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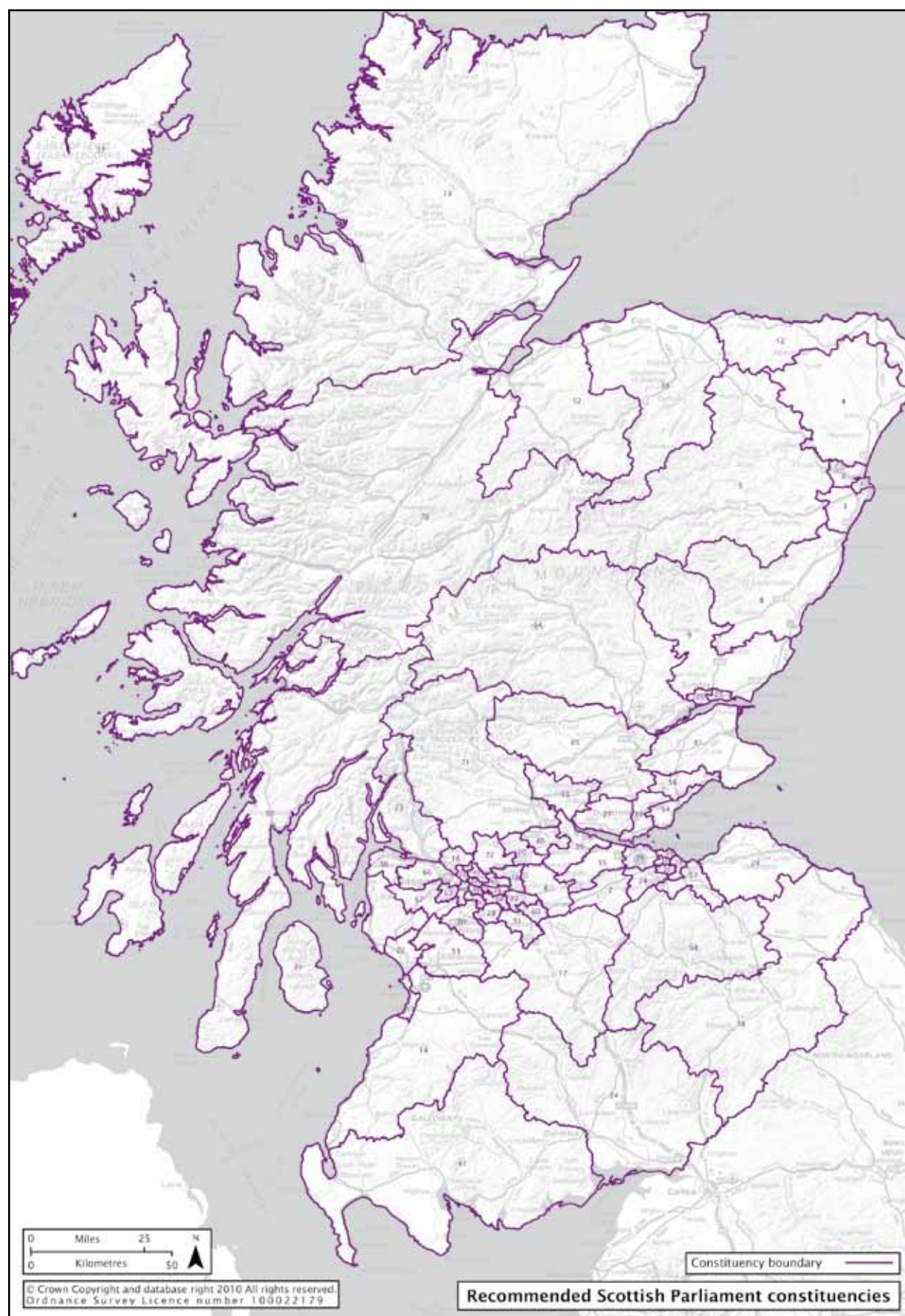
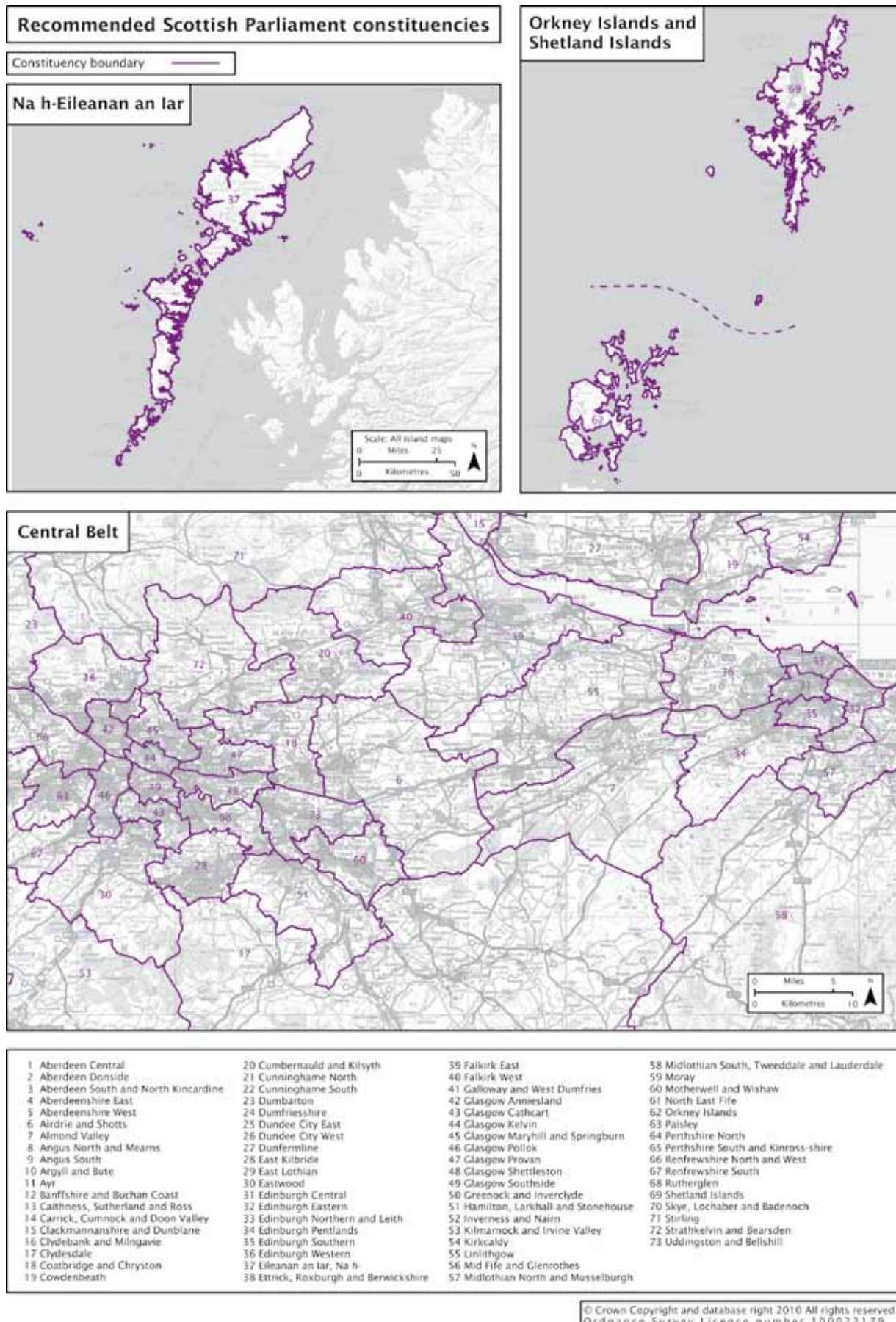


Figure ii - Final Recommendations for Scottish Parliament constituencies - central belt and islands



Chapter 1 – Introduction

1.1 Commission's role and legislation

- 1.1.1 Under Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998, as amended by the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004, the Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for reviewing the constituencies and regions of the Scottish Parliament, and making recommendations to the Secretary of State for Scotland.
- 1.1.2 The Commission's structure and governance is set down by the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986. The membership of the Commission during this review is set out in Appendix A.
- 1.1.3 This is the report that we are required to submit in accordance with paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998. The Act requires us to submit our report to the Secretary of State for Scotland by 30 June 2010 on a review of the Scottish Parliament boundaries. We are required to show the alterations we propose to constituency and region boundaries or to state that in our opinion no alteration should be made.

