

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HAMPSHIRE

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is undertaking an electoral review of Hampshire County Council.

The LGBCE has been consulting widely on the review, including all Parish and Town Councils in Hampshire and I know that some Councils have made representations to the LGBCE.

The criteria to which the LGBCE is required to operate when undertaking reviews are:

- (a) Electoral equality, that is, each councillor should, as nearly as is possible, represent the same number of electors
- (b) Community identity
- (c) Effective and convenient local government

The most recent consultation, much of which fell over Christmas and New Year, was on the LGBCE's recommendations for amended Divisions.

The LGBCE is proposing that the number of County Councillors representing New Forest District be reduced from 11 to 10 in order to improve electoral equality across the whole of Hampshire. This will mean significant re-drawing of the County Division boundaries within the District.

The LGBCE's recommendations for the make-up of the new divisions included dividing a number of smaller parishes over different County Divisions which, of course, would mean having more than one County Councillor representing a Parish.

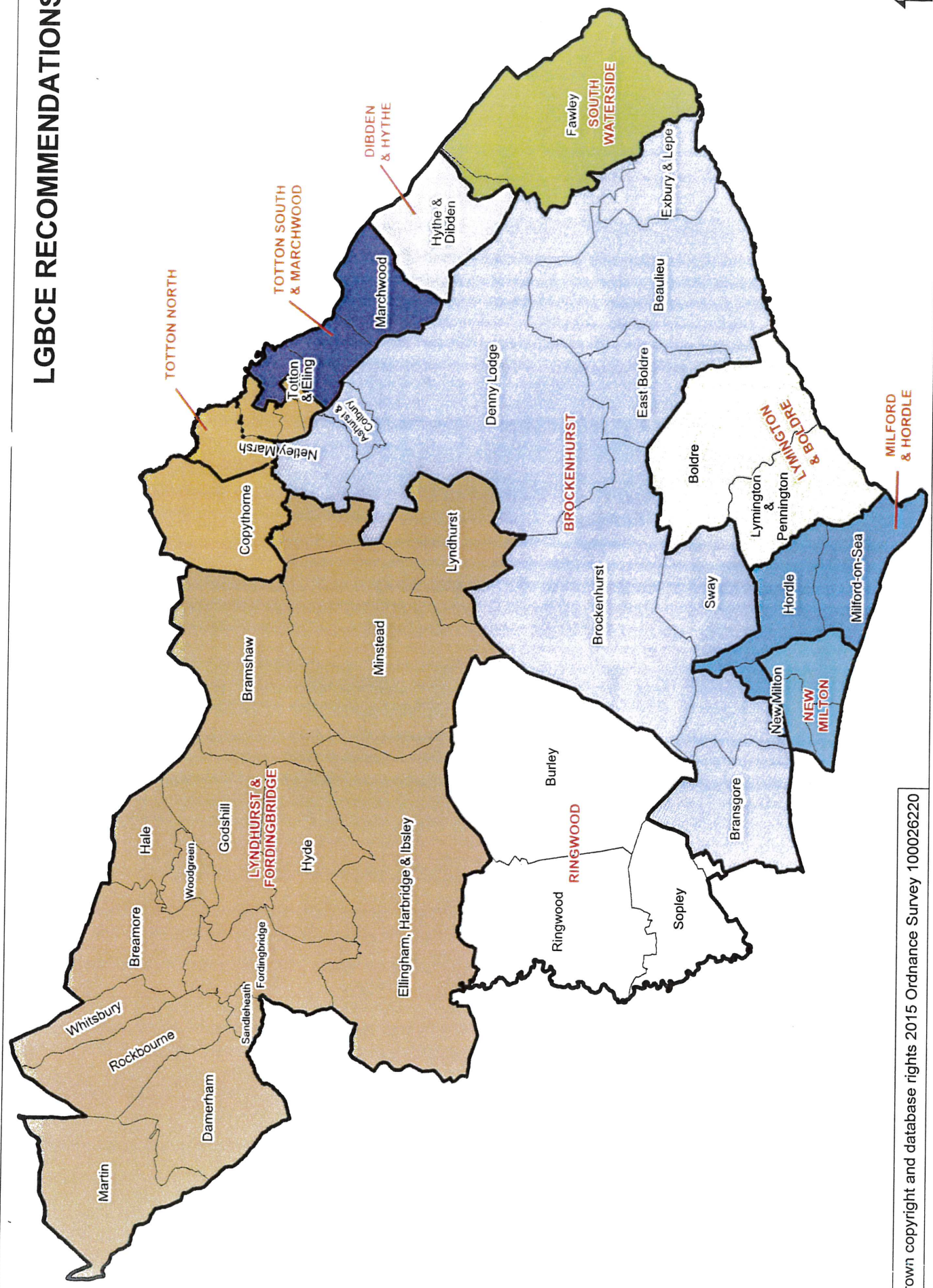
The LGBCE's proposals have been considered by Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council. Both Councils have made representations to the LGBCE to reinstate 11 members to the New Forest and, if necessary to achieve this, to increase the total number of members on the County Council from 78 to 79.

