

Report

Report to: **Executive Committee**
Date of Meeting: **30 November 2022**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies –
Publication of Revised Proposals**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on the Boundary Commission for Scotland's 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies and the Publication of Revised Proposals

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to note the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the Boundary Commission for Scotland published its Revised Proposals for the UK Parliament Constituencies on Tuesday 8 November 2022;
- (2) that the Revised Proposals are unchanged from the Initial Proposals published in October 2021 insofar as they relate to the area of South Lanarkshire;
- (3) that the final consultation period is 4 weeks lasting until 5 December 2022; and
- (4) that comments on the Revised Proposals can be made on the Boundary Commission's consultation portal at www.bcs2023review.com or by email to bcsc@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or by letter to Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD

3. Background

- 3.1. The Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for reviewing Constituencies in Scotland for the UK Parliament.
- 3.2. Full reviews of UK Parliament Constituencies are carried out every 5 years. The current review will conclude in July 2023 and public consultation has been ongoing since October 2021 on the Proposals for the constituency boundaries.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. The Boundary Commission for Scotland published its Initial Proposals for a new map of UK Parliamentary Constituencies in Scotland on Thursday 14 October 2021. Since that date, there have been a number of public consultation rounds, and responses have been published on the consultation website at www.bcs2023review.com.
- 4.2. The UK Parliament has retained 650 constituencies for the review in 2023. In Scotland, the 59 existing Constituencies will be reduced to 57. England has been allocated 543 (+10), Northern Ireland 18 (no change) and Wales 32 (-8). Two of the

Constituencies within Scotland (Na h-Eileanan an Iar (Western Isles) and Orkney and Shetland) have their boundaries defined in the legislation and will not be subject to review.

- 4.3 The remaining 55 Constituencies in Scotland must
- not be greater than 13,000 square kilometres; and
 - contain between 69,724 and 77,062 electors, unless its area is greater than 12,000 square kilometres and a constituency with between 69,724 and 77,062 electors is not reasonably possible
- 4.4 The proposed UK Parliament Constituencies which cover the South Lanarkshire Council area are as follows:-
- ♦ Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale (South Lanarkshire / Dumfries & Galloway/ Scottish Borders)
 - ♦ East Kilbride and Strathaven (entirely within South Lanarkshire)
 - ♦ Hamilton and Clyde Valley (entirely within South Lanarkshire)
 - ♦ Motherwell and Clydesdale North (South Lanarkshire/ North Lanarkshire)
 - ♦ Rutherglen (entirely within South Lanarkshire)

Appendix 1 provides details of the relationship between current and proposed Constituencies and South Lanarkshire Electoral Wards.

- 4.5 The Revised Proposals for those Constituencies remain unchanged from the Initial Proposal insofar as they lie within the South Lanarkshire area, although the southern boundary of Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale has been slightly altered.

The proposals with a particular impact upon existing boundaries within the South Lanarkshire area are noted to be as follows:-

- ♦ Kirkmuirhill, Blackwood and Lesmahagow moved from the existing East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow Constituency to the proposed Hamilton and Clyde Valley Constituency
 - ♦ Bothwell and Uddingston moved from the existing Lanark and Hamilton East Constituency to the proposed Rutherglen Constituency
 - ♦ Western part of Hamilton moved from existing Rutherglen and Hamilton West Constituency to the proposed Hamilton and Clyde Valley Constituency
 - ♦ Carluke and Forth moved from existing Lanark and Hamilton East Constituency to proposed Motherwell and Clydesdale North Constituency
- 4.6 Maps of the Revised Proposals are displayed at libraries within South Lanarkshire and also at the main entrance to the Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton ML3 0AA and detailed on the Council's website. They can also be found on the Boundary Commission for Scotland's website at <https://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/>
- 4.7 Comments on the Revised Proposals can be made on the Boundary Commission's consultation portal at www.bcs2023review.com or by email to bcscottishboundaries.gov.uk or by letter to the Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. The consultation period ends on 5 December 2022. Due to the relatively short timescale for this consultation, an email was sent to all elected members on 10 November 2022 advising of the Revised Proposals and Consultation arrangements.

4.8 The Commission will submit their final recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Commons before 1 July 2023.

5. Employee Implications

5.1 None.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 None.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1 There are no climate change, sustainability or environmental implications arising from this report.

8. Other Implications

8.1 There are no implications in relation to risk arising from this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1 This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

Cleland Sneddon
Chief Executive/Returning Officer

15 November 2022

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ People Focused
- ◆ Fair and Open
- ◆ Working with and Respecting Others
- ◆ Accountable, Effective and Efficient
- ◆ Governance and accountability

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee of 3 November 2022

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Letter of 7 November 2022 from the Boundary Commission for Scotland
- ◆ Boundary Commission for Scotland 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Revised Proposals

Contact for Further Information

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Appendix 1

Current and proposed UK Parliamentary Constituencies and Electoral Wards

The **current** UK Parliamentary Constituencies relate to current South Lanarkshire Electoral Wards as detailed in the table below.

| Current Constituency | Electoral Wards |
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| Rutherglen & Hamilton West | 11 – Rutherglen South; 12 – Rutherglen Central & North; 13 – Cambuslang West; 14 – Cambuslang East; 15 – Blantyre; 17 – Hamilton North & East (part); 18 – Hamilton West & Earnock (largest part); 19 – Hamilton South (part) |
| Lanark & Hamilton East | 1 – Clydesdale West; 2 – Clydesdale North; 3 – Clydesdale East (part); 4 – Clydesdale South (part); 5 – Avondale & Stonehouse (part); 16 – Bothwell & Uddingston; 17 – Hamilton North & East (largest part); 18 – Hamilton West & Earnock (part); 19 – Hamilton South (largest part); 20 – Larkhall |
| East Kilbride, Strathaven & Lesmahagow | 4 – Clydesdale South (part); 5 – Avondale & Stonehouse (largest part); 6 – East Kilbride South; 7 – East Kilbride Central South; 8 – East Kilbride Central North; 9 – East Kilbride West; 10 – East Kilbride East |
| Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale | 3 – Clydesdale East (largest part); 4 – Clydesdale South (part) [plus 6 Wards/part-Wards in Dumfries & Galloway and 2 Wards/part-Wards in Scottish Borders] |

The **proposed** UK Parliamentary Constituencies relate to South Lanarkshire Electoral Wards as detailed in the table below.

| Proposed Constituency | Electoral Wards |
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| Rutherglen | 11 – Rutherglen South; 12 – Rutherglen Central & North; 13 – Cambuslang West; 14 – Cambuslang East; 15 – Blantyre; 16 – Bothwell & Uddingston |
| Hamilton & Clyde Valley | 1 – Clydesdale West (part); 2 – Clydesdale North (part); 4 – Clydesdale South (part); 7 – Hamilton North & East (part); 18 – Hamilton West and Earnock; 19 – Hamilton South; 20 – Larkhall |
| East Kilbride, Strathaven & Lesmahagow | 5 – Avondale & Stonehouse; 6 – East Kilbride South; 7 – East Kilbride Central South; 8 – East Kilbride Central North; 9 – East Kilbride West; 10 – East Kilbride East |
| Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale | 3 – Clydesdale East; 4 – Clydesdale South (part) [plus 6 Wards/part-Wards in Dumfries & Galloway & 2 Wards/ Part Wards in Scottish Borders] |
| Motherwell and Clydesdale North | 1 – Clydesdale West (part); 2 – Clydesdale North (part); [plus 5 Wards/ part-Wards in North Lanarkshire] |