1.2 Procedure and timing

- 1.2.1 The procedure for this review is set out in Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 which appears at Appendix B.
- 1.2.2 At the start of the review, we examined the July 2007 electorates of the existing constituencies. We concluded that, due to changes in electorates and to council area boundaries, the existing constituencies and regions required alteration to better reflect the statutory rules.
- 1.2.3 We announced the start of the review by placing a notice in the Edinburgh Gazette and issuing a news release on 3 July 2007.

1.3 Constituencies and regions at the start of this review

- 1.3.1 The 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies were defined in the Scotland Act 1998 to be the same as the Westminster constituencies at that time, with the exception that Orkney and Shetland should each form a separate constituency. These 73 constituencies had resulted from the Commission's Fourth Periodical Report on Westminster constituencies which was submitted to the Secretary of State for Scotland in December 1994. The recommendations of that report were enacted by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995 (SI 1995/1037).
- 1.3.2 The Scottish Parliament electoral system also requires 8 regions for the election of regional MSPs, with the extent of each comprising a number of whole constituencies. The initial regions for the Parliament were coterminous with the European Parliament constituencies which resulted from the Commission's report on European Parliament constituencies, submitted to the Secretary of State for Scotland in June 1996. The recommendations of that report were enacted by the European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996 (SI 1996/1926).

- 1.3.3 Further details of the Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions that existed at the start of this review appear in our Information Paper, *Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions 1999-2011*.
- 1.3.4 There have been no alterations to the 73 constituencies and the 8 regions since they were defined.

1.4 Legislative changes

- 1.4.1 Since the definition of the existing Scottish Parliament constituencies, the number of Westminster constituencies in Scotland has been reduced from 72 to 59. The current Westminster constituencies were brought into force following the Commission's Fifth Periodical Report in November 2004. Since the number of Westminster and Scottish Parliament constituencies now differ, it is not generally possible for Scottish Parliament constituencies to have the same boundaries as Westminster constituencies.
- 1.4.2 Local government in Scotland changed in 1996 from a two-tier system of Regions and Districts to 32 single-tier council areas. The current Scottish Parliament constituencies were created through the aggregation of regional electoral divisions from the former two-tier system. Since that time, there have been 2 complete reviews of local government electoral areas. As a result, current Scottish Parliament constituency boundaries no longer generally follow current local government electoral ward boundaries.
- 1.4.3 Since the passage of the European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002, Scotland forms a single electoral region for the European Parliament. Therefore, there are no European Parliament constituency boundaries to be considered when designing Scottish Parliament boundaries.

Chapter 2 – Principles

2.1 Legislation

- 2.1.1 Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998, as amended by the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004, sets out statutory rules which we must follow when designing Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions. The rules and their consequences are discussed in greater detail in Chapter 3.
- 2.1.2 The Scotland Act 1998 states that there will be 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies and that these will be the Orkney Islands, the Shetland Islands, and 71 others. We have power neither to alter the total number of constituencies, nor to alter the fact that 2 of these constituencies will be the Orkney Islands constituency and the Shetland Islands constituency. Thus, 71 out of the 73 constituencies for the Scottish Parliament are the subject of this review.
- 2.1.3 The 1998 Act also determines that there will be 8 Scottish Parliament regions, each returning 7 members to the Parliament and we have no power to alter these numbers.

2.2 Electoral quota

- 2.2.1 The legislation requires us to undertake the review using the local government electorate, since this comprises those eligible to vote in Scottish Parliament elections.
- 2.2.2 The electorate count is the number of local government electors on the electoral register in force at the start date of the review (July 2007). This figure remains fixed for the review, regardless of any changes which might occur during the review.
- 2.2.3 The electoral quota is defined as the average local government electorate count of the 71 constituencies that are the subject of this review, at the start date of July 2007. The electoral register at that date included 3,885,700 such electors, making the electoral quota 54,728 electors per constituency.

2.3 Electorate change

- 2.3.1 We examined the existing Scottish Parliament constituencies and noted that in many areas there had been significant changes to the electorate counts. Appendix C shows the changes in electorate counts for the existing constituencies between 1999 and 2007, and their respective divergences from the electoral quota.

2.4 Treatment of wards

- 2.4.1 In the past, electoral wards have been aggregated to design parliamentary constituencies since they were of a suitable size in terms of numbers of electors, electorate data was readily available from the electoral register, and their areas were well defined. This approach was not required by the legislation but had benefits for the administration of elections and local organisation of political parties.

- 2.4.2 Following the introduction of multi-member wards for local government elections in Scotland in 2007, the size of electoral wards increased significantly and currently ranges from 6,000 to 24,000 electors.
- 2.4.3 At a preliminary stage in this review, we examined the possibility of aggregating electoral wards to design constituencies. We concluded that whole wards could not be used consistently throughout Scotland to produce constituencies that conformed to the statutory rules. We found that similar difficulties would also be encountered using other non-statutory areas such as, for example, community council areas, civil parishes and polling districts.
- 2.4.4 We therefore decided not to use standard building blocks for constructing constituencies. Instead, we considered many factors when determining the extent of each constituency, including local government electoral ward boundaries, clear geographical features such as roads, railways and rivers, and existing non-statutory areas such as those listed in 2.4.3.
- 2.4.5 The electorate for each proposed constituency was calculated as follows: first, we compiled the number of local government electors for each postcode from the electoral register in force at the start of the review (July 2007); second, we used the boundaries of each postcode area, as published by the General Register Office for Scotland, to determine the postcodes in each proposed constituency, and hence the number of electors.

2.5 Naming and designation of constituencies

- 2.5.1 We noted that in previous reviews, the naming of constituencies had been contentious. We concluded that constituency names should reflect their geographic extents, and that local views should be taken into account. We also concluded that names should, wherever possible, be short and should not attempt to describe an area exhaustively.
- 2.5.2 We were aware that confusion can arise where the names of Westminster constituencies and Scottish Parliament constituencies are the same. We therefore agreed that names of Scottish Parliament constituencies should in general differ from those of Westminster constituencies, where an appropriate and distinct alternative was available.
- 2.5.3 When formulating our Provisional Proposals for constituencies, we decided to adopt a naming convention to help distinguish Scottish Parliament constituency names from Westminster constituency names. Under this convention, we placed the compass-point element of the name (e.g. north, south, east, west etc.) at the beginning. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
- 2.5.4 During the consultation on our Provisional Proposals for constituencies, representations were made stating that the adopted naming convention would be insufficient to distinguish Scottish Parliament constituency names from Westminster constituency names, in which the compass point appears

at the end of the name. In addition, geographically adjacent constituencies would not appear near each other in alphabetical lists of constituency names.

- 2.5.5 As a result, in our Revised Recommendations for constituencies, when we used a compass point as part of a name, we avoided placing it at the beginning of the name.
- 2.5.6 In addition, notably in Glasgow, respondents identified a strong preference for constituency names which incorporated names of localities rather than compass points. By contrast, we received representations on constituencies in City of Edinburgh council area that asked for constituency names incorporating compass points to be retained.
- 2.5.7 Taking all of these factors into account, we agreed that it would be necessary for decisions on constituency names to be taken in the light of the individual circumstances surrounding them. We also noted that, historically, the Commission has adopted a general approach of following the advice on names provided by Councils. We agreed to continue with this general approach.
- 2.5.8 We agreed our revised approach to constituency names after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
- 2.5.9 Each constituency has to be designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. These designations affect the allowable expenses by candidates during elections. The legislation does not define these designations. We have, therefore, followed previous practice by designating constituencies which comprise predominantly urban areas as burgh constituencies and constituencies which comprise predominantly rural areas as county constituencies.