If the LGBCE does not agree to this additional member, both the County and the District Councils have recommended changes to the pattern of divisions proposed by the LGBCE to reduce the number of smaller parishes that are divided across more than one County Division. The County's and the District's suggestions differ slightly.

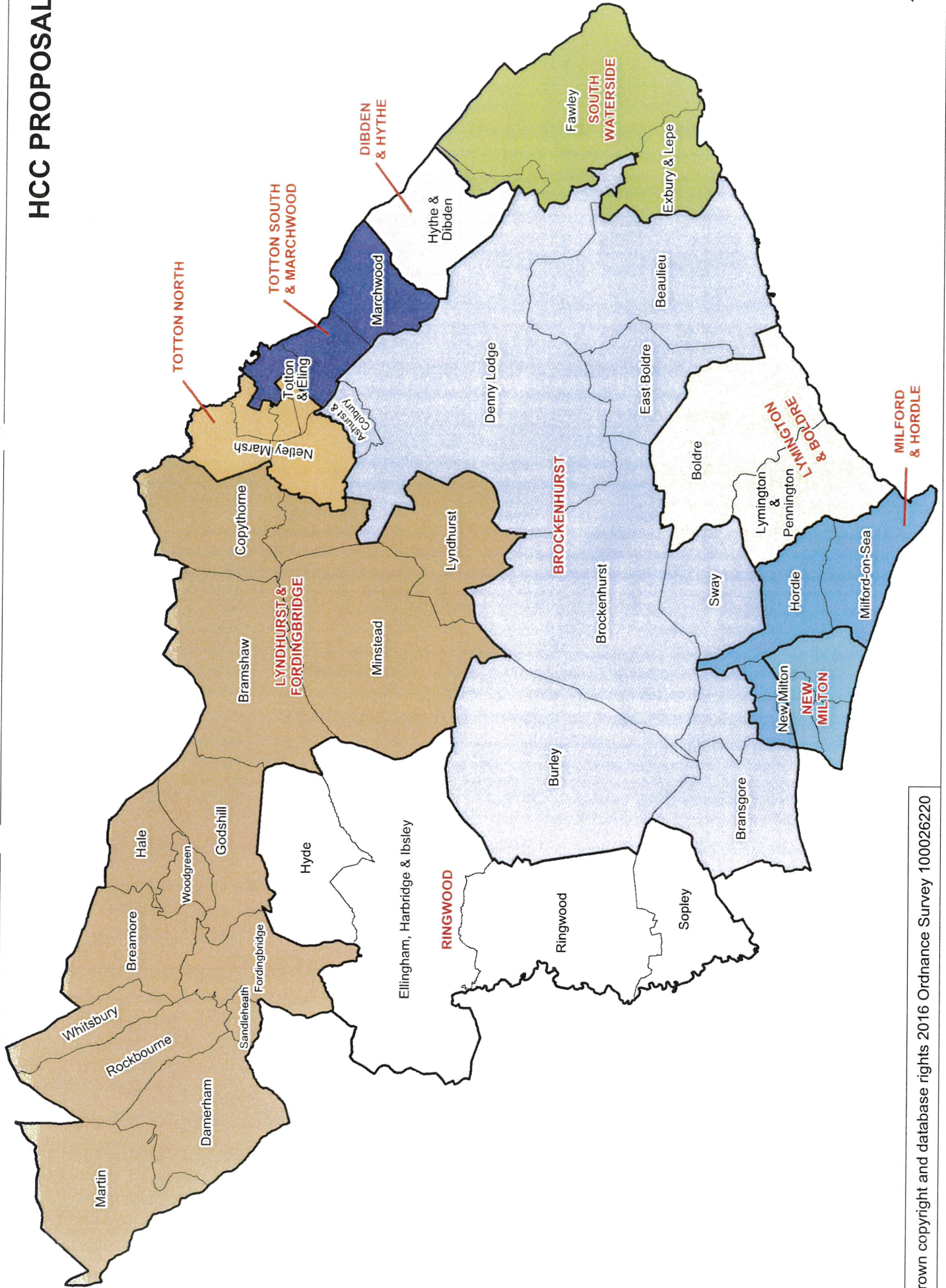
I don't propose to go through the differences tonight but for those of you who are interested maps and other details are available for you to take away.

