

# Principles

The Review will have regard to the following five principles:

- **Effective representation**—Evaluate the capacity of each ward to give residents an effective voice in decision making;
- **Protection of communities of interest and neighbourhoods**—Draw ward boundary lines around recognized settlement areas, traditional neighbourhoods, and community groupings;
- **Representation by population**—Ensure that every Councillor generally represents an equal number of constituents while allowing for some variation;
- **Current and future population trends**—Look at future changes in population to keep wards as balanced as possible; and
- **Physical features as natural boundaries**—Use logical physical and natural features as ward boundaries while keeping wards as compact as possible.