2.6 Council area boundary reviews¹

- 2.6.1 During the course of our review, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) began 3 minor reviews of short sections of council area boundaries. In each case, the section of boundary being reviewed by LGBCS coincided with constituency boundaries in our Provisional Proposals. We decided that, if any of these LGBCS reviews resulted in a modified council area boundary before the completion of our review, we would modify our constituency and region boundaries so that they continued to coincide with the council area boundary. We announced this intention when we published our Revised Recommendations for constituencies and Provisional Proposals for regions in May 2009.
- 2.6.2 As a result of these LGBCS reviews, Orders were passed implementing council area boundary changes between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas², and between Angus and Dundee City council areas³, coming into force on 1 April 2010. We have incorporated these

¹ The terms council area and local authority area are used interchangeably in this report.

² The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Stepps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

³ The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

minor changes into our recommendations for constituencies and regions covering those council areas.

- 2.6.3 A third LGBCS review between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas has not yet resulted in an Order being made. If necessary, we will conduct an Interim Review of the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in this area once any Order resulting from that review has been made.

2.7 Liaison with political parties

- 2.7.1 In June 2007, we met with those political parties represented in the Scottish Parliament to explain our intended approach to the review, and to discuss their participation in the review process.
- 2.7.2 We took the innovative step of offering the political parties assistance with the use of software for analysing the boundary information and electorate data which we use during a review. We decided that this would assist us by allowing the parties to make better informed representations and alternative suggestions when we published our proposals for consultation. We also saw benefit from the political parties and ourselves using directly comparable data.
- 2.7.3 The assistance we provided comprised a licence to use the same mapping software which the Commission uses, map and boundary data from Ordnance Survey, postcode boundary data created by the General Register Office for Scotland, electorate counts for each postcode compiled from the July 2007 electoral register, and training.
- 2.7.4 We did this with the agreement of our data suppliers (General Register Office for Scotland and Ordnance Survey). We awarded a small contract to Forth Valley GIS to conduct training for the political parties on our behalf, and 2 training sessions took place at our offices early in the review.
- 2.7.5 In reviewing the representations made by the political parties in response to our public consultations, we concluded that this innovation was successful in allowing parties to engage in a more effective fashion than was previously the case.

2.8 Publicising our proposals

- 2.8.1 The legislation sets out certain minimum requirements for publishing our proposals for public consultation. These are that we must publish information in at least 1 newspaper circulating in each constituency, and make the proposals available for inspection in at least one place in each constituency.
- 2.8.2 To meet these requirements, we consulted with each Council and agreed with them the newspapers and display points to be used in their council area. In practice, we agreed significantly more than the minimum required number of newspapers and display points in order to make information more readily accessible. We used these newspapers and display points at each stage when we published information for public consultation.

2.8.3 In addition to the statutory requirements, we disseminated proposals in various ways. Details of proposals were sent directly to a variety of targeted recipients, including MPs, MSPs, political parties' Scottish headquarters, the Scottish Parliament Information Centre, and the House of Commons library. In addition, we notified Electoral Registration Officers and the Association of Community Councils of the publication of the proposals. We also issued News Releases on each occasion when we undertook public consultation, and made all of the consultation documents available on our website.

2.9 Representations

- 2.9.1 When we published proposals for public consultation, we received representations from a range of interests, including political parties, local authorities, elected representatives and members of the public.
- 2.9.2 In many cases, representations raised common issues. In some cases representations comprised identical pro-forma letters with only the respondent's details being different. On occasion, we received petitions where signatures had been gathered supporting a representation.
- 2.9.3 Prior to the appropriate meeting, our Secretariat summarised the representations received and the issues that they raised, and prepared a paper for our consideration. Full copies of all of the representations were available to us at the meeting. This approach allowed us to consider thoroughly all of the issues raised in representations.

Chapter 3 – Statutory rules for constituencies and regions

3.1 Background

- 3.1.1 Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 (see Appendix B) sets out the statutory rules that we must follow when designing Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions. Paragraph 12 of the Schedule sets down the 4 rules to be used when designing constituencies, and paragraph 13 of the Schedule sets down the 2 rules to be used when designing regions.
- 3.1.2 In the conduct of the review, we aimed to adopt a consistent and balanced approach to applying the statutory rules to all of the areas subject to review.
- 3.1.3 We recognised that there is a tension between the different rules, and that in many instances it is not possible to satisfy any one of the rules completely without adversely impacting on compliance with the other rules.
- 3.1.4 We have conducted our review independently of political considerations or influence.

3.2 Constituency rule 1 - council area boundaries

- 3.2.1 Rule 1 of the constituency rules requires us to take into account the boundaries of council areas. Therefore, one of our first considerations was how constituencies might fit within each of the council areas.
- 3.2.2 The theoretical entitlement of a council area to constituencies is calculated by dividing the total number of local government electors for that area by the electoral quota (see 2.2). Appendix D sets out the theoretical entitlement to constituencies of each council area, as at July 2007.
- 3.2.3 By examining the theoretical entitlement of each council area, we took the initial view that there were several council areas where it was reasonably practicable to have a whole number of constituencies exactly covering each of those council areas.
- 3.2.4 Where we found that it would not be possible, under the statutory rules, to allocate a whole number of constituencies to a council area, it was necessary for us to consider combining the council area with neighbouring areas. In configuring constituencies for these combined areas, a number of constituencies would have to cross a council area boundary. We aimed to keep such cross-border constituencies to a minimum.

3.3 Constituency rule 2 - electoral parity

- 3.3.1 Rule 2 of the constituency rules requires that the electorate of a constituency must be as near the electoral quota (see 2.2) as is practicable, while having regard to rule 1.
- 3.3.2 As noted in 3.2, our initial view on allocating constituencies to council areas aimed to meet the requirements of rule 2. We continued to take account of this rule, along with the other statutory rules, when reviewing existing constituency arrangements and in the development of our recommendations.
- 3.3.3 We recognised the importance of this rule in ensuring that the weight of an elector's vote in one constituency is the same as that of an elector in another constituency. When designing constituencies, we considered parity in every case.

3.4 Constituency rule 3 - geographical considerations

- 3.4.1 Rule 3 of the constituency rules enables us to make allowance for any special geographical considerations that may apply to a particular area.
- 3.4.2 As noted in 2.1, we have no power to alter the total of 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies. Therefore, any decision to make allowance for special geographical considerations in one area impacts upon the development of constituencies in other areas.
- 3.4.3 Examination of council areas and their theoretical entitlements to constituencies led us to agree that the special geographical circumstances of Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area (Western Isles) required special treatment under this rule. We, therefore, designed a constituency which exactly covered that council area. We did not consider that there were sufficient special geographical circumstances in any other council area for us to depart from the broad allocation of constituencies determined by the theoretical entitlement.
- 3.4.4 Our decision to allocate a constituency to Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area required the remaining 70 constituencies under review to absorb the shortfall of 32,529 electors in that constituency.
- 3.4.5 We also recognised that there might be instances where special geographical considerations would have a bearing on our recommendations for the detailed design of individual constituencies.

3.5 Constituency rule 4 - local ties

- 3.5.1 Rule 4 of the statutory rules requires us to take account of inconveniences arising from alterations to constituencies, and local ties that would be broken by such alterations.
- 3.5.2 We were aware of the importance that the public places on not breaking local ties in the design of constituencies, and that the public sometimes seeks the application of this statutory rule to the exclusion of the other rules.

- 3.5.3 When applying this rule, we found that there were occasions when breaking of local ties was unavoidable, when taking account of the overall application of the statutory rules and the absence of viable alternatives.

3.6 Regional rules

- 3.6.1 The first regional rule requires that each constituency is contained within a single region. Therefore, when designing regions we can only consider the different ways of combining whole constituencies.
- 3.6.2 The second regional rule requires that the electorate of each region must be as near to that of the other regions as is practicable, while having regard to special geographical considerations.
- 3.6.3 The regional rules do not make any mention of the boundaries of council areas, local ties, or inconveniences attendant on alterations, all of which appear in the rules for constituency design. However, these factors were among those which we considered when developing our recommendations for Scottish Parliament regions.
- 3.6.4 Electoral administration is made easier where electoral areas are coterminous with council area boundaries. Similarly, public recognition of Scottish Parliament regions is likely to be improved if the public can identify with the extent of those regions, and the set of communities that are encompassed by each one. For each of these reasons, we preferred designs that minimised the number of council areas which were divided between Scottish Parliament regions, all other factors being equal.
- 3.6.5 We recognised that there might be special geographical circumstances in respect of highland Scotland and particularly the island areas which should be taken into account when we made recommendations for Scottish Parliament regions in these areas.

