

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
17 July 2012

Subject: **ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**All Wards
Scrutiny Committees
Leader: Councillor N W Huxtable**

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 In January 2011 Council agreed in principle to request the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) to undertake a review of electoral arrangements.
- 1.2 In September 2011 Council agreed to set up a Working Group to advise on the Council's submissions to LGBC.
- 1.3 In February 2012 Council agreed to support a Council size of 28 Members as part of the Council's submission to the LGBC.
- 1.4 The LGBC has confirmed that it supports in principle a Council size of 28 Members and has sought views on Warding arrangements as part of the next stage of the review.
- 1.5 This report recommends a proposed submission to Full Council on Warding arrangements.

2.0 DECISION SOUGHT:

- 2.1 To recommend to Council a proposal on Warding arrangements to be submitted to the LGBC.

3.0 WARDING ARRANGEMENTS:

- 3.1 The proposed Council size of 28 is used as the starting point to establish the average number of electors to be achieved across all Wards of the District. The optimum number of electors per Councillor is devised from dividing the electorate by the number of Councillors on the Authority.
- 3.2 It is not feasible to have the exact same number of electors per Councillor and still seek to meet other benefits such as co-terminosity of parish and County Division boundaries. However, the intention is to get as close as possible to this ratio throughout the District which will also include some projections on future growth. The LGBC indicate that it will need strong justification to depart from this level of representation.
- 3.3 The LGBC, when determining whether existing arrangements need to be reviewed, bases its decision on how many Wards have a discrepancy of plus or minus 10% of the average for the District as a whole. It therefore seems reasonable to accept such a tolerance of +/- 10%.
- 3.4 The other factors to be taken into account are "community identity" and "effective and convenient Local Government". The LGBC accepts that these are difficult to define. Community identity may be based on geographical or historical factors or may relate to the

location of facilities as well as population/employment groupings. When looking at effective and convenient Local Government, the effect of proposals on individual Councillors may be relevant (i.e., their ability to travel around a Ward or represent the number of parishes contained in the Ward).

- 3.5 The Commission will seek to achieve as much co-terminosity as possible between County Divisions/District Wards and parish boundaries. Wards split into two geographically separate areas will not generally be supported.
- 3.6 Finally, in considering single or multi-Member Wards the Commission will be looking at the benefits to electors rather than local political organisations.
- 3.7 For a Council of 28 the tolerances referred to in paragraph 3.3 would mean the electorate would have to be within the following ranges:
 - 1 Member Ward – Electorate between 2,432 and 2,972
 - 2 Member Ward – Electorate between 4,864 and 5,944
 - 3 Member Ward – Electorate between 7,295 and 8,917

A proposal is shown on the Plan attached as an Annex to this report and has an associated schedule. It has a combination of 1, 2 and 3 Member Wards which remain co-terminus with parish boundaries, but not County Divisions. Proposed Ward 6 is outside the tolerances on six year projections.

- 3.8 The Electoral Arrangements Working Group has recently considered a report on proposed Warding arrangements. The Working Group accepted the proposals for Warding contained in the Annex.

4.0 NEXT STEPS:

- 4.1 The LGBC is seeking views on Warding arrangements from anyone in the community. Its consultation period ends on 28 August 2012. It will then formulate its recommendations for the future electoral arrangements of the Council and these will be published in November, with a final opportunity for further representations before a final decision is made in 2013.

