised;
- (f) Members recognised the importance of the general principles and specific points being included in the Council Submission;
- (g) Some Members felt that the greater the number of parishes that a Member was being asked to serve, the more difficult the role became and the harder it would be to attract potential candidates to stand for Council;
- (h) An amendment to part 1 of the motion was moved by Cllr R F D Sampson and seconded by Cllr P J Ridgers as follows:-

*'1. That, in addition to the general principles and specific points in Appendix A, Option 4 be submitted to the LGBCE, the latter being the most effective arrangement in purely arithmetical terms of variation from the desired mean. However, this option does not satisfactorily address all community relationships and further detailed representations should be encouraged as to the circumstances of the individual wards. The Council also notes that an additional Member (making a Council Size of 32) would ease the difficulty of reconciling arithmetical and community issues in the north of the Borough.'*

Whilst some Members advised of their support for the amendment, other Members expressed their concerns over Option 4 being the

Council's preferred option. These particular concerns arose primarily in light of the proposal to generate a three Member ward for the Hatherleigh, Highampton, Iddesleigh, Inwardleigh, Meeth, Monkokehampton and Northlew area and the sheer size of the proposed Dartmoor Forest, Meavy, Sampford Spiney, Sheepstor and Walkhampton ward.

When put to the vote, the amendment was declared **CARRIED**.

It was then "**RESOLVED**:"

1. That, in addition to the general principles and specific points in Appendix A, Option 4 be submitted to the LGBCE, the latter being the most effective arrangement in purely arithmetical terms of variation from the desired mean. However, this option does not satisfactorily address all community relationships and further detailed representations should be encouraged as to the circumstances of the individual wards. The Council also notes that an additional Member (making a Council Size of 32) would ease the difficulty of reconciling arithmetical and community issues in the north of the Borough; and
2. That authority be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager, in consultation with the Chairman of the Political Structures Working Group, to finalise the Council's submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England before the deadline of 3 February 2014."

(The Meeting terminated at 11.45 am)

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