I would stress that the final decisions on the matter will be taken by the LGBCE – the County's and the District's proposals, and any suggestions parish councils might have made, are recommendations only. The LGBCE's final proposals will be published on 5 April.

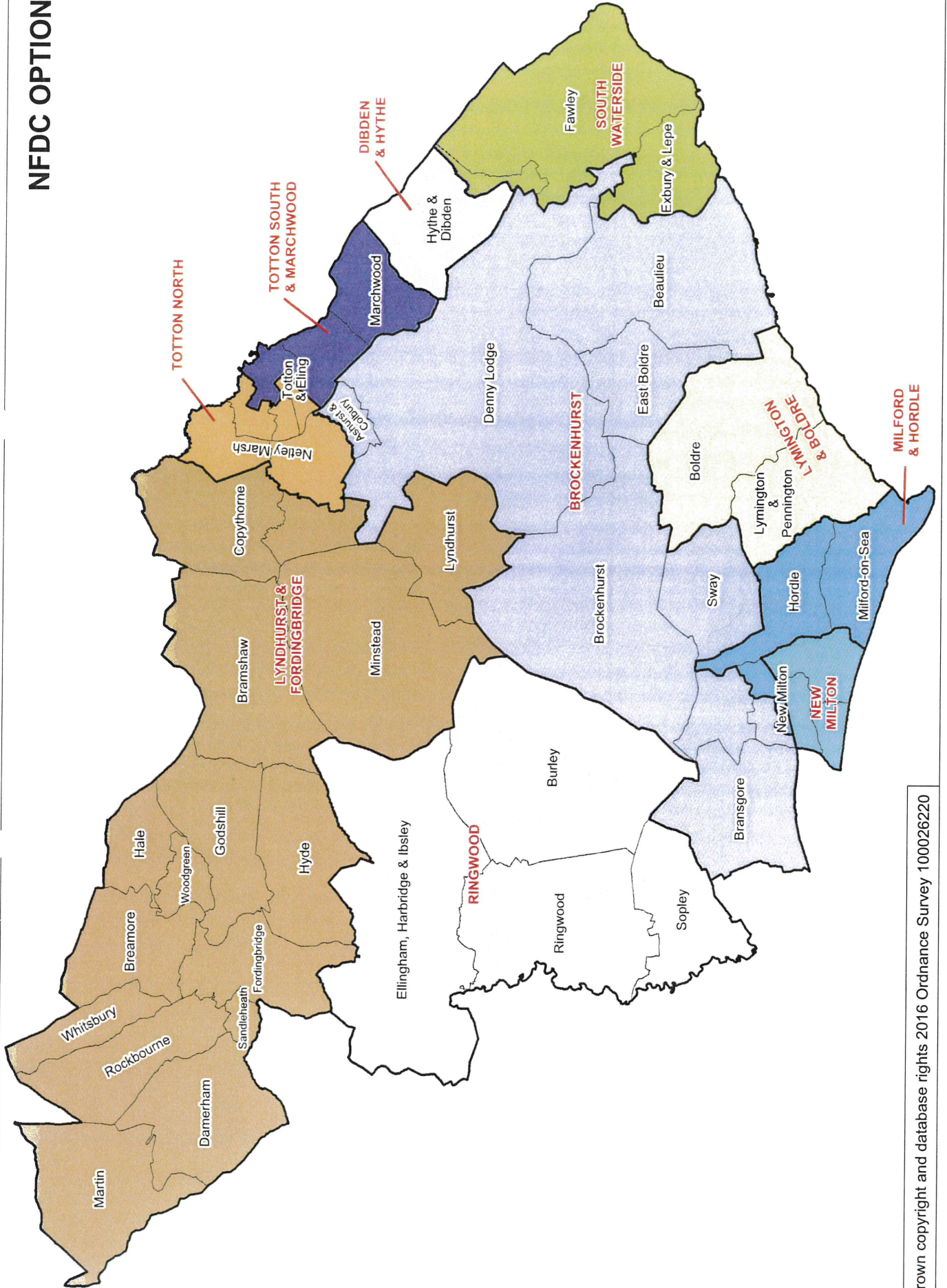
LGBCE RECOMMENDATIONS



HCC PROPOSALS



NFDC OPTIONS



APPENDIX 2

Suggested composition of County Divisions - recommended by NFDC

			Variance from County Average - 2021 (13,846)
Brockenhurst		14,957	8%
Ashurst & Colbury	1833		
Denny Lodge	260		
Beaulieu	663		
East Boldre	693		
Brockenhurst	2904		
Sway	2903		
Bashley ward of New Milton Town Council	2168		
Brangore	3533		
Dibden & Hythe (as LGBCE's recommendation)		14,371	4%
The parish of Hythe & Dibden, with the exception of the Furzedown ward			
Lymington & Boldre (as LGBCE's recommendation)		14,749	7%
The parishes of Lymington & Pennington; and Boldre			
Lyndhurst & Fordingbridge		14,981	8%
Bramshaw	564		
Breamore	280		
Copythorne (north & south)	2,267		
Damerham	418		
Fordingbridge	4,994		
Godshill	379		
Hale	452		
Hyde	750		
Lyndhurst	2,681		
Martin	329		
Minstead	567		
Rockbourne	241		
Sandleheath	505		
Whitsbury	151		
Woodgreen	403		
Milford & Hordle (as LGBCE's recommendation)		13,877	0%
Parishes of Milford on Sea and Hordle; and the Fernhill ward of New Milton Town Council			

New Milton (as LGBCE's recommendation)		14,511	5%
Barton, Becton and Milton wards of New Milton Town Council			
Ringwood		14,240	3%
Ringwood	11,641		
Burley	1,119		
Sopley	586		
Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley	894		
South Waterside		12,738	-8%
Fawley Parish and Furzedown ward of Hythe & Dibden Parish Council	12,602		
Exbury & Lepe	136		
Totton North		14,705	6%
Totton Central; Totton North and Totton West wards of Totton & Eling Town Council	12,890		
Netley Marsh North	314		
Netley Marsh South	1,501		
Totton South & Marchwood (as per LGBCE's recommendation)		13,781	0%
Totton South and Totton East wards of Totton & Eling Town Council	9,329		
Marchwood	4,452		
Total		142,910	