5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

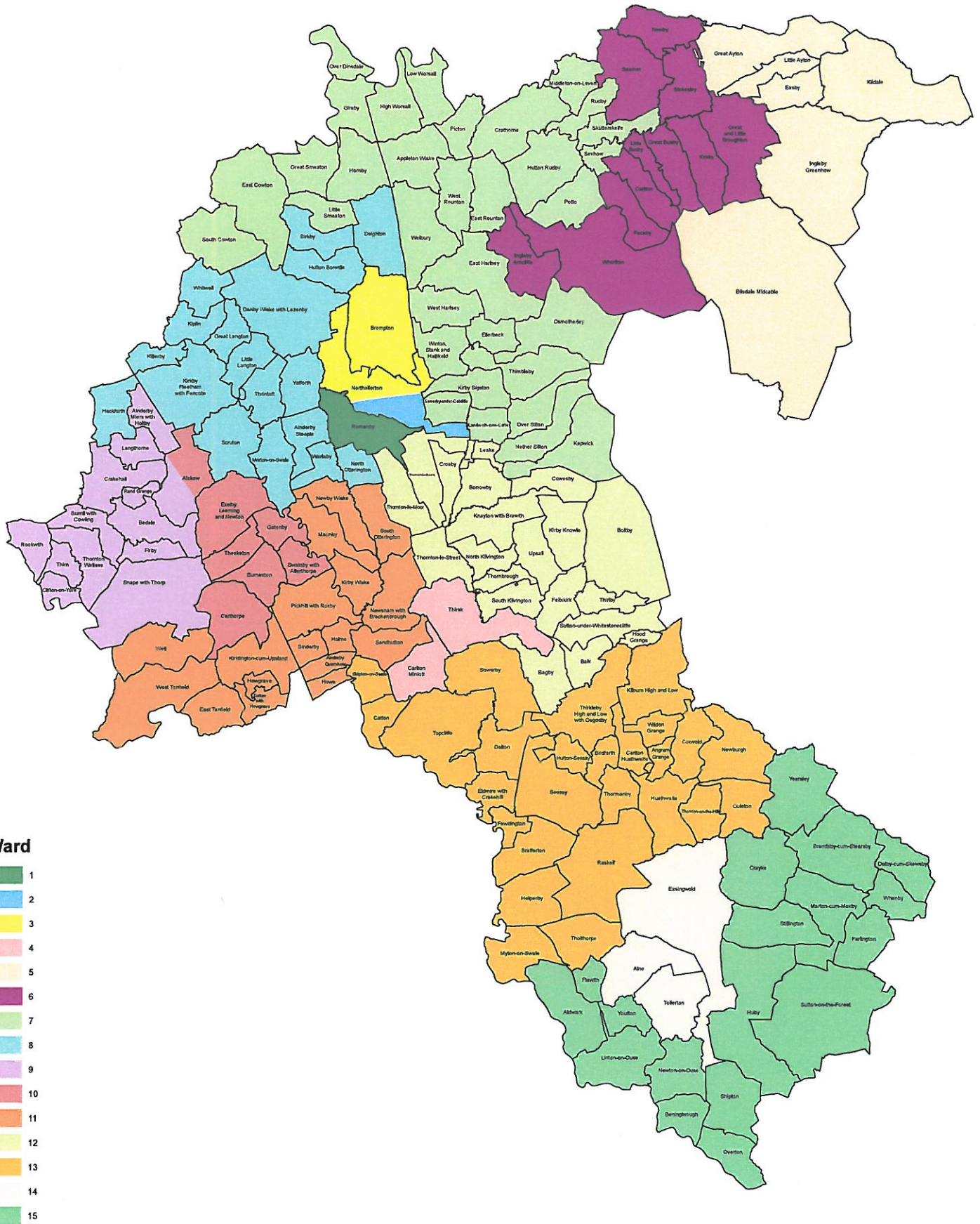
- 5.1 That Council be recommended to support the Warding arrangements contained in the Annex to this report and that Officers be given delegated powers to include supporting evidence in the submission if appropriate.

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Background papers: Local Government Boundary Commission Guidance: Electoral Reviews

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Schedule for Plan · 2018 forecast 28 Seats

28 Seats

75647 divided by 28 = 2702

Range

-10%

10%

2432

2972

4864

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7295

8917

1 Seat

2 Seats

3 Seats

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8106

Plan Reference	Division	Ward	Parish	Parish Electorate	Proposed Electorate Total	Proposed Seats	Projected Parish Electorate	Projected Electorate Total
1	Romanby & Broomfield Romanby & Broomfield	Northallerton Broomfield Romanby	Romanby - Broomfield Romanby - Romanby	1,871 3,286	5,157	2	1885 3329	5,214
2	Romanby & Broomfield Northallerton	Northallerton Broomfield Northallerton Central	Northallerton South Northallerton Central	1,788 3,437	5,225	2	1828 3473	5,301
3	North Hambleton Northallerton Northallerton	Brompton Northallerton North Northallerton North	Brompton Northallerton North East Northallerton North West	1,663 2,053 870	4,586	2	1992 2121 1606	5,719
4	Thirsk Thirsk	Thirsk Thirsk	Carlton Miniott Thirsk	775 3,923	4,698	2	847 4159	5,006
5	Great Ayton Great Ayton Great Ayton Great Ayton Great Ayton Stokesley	Broughton & Greenhow Great Ayton Great Ayton Great Ayton Great Ayton Swainby	Ingleby Greenhow Easby Great Ayton Kildale Little Ayton Bilsdale Midcable	306 75 3,850 121 94 287	4,733	2	306 77 3984 121 94 287	4,869
6	Great Ayton Great Ayton Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley	Broughton & Greenhow Broughton & Greenhow Stokesley Stokesley Stokesley Swainby Swainby Swainby Swainby Swainby Swainby	Great and Little Broughton Kirkby Newby Seamer Stokesley Carlton Faceby Great Busby Ingleby Arncliffe Little Busby Whorlton	825 254 184 456 3,884 247 170 67 280 17 500	6,884	3	890 259 186 460 4179 247 170 67 284 17 500	7,259