Chapter 4 – Procedure

4.1 Introduction

- 4.1.1 This Chapter sets out in general terms the main steps that we followed when conducting the review. Details of our consideration of constituencies for each individual area of Scotland are given in Appendix E. Details of our consideration of regions for all of Scotland are given in Appendix F.

4.2 Constituencies: Provisional Proposals

- 4.2.1 We developed our Provisional Proposals for constituencies at our meetings between June and December 2007. Further detail of our Provisional Proposals can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix E.
- 4.2.2 On 14 February 2008, we published our Provisional Proposals for the 71 constituencies subject to review for public consultation for the statutory period of 1 month, lasting until 14 March 2008.

4.3 Constituencies: Local Inquiries into Provisional Proposals

- 4.3.1 We received over 5,000 representations concerning our Provisional Proposals for constituencies. Further detail of our consideration of representations can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix E.
- 4.3.2 We decided at our meetings of April, May and June 2008 to hold a Local Inquiry in each of the areas listed in Appendix G. The legislation sets out that a Local Inquiry into our proposals for constituencies must be held if the public consultation results in objections from not less than 100 electors or from an affected Council. In addition, the legislation gives us discretion to hold a Local Inquiry even if those statutory criteria are not met.
- 4.3.3 At our invitation, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed a Sheriff Principal as an Assistant Commissioner to conduct each Local Inquiry on our behalf. The resulting 10 Local Inquiries took place between August and November 2008 at venues which we agreed with each Assistant Commissioner. The venues were generally provided by local authorities, with some Local Inquiries hearing evidence at two or three venues to ensure that the Inquiry was more conveniently accessible to a large number of people.
- 4.3.4 The Local Inquiries were valuable in allowing us to hear evidence from all those concerned about our proposals. The reports on the Local Inquiries provided the recommendations and views of the Assistant Commissioners which we considered, together with the representations received, when reaching our decisions on whether to amend our proposals.

4.4 Constituencies: Revised Recommendations

- 4.4.1 At our meetings of October and December 2008, we considered the representations received on our Provisional Proposals for constituencies in those council areas where there had been no statutory requirement for a Local Inquiry (Dundee City, Falkirk, Glasgow City and Na h-Eileanan an Iar). We confirmed that a Local Inquiry was not required in any of those areas, and agreed our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in those areas.
- 4.4.2 At our meetings of December 2008, February and March 2009 we considered the reports on the Local Inquiries which had been held into our Provisional Proposals, together with the representations received concerning those areas, and agreed our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in those areas.
- 4.4.3 At our meeting of March 2009, we considered the possible effect on our recommendations of reviews being carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, and agreed a statement of our intentions (as detailed in 2.6) to be published along with our Revised Recommendations.
- 4.4.4 On 21 May 2009, we published our Revised Recommendations for constituencies for public consultation for the statutory period of 1 month, lasting until 21 June 2009. At the same time, we published our Provisional Proposals for regions (see 4.7).

4.5 Constituencies: Further Recommendations

- 4.5.1 We received almost 400 representations concerning our Revised Recommendations for constituencies, and considered those representations at our meeting of July 2009. Further detail of our consideration of representations can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix E.
- 4.5.2 The legislation sets out that if a Local Inquiry has been held in an area, then the Commission has the discretion to decide whether a further Local Inquiry is required. We concluded that no further Local Inquiries were required into our Revised Recommendations for constituencies since the issues raised in the representations received were ones that we had already considered fully during our discussions.
- 4.5.3 At our meeting of July 2009, in response to the representations received, we decided to consult on further changes in Aberdeen City, Argyll and Bute, and City of Edinburgh council areas. On 3 September 2009, we published our Further Recommendations for constituencies for those areas for public consultation for the statutory period of 1 month, lasting until 3 October 2009.
- 4.5.4 At our meeting of July 2009, we also decided not to make Further Recommendations for any other areas, and agreed to adopt our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for constituencies for those other areas.

4.6 Constituencies: Final Recommendations

- 4.6.1 We received 3 representations concerning our Further Recommendations for constituencies, and considered those representations at our meeting of October 2009. Further detail of our consideration of representations can be found in the appropriate sections of Appendix E.
- 4.6.2 We decided to adopt our Further Recommendations for Aberdeen City, Argyll and Bute, and City of Edinburgh council areas as our Final Recommendations for constituencies for those areas.
- 4.6.3 We confirmed our earlier decision, taken at our meeting of July 2009, that we would adopt our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for constituencies for all other council areas included in the review.

4.7 Regions: Provisional Proposals

- 4.7.1 At our meeting of March 2009, after reaching conclusions on all of our Revised Recommendations for constituencies, we discussed and agreed our Provisional Proposals for regions. Further detail of our Provisional Proposals can be found in Appendix F.
- 4.7.2 On 21 May 2009, we published our Provisional Proposals for regions for public consultation for the statutory period of 1 month, lasting until 21 June 2009, simultaneously with our Revised Recommendations for constituencies (see 4.4).

4.8 Regions: Local Inquiry into Provisional Proposals

- 4.8.1 We received over 200 representations concerning our Provisional Proposals for regions, and considered those representations at our meeting of July 2009. Further detail of our consideration of the representations can be found in Appendix F.
- 4.8.2 The legislation sets out that a Local Inquiry must be held into our proposals for regions if our public consultation results in objections from not less than 500 electors or from an affected Council. In addition, the legislation gives us discretion to hold a Local Inquiry even if those statutory criteria are not met. We decided that a Local Inquiry should be held into our Provisional Proposals for certain regions.
- 4.8.3 At our invitation, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry on our behalf. The Local Inquiry took place on 22 October 2009 in Glasgow.

4.9 Regions: Revised Recommendations

- 4.9.1 At our meeting of November 2009, we considered the report on the Local Inquiry, together with the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals for regions, and agreed our Revised Recommendations for regions.

- 4.9.2 On 7 January 2010, we published our Revised Recommendations for regions for public consultation for the statutory period of 1 month, lasting until 7 February 2010.

4.10 Regions: Final Recommendations

- 4.10.1 We received 13 representations concerning our Revised Recommendations for regions, and considered those representations at our meeting of February 2010.
- 4.10.2 We decided to adopt our Revised Recommendations for regions as our Final Recommendations for regions.

Chapter 5 – Final Recommendations

5.1 Constituencies

- 5.1.1 We recommend that the 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies should be as shown in Figure 5.1. Full definitions of the boundaries of the constituencies are contained in the DVD-ROMs which we are submitting with this report.
- 5.1.2 The constituencies covering Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands council areas are included in Figure 5.1 for completeness, although their extents are defined in the legislation and, therefore, these constituencies were not within the remit of this review.
- 5.1.3 Figure 5.1 lists each constituency with its local government electorate in July 2007 and the percentage difference of that electorate from the electoral quota. The electoral quota is described in Chapter 2.2.
- 5.1.4 Details of our deliberations in arriving at our recommendations for each constituency are given in the appropriate sections of Appendix E. Summary maps of the recommended constituencies appear in the appropriate sections of Appendix E, and on our website there are maps of individual recommended constituencies.
- 5.1.5 Details of the wards and part-wards making up each constituency are in Appendix H, together with listings of the recommended constituencies covering each council area.
- 5.1.6 The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a Coding and Naming Policy for UK Statistical Geographies in June 2009. In accordance with the policy, we suggest that the recommended constituencies are assigned the codes listed in Appendix I.

