

Report

Report to: **Executive Committee**
Date of Meeting: **26 September 2018**
Report by: **Chief Executive**

Subject: **2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies**

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide an update on the Boundary Commission for Scotland's 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 The Committee is asked to note the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the Boundary Commission for Scotland submitted to the Secretary of State for Scotland its Reports and Final Recommendations for the boundaries of UK Parliament Constituencies in Scotland on 5 September 2018; and
- (2) that the Boundary Commission for Scotland's Report was laid before the UK Parliament on 10 September 2018.

3. Background

3.1 The 2018 Review commenced in February 2016. The Commission agreed its Final Recommendations after considering responses to public consultations held on its Initial Proposals in 2016 and Revised Proposals in 2017.

3.2 The UK Parliament decided to reduce the number of constituencies from 650 to 600. In Scotland this means that 59 constituencies will be reduced to 53. Two of these 53 (Na h-Eileanan an Iar and Orkney and Shetland) are defined in the legislation and were not subject to review.

3.3 As set out in legislation, each of the remaining 51 constituencies must:-

- ♦ not exceed the maximum permitted area of 13,000 square kilometres
- ♦ be within five per cent of the UK electoral quota of 74,769.2 (ie to have between 71,031 and 78,507 electors), except where a constituency is larger than 12,000 square kilometres when it may have fewer than 71,031 electors

3.4 The new constituencies will be considered for approval by Parliament and be available for use in the next General Election expected in May 2022.

4. Current Position

4.1 On 5 September 2018 the Boundary Commission for Scotland submitted its recommendations on the 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies to the Secretary of State for Scotland and these were subsequently laid before the UK Parliament on 10 September 2018.

- 4.2 Of the 51 mainland constituencies recommended by the Commission:
- ◆ East Lothian is the only existing constituency, in addition to the two defined in legislation, retained within boundaries unchanged since 2005. (The East Lothian constituency boundary is coterminous with the East Lothian council area boundary.)
 - ◆ 33 of the recommended mainland constituencies are within a single council area (16 cover 2 council areas, 2 cover 3 council areas).
 - ◆ The largest recommended constituency by area is Highland North, at 12,985 square kilometres.
 - ◆ The smallest recommended constituency by area is Glasgow Central at 20 square kilometres.
 - ◆ The recommended constituency with the fewest electors at 71,118, is Falkirk South.
 - ◆ The recommended constituency with most electors at 78,477, is Moray and Nairn.
- 4.3 The Final Recommendations for Constituencies are detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.
- 4.4 The Final Recommendations, after considering responses to public consultations, resulted in one fewer constituency than at present within each of the following areas:-
- ◆ Glasgow City Council area
 - ◆ The grouping of Argyll & Bute, Highland and Moray council areas
 - ◆ The grouping of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Dundee City council area
 - ◆ The grouping of Inverclyde, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and East Renfrewshire council areas
 - ◆ The grouping of East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, Dumfries and Galloway, Scottish Borders and Midlothian council areas
 - ◆ The grouping of City of Edinburgh, West Lothian, Falkirk, Stirling, Clackmannanshire, Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas.
- 4.4 Further information on the 2018 Review can be found on the Commission's website at www.bcommScotland.independent.gov.uk
- 4.5 All comments received during the consultation periods can be viewed on the Boundary Commission's consultation site at www.bcs2018.org.uk.
- 5. Employee Implications**
- 5.1 None.
- 6. Financial Implications**
- 6.1 None.
- 7. Other Implications**
- 7.1 There are no implications in relation to risk or sustainability.
- 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 As part of the review, consultation will be undertaken with a wide range of stakeholders.

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Link(s) to Council Objectives/Values

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

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Fifth Periodical Report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland
- ◆ Report to Executive Committee on 21 October 2016
- ◆ Letter of 19 October 2016 from the Boundary Commission for Scotland
- ◆ Report to Executive Committee on 6 December 2017

Contact for Further Information

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Boundary Commission for Scotland – Final Recommendations for Constituencies

Table of constituencies

Constituency	Electorate	Area (sq. km)	Designation
Aberdeen North	77,677	133.2	Burgh
Aberdeen South	77,106	131.4	Burgh
Angus South and Dundee East	72,307	523.4	County
Argyll, Bute and South West Highland	77,661	9,916.70	County
Arran and Cunningshame	73,528	629.2	County
Ayr and Carrick	77,352	1,107.30	County
Banff and Buchan	78,079	1,776.10	County
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	73,812	3,992.10	County
Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline	75,735	338.8	County
Clyde Coast	75,475	336.4	County
Dumfriesshire and Lanarkshire South East	78,301	3,722.80	County
Dunbartonshire East	76,393	169.3	County
Dunbartonshire West	72,459	187.9	County
Dundee	76,317	43.4	Burgh
East Lothian	76,153	700.9	County
Eastwood and Loudoun	71,251	436.6	County
Edinburgh East	72,027	37.8	Burgh
Edinburgh North and Leith	73,969	21.8	Burgh
Edinburgh South	76,583	37.8	Burgh
Edinburgh West	77,738	91.5	Burgh
Falkirk South	71,118	189.6	County
Fife South	77,327	226.4	County
Galloway and Dumfries	74,882	4,168.50	County
Glasgow Central	73,735	19.9	Burgh
Glasgow East	75,433	33.3	Burgh
Glasgow North East	71,443	38.1	Burgh
Glasgow North West	75,983	29.8	Burgh
Glasgow South East	73,621	22.8	Burgh
Glasgow South West	76,138	32.6	Burgh
Gordon and Deeside	78,028	3,774.90	County
Highland Central	78,133	10,380.40	County
Highland North	73,147	12,984.70	County
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	78,431	1,082.30	County
Kincardine and Angus North	72,925	2426.9	County
Lanarkshire North	77,877	188.3	County
Lanarkshire North East	72,316	175.1	County
Lanarkshire North West	74,263	82.7	Burgh
Lanarkshire South West	76,833	403.4	County
Lanarkshire West	76,341	56.7	Burgh
Linlithgow	78,026	289.5	County
Livingston and Edinburgh Pentland	78,164	226.1	County
Mid Fife	75,166	139.1	Burgh
Mid Lanarkshire	76,158	124.9	Burgh
Midlothian and Upper Tweeddale	76,824	1,105.90	County
Moray and Nairn	78,477	2,611.70	County
<i>Na h-Eileanan Siar</i>	20,887	3,268.60	County
North East Fife	76,900	833.5	County
<i>Orkney and Shetland</i>	33,229	2,742.80	County
Paisley	71,599	57.3	Burgh
Perth and North Perthshire	72,831	3,981.30	County
Renfrewshire West and Garnock Valley	78,218	377	County
Stirling and Falkirk North	71,177	191.6	County
Stirlingshire, Strathearn and Kinross	71,299	3,626.10	County