Plan Reference Number	Division	Ward	Parish	Parish Electorate	Proposed Electorate Total	Proposed Seats	Projected Parish Electorate	Projected Electorate Total
7	Swale	Cowtons	East Cowton	525	5,587	2	610	5,816
	Swale	Cowtons	Girsby	31			31	
	Swale	Cowtons	Great Smeaton	162			167	
	Swale	Cowtons	High Worsall	31			31	
	Swale	Cowtons	Hornby	212			212	
	Swale	Cowtons	Little Smeaton	32			32	
	Swale	Cowtons	Low Worsall	234			234	
	Swale	Cowtons	Over Dinsdale	64			64	
	Swale	Cowtons	South Cowton	103			135	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	East Harlsey	226			228	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Ellerbeck	54			54	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Kirby Sigston	68			72	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Osmotherley	479			479	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Sowerby-under-Cotcliffe	32			32	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Thimbleby	55			55	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Welbury	215			215	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	West Harlsey	34			34	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Winton, Stank and Hallikeld	54			54	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Appleton Wiske	399			404	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Crathorne	146			146	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	East Rounton	82			82	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Huffon Rudby	1,350			1442	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Middleton-on-Leven	81			81	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Picton	112			112	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Potto	248			248	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Rudby	270			270	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Sexhow	18			18	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	Skutterskeife	103			103	
	North Hambleton	Rudby	West Rounton	167			171	

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8	Bedale	Crakehall	Ainderby Mires with Holtby	22	2,536	1	22	2,602
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Ainderby Steeple	175			179	
	Swale	Cowtons	Birkby	29			31	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Danby Wiske with Lazenby	226			226	
	Swale	Cowtons	Deighton	91			95	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Great Langton	98			100	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Hackforth	130			135	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Hutton Bonville	59			59	
	Swale	Leeming Bar	Killerby	18			22	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Kiplin	47			51	
	Swale	Leeming Bar	Kirkby Fleetham with Fencote	427			432	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Little Langton	41			41	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Morton-on-Swale	434			452	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	North Otterington	33			35	
	Swale	Leeming Bar	Scruton	375			389	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Thrintoft	114			114	
	Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Wariaby	40			40	
Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Whitwell	31	31				
Swale	Morton-on-Swale	Yafforth	146	148				
9	Bedale	Bedale	Aiskew	1,200	5,054	2	1,200	5,815
	Bedale	Bedale	Bedale	2,569			2,567	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Burrill with Cowling	70			70	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Clifton-on-Yore	30			30	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Crakehall	500			532	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Firby	37			37	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Langthorne	53			53	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Rand Grange	4			4	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Rookwith	15			15	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Snape with Thorp	335			337	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Thirn	74			74	
	Bedale	Crakehall	Thornton Watliss	167			169	

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10	Swale	Leeming	Burneston	230	2,760	1	243	2,877
	Swale	Leeming	Carthorpe	204				
	Swale	Leeming	Exelby Leeming & Newton	1,416				
	Swale	Leeming	Gatenby	35				
	Swale	Leeming	Swaiby with Allerthorpe	11				
	Swale	Leeming	Theakston	90				
	Swale	Leeming Bar	Aiskew - Leeming Bar	774				
	11	Bedale	Tanfield	Ainderby Quernhow			46	
Bedale		Tanfield	East Tanfield	24				
Bedale		Tanfield	Holme	43				
Bedale		Tanfield	Howe	18				
Bedale		Tanfield	Howgrave	3				
Bedale		Tanfield	Kirklington-cum-Upsland	184				
Bedale		Tanfield	Pickhill-with-Roxby	309				
Bedale		Tanfield	Sinderby	123				
Bedale		Tanfield	Sutton with Howgrave	75				
Bedale		Tanfield	Well	204				
Bedale		Tanfield	West Tanfield	446				
Sowerby		Thorntons	Kirby Wiske	85				
Sowerby		Thorntons	Maunby	114				
Sowerby		Thorntons	Newby Wiske	151				
Sowerby		Thorntons	Newsham-with-Breckenbrough	96				
Sowerby		Thorntons	Sandhutton	214				
Sowerby		Thorntons	South Otterington	262				

