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Barnet's Wards are changing from May 2022

How will this affect your organisation?

- Two-councillor wards
- Three-councillor wards

Background

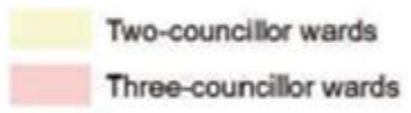
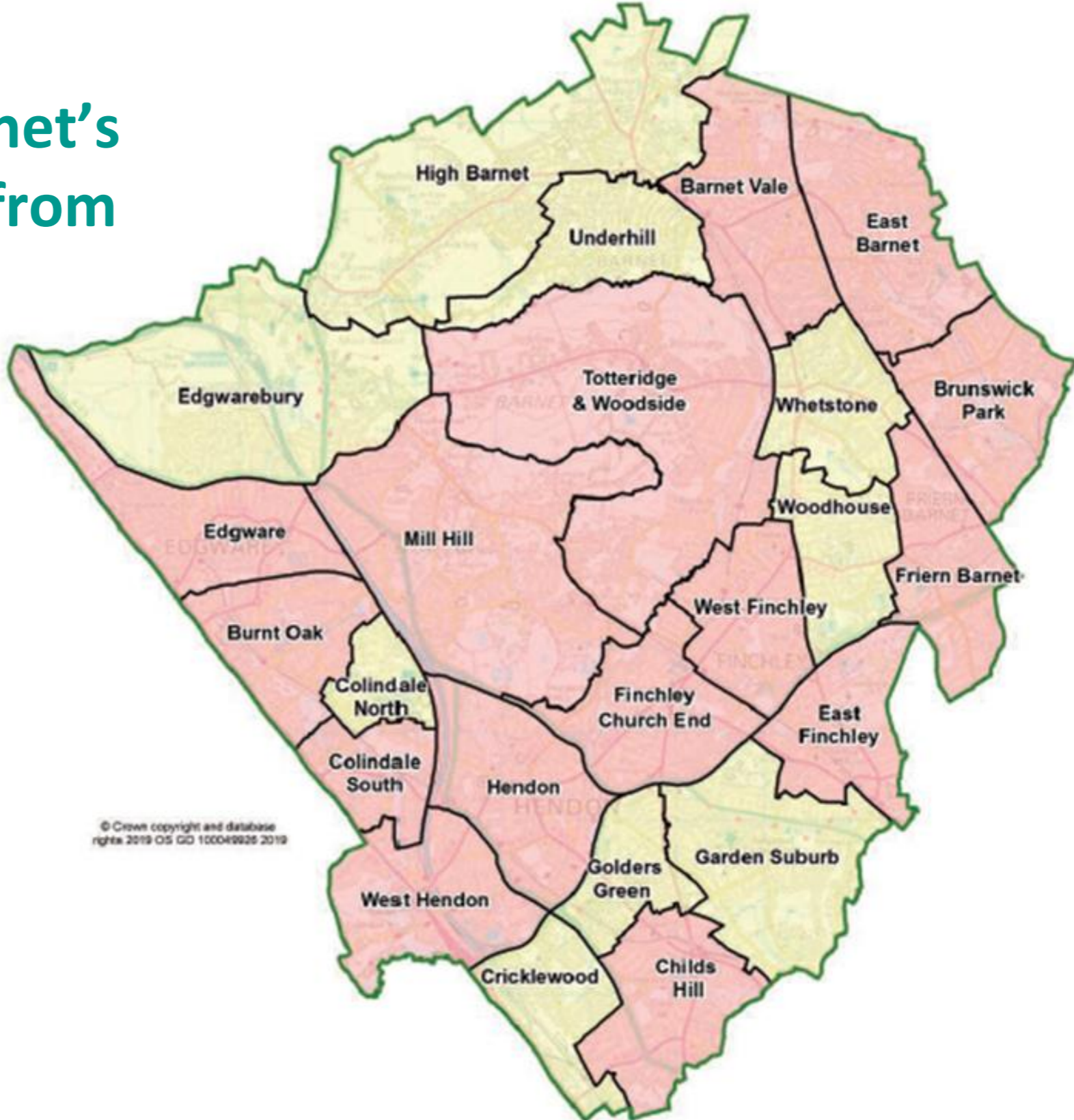
- Between May 2018 and January 2020, the **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)** carried out a statutory review of the London Borough of Barnet's electoral arrangements.
- The last review of the borough's ward boundaries was in 1999, since then Barnet's population has grown significantly (and will continue to do so).
- The LGBCE review set out to:
 - **Establish electoral equality** - *all councillors representing approximately the same number of electors*
 - **Promote community identity** - *strong ward boundaries that represent communities*
 - **Allow effective and convenient local government** - *coherent wards with good internal transport links.*

LG BCE review - final outcomes:

- Barnet will continue to be **represented by 63 councillors**
- Number of wards increased **from 21 to 24 wards**
(15 three-councillor wards and 9 two-councillor wards)
- **Every ward has boundary changes** (none remain exactly as now!)
- New electoral arrangements **will come into effect** at the Local Government elections on **5 May 2022**.