Figure 5.1 - Final Recommendations for Scottish Parliament constituencies

Constituency	Designation	July 2007 electorate	% from quota
Aberdeen Central	Burgh	55,810	2.0
Aberdeen Donside	Burgh	55,530	1.5
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	County	54,240	-0.9
Aberdeenshire East	County	54,690	-0.1
Aberdeenshire West	County	53,060	-3.0
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh	51,620	-5.7
Almond Valley	County	60,080	9.8
Angus North and Mearns	County	51,340	-6.2
Angus South	County	54,340	-0.7
Argyll and Bute	County	49,040	-10.4
Ayr	Burgh	61,250	11.9
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County	56,140	2.6
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	County	55,690	1.8
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	59,580	8.9
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	County	49,470	-9.6
Clydebank and Milngavie	County	53,340	-2.5
Clydesdale	County	56,500	3.2
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh	51,630	-5.7
Cowdenbeath	County	53,670	-1.9
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	49,410	-9.7
Cunninghame North	County	56,150	2.6
Cunninghame South	County	50,240	-8.2
Dumbarton	County	54,270	-0.8
Dumfriesshire	County	59,100	8.0
Dundee City East	Burgh	53,550	-2.2
Dundee City West	Burgh	51,610	-5.7
Dunfermline	County	54,230	-0.9
East Kilbride	Burgh	58,590	7.1
East Lothian	County	55,070	0.6
Eastwood	County	49,960	-8.7
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	56,450	3.1
Edinburgh Eastern	Burgh	57,770	5.6
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Burgh	56,690	3.6
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh	53,650	-2.0
Edinburgh Southern	Burgh	55,550	1.5
Edinburgh Western	Burgh	57,170	4.5
Eileanan an Iar, Na h-	County	22,200	-59.4
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County	54,140	-1.1

Constituency	Designation	July 2007 electorate	% from quota
Falkirk East	County	57,550	5.2
Falkirk West	County	56,150	2.6
Galloway and West Dumfries	County	56,700	3.6
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh	53,480	-2.3
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	57,710	5.4
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh	58,330	6.6
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	Burgh	54,240	-0.9
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	56,370	3.0
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	51,260	-6.3
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	52,060	-4.9
Glasgow Southside	Burgh	51,810	-5.3
Greenock and Inverclyde	County	56,350	3.0
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Burgh	57,350	4.8
Inverness and Nairn	County	61,600	12.6
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	County	61,070	11.6
Kirkcaldy	County	59,580	8.9
Linlithgow	County	62,810	14.8
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	County	53,750	-1.8
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	County	56,940	4.0
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County	57,430	4.9
Moray	County	56,110	2.5
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh	54,660	-0.1
North East Fife	County	59,360	8.5
Orkney Islands	County	16,340	-70.1
Paisley	Burgh	50,910	-7.0
Perthshire North	County	52,310	-4.4
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	County	55,850	2.1
Renfrewshire North and West	County	48,520	-11.3
Renfrewshire South	County	49,360	-9.8
Rutherglen	Burgh	58,350	6.6
Shetland Islands	County	17,270	-68.4
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	County	56,470	3.2
Stirling	County	52,480	-4.1
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	59,580	8.9
Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh	56,380	3.0
Total		3,919,310	
Electoral quota		54,728	

5.2 Regions

- 5.2.1 We recommend that the constituencies detailed in Figure 5.1 should be combined to form the 8 Scottish Parliament regions as shown in Figure 5.2.
- 5.2.2 Figure 5.2 lists each region with its local government electorate in July 2007 (calculated by aggregating the constituency electorates), and the percentage difference of that electorate from the average of all regions.
- 5.2.3 Details of our deliberations in arriving at these recommendations are given in Appendix F. A summary map of the recommended regions appears in Appendix F, and on our website there are more detailed maps of each recommended region.
- 5.2.4 Details of the council areas located within each region appear in Appendix H.
- 5.2.5 The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a Coding and Naming Policy for UK Statistical Geographies in June 2009. In accordance with the policy, we suggest that the recommended regions are assigned the codes listed in Appendix I.

Figure 5.2 - Final Recommendations for Scottish Parliament regions

Region	Constituencies	July 2007 electorate	% from average
Central Scotland	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Chryston Cumbernauld and Kilsyth East Kilbride Falkirk East	Falkirk West Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Motherwell and Wishaw Uddingston and Bellshill	493,340 0.7
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollok	Glasgow Provan Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside Rutherglen	493,610 0.8
Highlands and Islands	Argyll and Bute Caithness, Sutherland and Ross Eileanan an Iar, Na h-Inverness and Nairn	Moray Orkney Islands Shetland Islands Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	334,720 -31.7
Lothian	Almond Valley Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Eastern Edinburgh Northern and Leith Edinburgh Pentlands	Edinburgh Southern Edinburgh Western Linlithgow Midlothian North and Musselburgh	517,110 5.6
Mid Scotland and Fife	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane Cowdenbeath Dunfermline Kirkcaldy Mid Fife and Glenrothes	North East Fife Perthshire North Perthshire South and Kinross-shire Stirling	490,700 0.2
North East Scotland	Aberdeen Central Aberdeen Donside Aberdeen South and North Kincardine Aberdeenshire East Aberdeenshire West	Angus North and Mearns Angus South Banffshire and Buchan Coast Dundee City East Dundee City West	540,310 10.3
South Scotland	Ayr Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley Clydesdale Dumfriesshire East Lothian	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Galloway and West Dumfries Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	520,840 6.3
West Scotland	Clydebank and Milngavie Cunninghame North Cunninghame South Dumbarton Eastwood	Greenock and Inverclyde Paisley Renfrewshire North and West Renfrewshire South Strathkelvin and Bearsden	528,680 7.9
Total		3,919,310	
Average		489,914	

Chapter 6 – Conclusions

6.1 Recommendations and analysis

- 6.1.1 We recommend that the 73 Scottish Parliament constituencies and 8 Scottish Parliament regions should be as set out in Chapter 5.
- 6.1.2 The July 2007 electorates of 38 of the recommended constituencies are within 5% of the electoral quota, and a further 26 of them are within 10% of the quota.
- 6.1.3 Figure 6.1 shows graphically the July 2007 electorates of the recommended constituencies, arranged in ascending order of electorate. The constituencies covering Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands council areas are included in Figure 6.1 for completeness, although their extents are defined in the legislation, as described in Chapter 2.1.
- 6.1.4 Of the recommended constituencies, 61 are each contained within a single council area, while the others each include parts of 2 council areas.
- 6.1.5 By comparison, the July 2007 electorates of 17 of the constituencies existing at the start of this review were within 5% of the electoral quota, and a further 17 of them were within 10% of the electoral quota. Also, 57 of the constituencies existing at the start of this review were each contained within a single council area, 14 included parts of 2 council areas, while the other 2 included parts of 3 council areas. Thus, the review has improved compliance with statutory rules 1 and 2 for the design of constituencies (see Chapters 3.2 and 3.3).
- 6.1.6 The July 2007 electorates of the recommended regions range from 10.3% above to 31.7% below the average of all of the regions.
- 6.1.7 Figure 6.2 shows graphically the July 2007 electorates of the recommended regions, arranged in ascending order of electorate.
- 6.1.8 Of the 32 council areas in Scotland, 27 are each contained in a single recommended region, 4 are each divided between two of our recommended regions, and 1 is divided between three of our recommended regions.
- 6.1.9 By comparison, the July 2007 electorates of the regions existing at the start of this review ranged from 10.8% above to 34.1% below the average electorate of all of the regions. Also, of the 32 council areas in Scotland, 21 were each contained in a single region, 10 were each divided between two regions, and 1 was divided between three regions. Thus, the review has slightly improved compliance with rule 2 for the design of regions (see Chapter 3.6).