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12	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Kepwick	65	2,903	1	65	2,914
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Landmoth-cum-Catto	16			16	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Nether Silton	81			81	
	North Hambleton	Osmotherley	Over Silton	59			59	
	Sowerby	Thorntons	Cotcliffe	6			6	
	Sowerby	Thorntons	Crosby	18			18	
	Sowerby	Thorntons	Thornton-le-Beans	205			205	
	Sowerby	Thorntons	Thornton-le-Moor	272			274	
	Sowerby	Thorntons	Thornton-le-Street	90			90	
	Stillington	White Horse	Bagby	435			435	
	Stillington	White Horse	Balk	47			47	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Boltby	127			127	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Borrowby	334			336	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Cowesby	46			46	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Felixkirk	81			86	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Hood Grange	0			0	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Kirby Knowle	58			58	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Knayton with Brawith	275			275	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Leake	7			7	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	North Kilvington	30			30	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	South Kilvington	217			217	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Sutton-under-Whitestonecliffe	257			257	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Thirby	114			114	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Thornborough	11			11	
	Thirsk	Whitestonecliffe	Upsall	54			54	

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13	Easingwold	Helperby	Birdforth	17	7,746	3	17	8,620
	Easingwold	Helperby	Brafferton	234				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Fawdington	10				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Helperby	415				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Myton-on-Swale	118				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Raskelf	402				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Tholthorpe	231				
	Easingwold	Helperby	Thormanby	87				
	Sowerby	Sowerby	Sowerby	3,307				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Catton	91				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Dalton	440				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Eldmire-with-Crakehill	19				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Hutton Sessay	70				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Sessay	277				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Skipton-on-Swale	56				
	Sowerby	Topcliffe	Topcliffe	772				
	Stillington	White Horse	Angram Grange	9				
	Stillington	White Horse	Carlton Husthwaite	137				
	Stillington	White Horse	Coxwold	155				
	Stillington	White Horse	Husthwaite	333				
	Stillington	White Horse	Kilburn High and Low	189				
	Stillington	White Horse	Newburgh	32				
	Stillington	White Horse	Oulston	83				
Stillington	White Horse	Thirkleby High & Low with Osgodby	221					
Stillington	White Horse	Thornton-on-the-Hill	24					
Stillington	White Horse	Wildon Grange	17					
14	Easingwold	Easingwold	Easingwold	3,837	5,253	2	4276	5,707
	Easingwold	Tollerton	Aine	601			605	
	Easingwold	Tollerton	Tollerton	815			826	

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15	Stillington	Huby Sutton	Huby	950	5,365	2	964	5,429
	Stillington	Huby Sutton	Sutton-on-the-Forest	661			661	
	Stillington	Shipton	Beningbrough	47			47	
	Stillington	Shipton	Linton-on-Ouse	715			717	
	Stillington	Shipton	Newton-on-Ouse	482			484	
	Stillington	Shipton	Overton	52			52	
	Stillington	Shipton	Shipton	607			625	
	Stillington	Stillington	Brandsby-cum-Stearsby	221			223	
	Stillington	Stillington	Crayke	328			337	
	Stillington	Stillington	Dalby-cum-Skewsby	82			82	
	Stillington	Stillington	Farlington	104			104	
	Stillington	Stillington	Marton-cum-Moxby	63			63	
	Stillington	Stillington	Stillington	671			684	
	Stillington	Stillington	Whenby	50			50	
	Stillington	Stillington	Yearsley	82			82	
	Easingwold	Tollerton	Aldwark	141			143	
	Easingwold	Tollerton	Flawith	72			74	
	Easingwold	Tollerton	Youlton	37			37	
			Total Electorate and Number of Proposed Seats	70,884	70,884	28	75,647	75,647

2018 forecast for 28 Seats -

Plan Reference Number	Proposed Number of Seats	Electorate of Proposed New Ward (April 2012)	Projected total Electorate at 2018	1 seat		2 seats		3 Seats	
				10% under	10% over	10% under	10% over	10% under	10% over
				2432	2972	4864	5944	7295	8917
1	2	5,157	5,214						
2	2	5,225	5,301						
3	2	4,586	5,719						
4	2	4,698	5,006						
5	2	4,733	4,869						
6	3	6,884	7,259		x				
7	2	5,587	5,816					-37	
8	1	2,536	2,602						
9	2	5,054	5,815						
10	1	2,760	2,877						
11	1	2,397	2,499						
12	1	2,903	2,914						
13	3	7,746	8,620						
14	2	5,253	5,707						
15	2	5,365	5,429						
Totals	28	70884	75647						

75647 divided by 28 = 2702

15 Wards