

## Appendix A – Benchmarking Council Size

### 1. Berkshire Neighbours

Authority	Population (ONS, 2020)	Councillors	Residents per Councillor	Electors per Councillor
Bracknell Forest	124,165	42 (40 from 2023)	2,956	2,135
Reading	160,337	46 (48 from 2022)	3,486	2,541
Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead	151,273	41 (pre-review 57)	3,561	2,673
Slough	149,577	42 (pre-review 41)	3,685	2,385
West Berkshire	158,465	43 (pre-review 52)	3,690	2,805
Wokingham	173,945	54	3,221	2,436
<b>Average</b>	<b>111,411</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>2,496</b>

### 2. Cipfa nearest Neighbour Local Authorities

Authority	Population (ONS, 2020)	Councillors	Residents per Councillor	Electors per Councillor
Wokingham	173,945	54	3,221	2,436
Rutland	40,476	27	1,499	1,111
West Berkshire	158,465	43	3,685	2,805
Solihull	210,555	51	4,129	3,198
Bedford	173,418	40	4,335	3,317
Bath	196,357	61	3,219	2,298
RBWM	151,273	41	3,690	2,673
Central Bedfordshire	294,096	59	4,985	3,659
Herefordshire	193,615	53	3,653	2,757
North Somerset	215,574	50	4,311	3,338
Stockport	294,197	63	4,670	3,544

South Gloucestershire	287,816	61	4,718	3,626
Wiltshire	504,070	98	5,144	3,857
Cheshire East	386,667	82	4,715	3,752
Bracknell	124,165	42	2,956	2,135
<b>Average</b>	<b>226,979</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3,929</b>	<b>2,904</b>