Figure 6.1 – Recommended constituencies: electorate counts

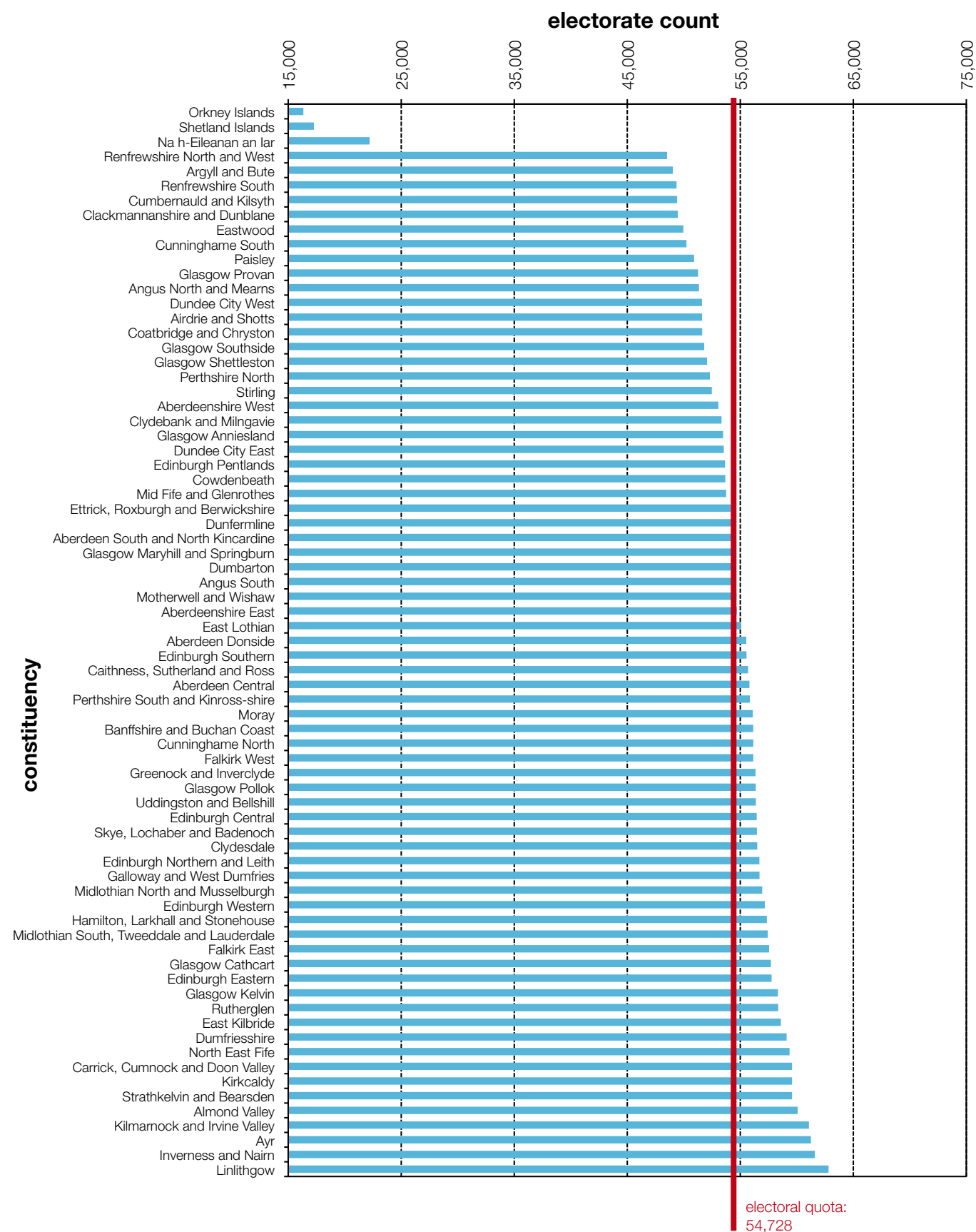
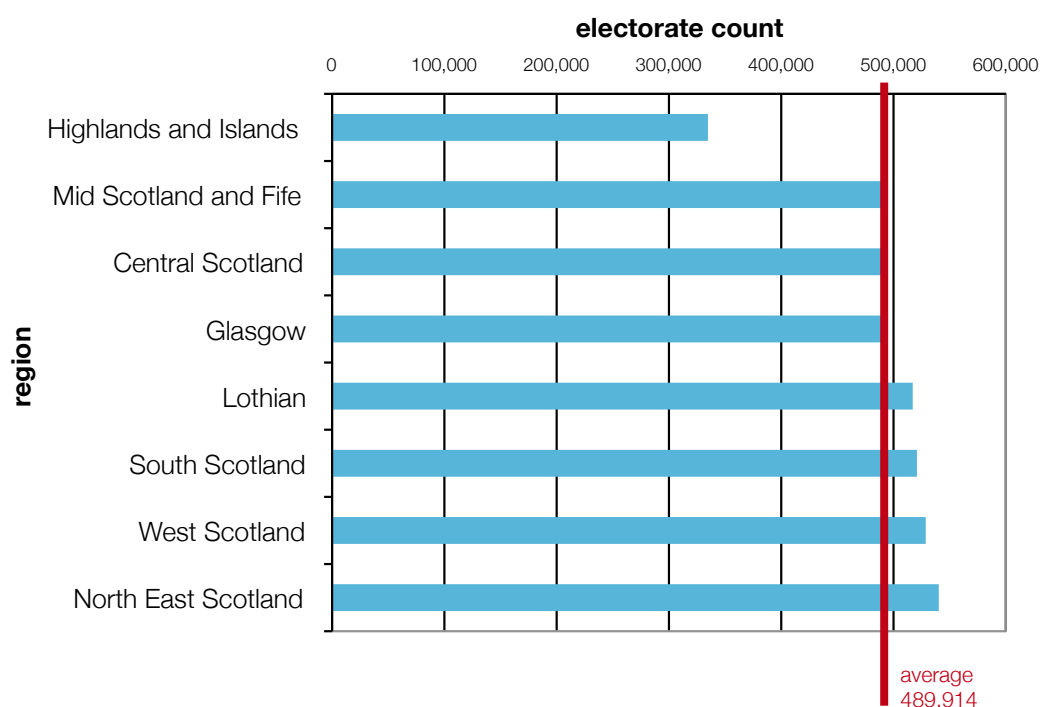


Figure 6.2 - Recommended regions: electorate counts

6.1.10 Details of the coverage of each council area by our recommended constituencies and regions are in Appendix H.

6.2 Next review

6.2.1 This concludes the report on our First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament boundaries. In terms of the Scotland Act 1998, the report on our next review must be submitted not less than 8 years and not more than 12 years from the date of submission of this report.

6.3 Acknowledgements

6.3.1 We gratefully acknowledge the important role played by the Sheriffs Principal who were appointed as Assistant Commissioners to conduct Local Inquiries into our Provisional Proposals for constituencies and for regions.

6.3.2 We are grateful for the extensive support which we have received from local authorities in conducting the review, including providing advice and facilities to allow us to make our proposals available for public consultation.

6.3.3 We are also grateful to those individuals and organisations who have responded to our public consultations, and thereby enabled us to consider fully a wide range of views when arriving at our Final Recommendations.

- 6.3.4 We would like to acknowledge the leadership of Lord McEwan as our Deputy Chairman during the first stages of this review until his retirement as a judge of the Court of Session in December 2008.
- 6.3.5 We would like to record our gratitude to Mr Duncan Macniven who provided advice and assistance as our Assessor in his capacity as Registrar General for Scotland. We would like also to record our gratitude to the Assessors who represented the Director General of Ordnance Survey, namely Mr Graham Little, Head of Production, preceded by Dr Hugh Buchanan, External Relations Manager, until his appointment as the Commission's Secretary.
- 6.3.6 Dr Hugh Buchanan acted as our Secretary for the latter part of the review and was preceded by Mr Robert Smith MBE until his retirement in October 2007. We would like to record our appreciation of their diligence and enthusiasm in discharging their duties.
- 6.3.7 We would also like to thank the staff of our Secretariat, Mr Andrew Inglis, Ms Laura Cregan, Mr Craig Cunningham, Mr Ewan Hall, Ms Simonne Chung and their predecessors for their hard work and the support they provided during the conduct of our review.