London Borough of Barnet's new Ward boundaries from 5 May 2022

- ❖ New wards: *Barnet Vale, Cricklewood, Edgwarebury, Friern Barnet, Whetstone*
- ❖ *Coppetts, Oakleigh, Hale* will no longer exist
- ❖ Colindale becomes *Colindale North and Colindale South*
- ❖ *Totteridge* becomes *Totteridge and Woodside*



Current and new ward arrangements

Existing Ward Arrangements		
	Ward Name	Number of Councillors
1	Brunswick Park	3
2	Burnt Oak	3
3	Childs Hill	3
4	Colindale	3
5	Coppetts	3
6	East Barnet	3
7	East Finchley	3
8	Edgware	3
9	Finchley Church End	3
10	Garden Suburb	3
11	Golders Green	3
12	Hale	3
13	Hendon	3
14	High Barnet	3
15	Mill Hill	3
16	Oakleigh	3
17	Totteridge	3
18	Underhill	3
19	West Finchley	3
20	West Hendon	3
21	Woodhouse	3
	TOTALS	63

Recommended Ward Arrangements		
	Ward Name	Number of Councillors
1	Barnet Vale	3
2	Brunswick Park	3
3	Burnt Oak	3
4	Childs Hill	3
5	Colindale North	2
6	Colindale South	3
7	Cricklewood	2
8	East Barnet	3
9	East Finchley	3
10	Edgware	3
11	Edgwarebury	2
12	Finchley Church End	3
13	Friern Barnet	3
14	Garden Suburb	2
15	Golders Green	2
16	Hendon	3
17	High Barnet	2
18	Mill Hill	3
19	Totteridge & Woodside	3
20	Underhill	2
21	West Finchley	3
22	West Hendon	3
23	Whetstone	2
24	Woodhouse	2
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What will the changes mean for the Council?

- **Electoral Services**

- Polling places and polling districts must change to serve the new Wards
- Electoral Register to be updated (as published by Ward and Polling District)
- Delivery of local elections (for example - Count arrangements) to be revised

- **Governance and decision making**

- Proportionality; member and political party engagement affected
- Area based committees, Resident Forums revised to reflect new arrangements

- **Operational delivery of services**

- Delivery of services by ward areas - for example Street Cleansing?

- **Insight - Data collection and comparison by ward**

- For example - Public Health (COVID19 reporting is currently Ward based)

- **Resident and stakeholder engagement**

- Raising awareness of the changes - many residents will be in a different ward!

Timeline

Key Activity	Date	Description
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliamentary approval of London Borough of Barnet (Electoral Changes) Order 2020 (after 40 sitting days) 	16 Sept 2020	The Order became legislation for the new electoral arrangements in Barnet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution & General Purposes Committee 	4 Oct 2021	Presenting 1 st draft of new polling district and polling places – for CGP Committee discussion and feedback
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on proposed polling places and polling districts 	Oct-Nov 2021	Public consultation inviting comments on the proposed polling places and polling districts for the new wards
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constitution & General Purposes Committee 	6 Jan 2022	Final polling district and polling places report – for CGP committee final approval.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publication of Register 	1 March 2022	Publication of register in time for Local Election 5 May 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Elections Polling Day 	5 May 2022	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Council 	May 2022	Following the local elections, new councillors will be allocated to committees

What will the changes mean for service development and delivery?

- **Delivery of operational services and processes** based around wards, localities or Lower-layer Super Output Areas (LSOAs) **will need to be reviewed**
- **Partnership or commissioning arrangements** may need to be revisited if ward or 'Place' based
- **Ward based intelligence gathered** and used to inform future policy or service development will need **comparison of old verses new**
- **Services delivered area based operating model** (e.g. on the 3 parliamentary boundaries) to allow a more balance split of workload, **will need to be revised**
- **Local and national reporting comparisons** could be impacted year to year
- **New Ward boundaries potentially splitting regeneration** and new build development sites

How will your organisation be affected?

- Consider the implications of the new ward arrangements in your organisation, in terms of:
 - Governance arrangements
 - Operational delivery
 - Use of ward-based data insight and comparisons
 - Ward based local area profiles i.e. population, identify issues to plan delivery of services, etc.
 - Ward councillors will change – mix of 2 and 3 councillors representing the different wards

New warding arrangements are coming!

Be prepared:

- Speak to your services/teams about the ward changes and identify possible areas of impact
- Discuss what needs to happen in preparation for the new wards
- Think about what information/support/insight you may need to implement the changes
- Develop a plan of activity to deliver the changes
- Don't leave it too late!

Useful Websites:

- Local Government Boundary Commission England - www.lgbce.org.uk/barnet
- Barnet Council - www.barnet.gov.uk/your-council/electoral-review-barnet-ward-boundaries

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