Appendices

Appendix A – Membership of the Commission

During this review, the Commission was constituted as follows:

Chairman - ex-officio

- Speaker of the House of Commons

Deputy Chairman - appointed by the Lord President of the Court of Session

- Hon Lord McEwan, until his retirement in December 2008
- Hon Lord Woolman, from January 2009

Commissioners - appointed by the Secretary of State for Scotland

- Dr Elspeth Graham
- Mr Kenneth McDonald

Assessors - ex-officio

- Registrar General for Scotland, Mr Duncan Macniven
- Director General of Ordnance Survey: represented by Dr Hugh Buchanan until October 2007, and then by Mr Graham Little

Secretary to the Commission

- Mr Robert Smith MBE, until his retirement in October 2007
- Dr Hugh Buchanan, from October 2007

Appendix B – Scotland Act 1998, Schedule 1

Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998 as amended by the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

Notes:

- References to “the Parliament” in this Schedule signify the Scottish Parliament, references to “Parliament” signify the Westminster Parliament, and references to “House of Parliament” signify the House of Commons or House of Lords of the Westminster Parliament.
- Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004 states that references in this Schedule to the Electoral Commission or to the Boundary Committee for Scotland must be construed as being to the Boundary Commission for Scotland. The wording used in this Appendix reflects that.

Schedule 1

Constituencies, regions and regional members

General

- 1
 - (1) There are to be 73 constituencies for the purposes of this Act.
 - (2) The constituencies are —
 - (a) the Orkney Islands,
 - (b) the Shetland Islands, and
 - (c) the parliamentary constituencies in Scotland (except the constituency of Orkney and Shetland) provided for by Article 2 of and the Schedule to the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995 (S.I. 1995/1037).
 - (3) The reference to the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1995 is a reference to that Order as at 11 April 1995 (the day it was made).
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 - (1) There are to be eight regions for the purposes of this Act.
 - (2) The regions are the eight European Parliamentary constituencies which were provided for by the European Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 1996 (S.I. 1996/1926).
 - (3) Seven regional members are to be returned for each region.

Reports of the Boundary Commission for Scotland

- 3 (1) The Boundary Commission for Scotland must keep under review the boundaries of the constituencies (other than those mentioned in paragraph 1(2)(a) and (b)).
- (2) The review must be conducted in accordance with the constituency rules.
- (3) The Boundary Commission for Scotland must submit to the Secretary of State a report —
 - (a) showing the alterations they propose to the boundaries, or
 - (b) stating that in their opinion no alteration should be made.
- (4) The first report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland under this paragraph must be submitted to the Secretary of State not later than 30 June 2010.
- (5) Subsequent reports must be submitted not less than eight nor more than twelve years after the date of the submission of the last report.
- (6) The Boundary Commission for Scotland may also from time to time (but not before the submission of their first report) submit to the Secretary of State reports with respect to the area comprised in any two or more constituencies showing the constituencies into which they recommend the area should be divided in order to give effect to the constituency rules.
- (7) A report under sub-paragraph (6) must recommend the same number of constituencies as that in which the area is comprised.
- (8) A report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland which recommends an alteration to the boundaries of constituencies must state as respects each constituency —
 - (a) the name by which they recommend it is to be known;
 - (b) whether they recommend that it is to be a county or a burgh constituency.
- (9) As soon as practicable after the Boundary Commission for Scotland have submitted a report to the Secretary of State under this paragraph he must lay before Parliament —
 - (a) the report, and
 - (b) the draft of an Order in Council for giving effect to the recommendations contained in the report.
- (10) Sub-paragraph (9)(b) does not apply if the report states that no alteration is required to be made to the boundaries of the constituencies.

(11) The Boundary Commission for Scotland must at the same time as they submit a report in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) or (6) lay any report recommending an alteration in the constituencies before the Parliament.

4 (1) This paragraph applies if the Boundary Commission for Scotland submit a report to the Secretary of State recommending an alteration in a constituency.

(2) In the report the Boundary Commission for Scotland must recommend any alteration in any of the regions which they think is necessary to give effect to the regional rules.

(3) A report making a recommendation for an alteration in a region must recommend the name by which the Boundary Commission for Scotland think the region should be known.

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Orders in Council

6 (1) The draft of an Order in Council laid before Parliament by the Secretary of State for giving effect to the recommendations contained in a report by the Boundary Commission for Scotland under paragraph 3 may make provision for any matters which he thinks are incidental to or consequential on the recommendations.

(2) If the draft is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament the Secretary of State must submit it to Her Majesty in Council.

(3) If a motion for the approval of the draft is rejected by either House of Parliament or withdrawn by leave of the House the Secretary of State may amend the draft and lay the amended draft before Parliament.

(4) If the draft as so amended is approved by resolution of each House of Parliament the Secretary of State must submit it to Her Majesty in Council.

(5) If a draft of an Order in Council is submitted to Her Majesty in Council under this Schedule, Her Majesty in Council may make an order in terms of the draft.

(6) An Order in Council made as mentioned in sub-paragraph (5) comes into force on the date specified in the Order.

(7) The coming into force of the Order does not affect the return of any member to the Parliament or its constitution until the Parliament is dissolved.

¹ Paragraph 5 deleted by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

- (8) The validity of an Order in Council purporting to be made under this Schedule and reciting that a draft of the Order has been approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament must not be called in question in any legal proceedings whatsoever.

Notice of proposed report or recommendations

- 7 (1) If the Boundary Commission for Scotland intend to consider making a report under this Schedule —
- (a) they must inform the Secretary of State by notice in writing;
 - (b) they must publish a copy of the notice in the Edinburgh Gazette.
- (2) If the Boundary Commission for Scotland have provisionally determined to make recommendations affecting a constituency they must publish in at least one newspaper circulating in the constituency a notice stating —
- (a) the effect of the recommendations and (except if the effect is that no alteration should be made in respect of the constituency) that a copy of the recommendations is open to inspection at a specified place in the constituency, and
 - (b) that representations with respect to the proposed recommendations may be made to the Commission before the end of the period of one month starting the day after the notice is published.²
- (3) The Boundary Commission for Scotland must take into account any representations made in accordance with the notice.
- (4) If the Boundary Commission for Scotland revise any proposed recommendations after publishing notice of them under sub-paragraph (2) they must comply again with sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) in relation to the revised recommendations as if no earlier notice had been published.
- (5)³
- (6)⁴

² Sub-paragraph 7(2) amended by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

³ Sub-paragraph 7(5) deleted by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

⁴ Sub-paragraph 7(6) deleted by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

- 8 (1) This paragraph applies if the Boundary Commission for Scotland provisionally determine to make recommendations which would involve any alteration in a constituency.⁵
- (2) The Boundary Commission for Scotland must consider whether any alteration within paragraph 4(2) would be required in order to give effect to the regional rules.
- (3)⁶
- (4) Paragraph 7 applies for the purposes of the proposed recommendations as if for any reference to a constituency there is substituted a reference to a region.

Local inquiries

- 9 (1) The Boundary Commission for Scotland may if they think fit cause a local inquiry to be held in respect of any constituency or constituencies.
- (2) If the Boundary Commission for Scotland receive any relevant representations objecting to a proposed recommendation for the alteration of a constituency they must not make the recommendation unless since the publication of the notice under paragraph 7(2) a local inquiry has been held in respect of the constituency.
- (3) If a local inquiry was held in respect of the constituency before the publication of the notice under paragraph 7(2), sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply if the Boundary Commission for Scotland after considering —
- (a) the matters discussed at the inquiry,
 - (b) the nature of the relevant representations received, and
 - (c) any other relevant circumstances,
- think that a further local inquiry is not justified.
- (4) A relevant representation is a representation made in accordance with paragraph 7(2)(b) —
- (a) by the council for an area which is wholly or partly comprised in the constituency;
 - (b) by a body of not less than 100 persons entitled to vote as electors at an election for membership of the Parliament held in the constituency.
- 10 (1) The Boundary Commission for Scotland may if they think fit cause a local inquiry to be held in respect of any region or regions.

⁵ Sub-paragraph 8(1) amended by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

⁶ Sub-paragraph 8(3) deleted by Schedule 2 to the Scottish Parliament (Constituencies) Act 2004

- (2) If the Boundary Commission for Scotland receive any relevant representations objecting to a proposed recommendation for the alteration of a region they must not make the recommendation unless since the publication of the notice under paragraph 7(2) a local inquiry has been held in respect of the region.
- (3) If a local inquiry was held in respect of the region before the publication of the notice under paragraph 7(2), sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply if the Boundary Commission for Scotland after considering —
 - (a) the matters discussed at the inquiry,
 - (b) the nature of the relevant representations received, and
 - (c) any other relevant circumstances,
 think that a further local inquiry is not justified.
- (4) A relevant representation is a representation made in accordance with paragraph 7(2)(b) —
 - (a) by the council for an area which is wholly or partly included in the region;
 - (b) by a body of not less than 500 persons entitled to vote as electors at an election for membership of the Parliament held in any one or more of the constituencies included in the region.

- 11 Section 210(4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (c. 69) (attendance of witnesses at inquiries) applies in relation to a local inquiry held under paragraph 9 or 10.

The constituency rules

- 12 These are the constituency rules.

Rule 1

- (1) So far as is practicable, regard must be had to the boundaries of local authority areas.
- (2) “Area” and “local authority” have the same meanings as in the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.⁷

Rule 2

- (1) The electorate of a constituency must be as near the electoral quota as is practicable, having regard to Rule 1.

⁷ References to a local authority under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 are to be construed to be to a council under the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, as required by section 183 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

- (2) The Boundary Commission for Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rule 1 if they think that it is desirable to do so to avoid an excessive disparity between the electorate of a constituency and the electoral quota or between the electorate of a constituency and that of neighbouring constituencies.
- (3) The electoral quota is the number obtained by dividing the total electorate by 71.
- (4) The electorate of a constituency is the aggregate of the persons falling within paragraphs (5) and (6) below.
- (5) A person falls within this paragraph if his name appears on the register of local government electors in force on the enumeration date under the Representation of the People Acts for a local government area which is situated wholly in the constituency.
- (6) A person falls within this paragraph if his name appears on the register of local government electors in force on the enumeration date under the Representation of the People Acts for a local government area which is situated partly in the constituency and his qualifying address is situated in the constituency.
- (7) The total electorate is the total number of persons whose names appear on the registers of local government electors in force on the enumeration date under the Representation of the People Acts for all of the local government areas in Scotland (except the local government areas of Orkney and Shetland).
- (8) The enumeration date is, in relation to a report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland, the date on which notice with respect to the report is published in the Edinburgh Gazette in accordance with paragraph 7(1) above.
- (9) “Qualifying address” and “local government area” have the same meanings as in the Representation of the People Act 1983 (c. 2).

Rule 3

The Boundary Commission for Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rules 1 and 2 if they think that special geographical considerations (including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency) render it desirable to do so.

Rule 4

The Boundary Commission for Scotland need not aim at giving full effect in all circumstances to Rules 1 to 3 but they must take account (so far as they reasonably can) —

- (a) of the inconveniences attendant on alterations of constituencies other than alterations made for the purposes of Rule 1, and
- (b) of any local ties which would be broken by such alterations.

The regional rules

13 These are the regional rules.

Rule 1

A constituency must fall wholly within a region.

Rule 2

The regional electorate of a region must be as near the regional electorate of each of the other regions as is practicable, having regard (where appropriate) to special geographical considerations.

- 14 (1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of the regional rules.
- (2) For the purposes of a report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland in relation to a region, the regional electorate is the number of persons —
- (a) whose names appear on the enumeration date on the registers of local government electors in the region, and
 - (b) who are registered at addresses within a constituency included in the region.
- (3) The enumeration date is the date on which notice with respect to the report is published in the Edinburgh Gazette in accordance with paragraph 7(1) above.
- (4) Sub-paragraphs (2) and (3) also apply for the purpose of construing references to the regional electorate in relation to a report of the Boundary Commission for Scotland made for the purposes of a report as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2).

Appendix C – Constituencies and regions at the start of this review

This Appendix lists the Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions in existence at the start of this review, together with their local government electorate in 1999 (when the first elections were held to the modern Scottish Parliament), and in July 2007 (at the start of this review). Further details of these constituencies and regions appear in our Information Paper, *Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions 1999-2011*.

Constituencies at the start of this review

Figure C.1 lists each Scottish Parliament constituency at the start of this review in alphabetical order, together with the designation of each constituency, its local government electorate in 1999 and 2007, and the percentage difference of that electorate from the electoral quota calculated at that time. The electoral quota is described in Chapter 2.2.

Figure C.2 shows graphically the July 2007 electorates of the constituencies at the start of this review, arranged in ascending order of electorate.

Regions at the start of this review

Figure C.3 lists each Scottish Parliament region at the start of this review in alphabetical order, with its local government electorate in 1999 and 2007 (calculated by aggregating the constituency electorates), and the percentage difference of that electorate from the average of all regions at the time.

Figure C.1 Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency	Designation	1999 electorate ¹	% from quota	July 2007 electorate	% from quota
Aberdeen Central	Burgh	54,290	-3.0	46,810	-14.5
Aberdeen North	Burgh	55,450	-0.9	51,880	-5.2
Aberdeen South	Burgh	61,710	10.3	57,010	4.2
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh	58,580	4.7	57,930	5.9
Angus	County	60,500	8.1	61,460	12.3
Argyll and Bute	County	50,420	-9.9	49,020	-10.4
Ayr	County	57,120	2.1	55,240	0.9
Banff and Buchan	County	59,030	5.5	56,680	3.6
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	County	41,980	-25.0	42,090	-23.1
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	66,690	19.2	65,590	19.8
Central Fife	County	59,200	5.8	58,740	7.3
Clydebank and Milngavie	County	53,000	-5.3	48,840	-10.8
Clydesdale	County	64,620	15.5	66,380	21.3
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh	52,540	-6.1	54,780	0.1
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	49,230	-12.0	49,410	-9.7
Cunningham North	County	56,480	0.9	56,210	2.7
Cunningham South	County	50,760	-9.3	50,180	-8.3
Dumbarton	County	57,050	1.9	54,120	-1.1
Dumfries	County	63,630	13.7	62,940	15.0
Dundee East	Burgh	58,740	5.0	54,200	-1.0
Dundee West	Burgh	57,180	2.2	50,060	-8.5
Dunfermline East	County	52,250	-6.6	51,590	-5.7
Dunfermline West	County	53,420	-4.5	57,470	5.0
East Kilbride	County	66,560	18.9	67,360	23.1
East Lothian	County	58,700	4.9	61,580	12.5
Eastwood	County	68,120	21.7	67,210	22.8
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	65,320	16.7	55,860	2.1
Edinburgh East and Musselburgh	Burgh	60,640	8.4	56,700	3.6
Edinburgh North and Leith	Burgh	62,670	12.0	60,320	10.2
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh	61,150	9.3	58,210	6.4
Edinburgh South	Burgh	64,740	15.7	57,640	5.3
Edinburgh West	Burgh	62,230	11.2	59,930	9.5
Falkirk East	County	57,650	3.0	57,620	5.3
Falkirk West	County	53,460	-4.5	56,080	2.5
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	County	53,490	-4.4	52,860	-3.4
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh	53,580	-4.3	48,540	-11.3
Glasgow Baillieston	Burgh	49,100	-12.3	44,450	-18.8

1 1999 electorate figures are calculated from the December 1998 electoral register.

Constituency	Designation	1999 electorate ¹	% from quota	July 2007 electorate	% from quota
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	50,540	-9.7	48,030	-12.2
Glasgow Govan	Burgh	51,040	-8.8	47,550	-13.1
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh	58,120	3.9	55,320	1.1
Glasgow Maryhill	Burgh	53,850	-3.8	46,200	-15.6
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	48,330	-13.6	47,460	-13.3
Glasgow Rutherglen	Burgh	51,090	-8.7	51,350	-6.2
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	48,350	-13.6	44,230	-19.2
Glasgow Springburn	Burgh	53,530	-4.3	47,090	-14.0
Gordon	County	59,790	6.8	66,000	20.6
Greenock and Inverclyde	County	49,460	-11.6	44,940	-17.9
Hamilton North and Bellshill	Burgh	54,470	-2.7	54,150	-1.1
Hamilton South	Burgh	47,220	-15.6	49,100	-10.3
Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber	County	66,720	19.2	72,060	31.7
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	County	62,250	11.2	61,070	11.6
Kirkcaldy	County	52,140	-6.8	51,190	-6.5
Linlithgow	County	54,780	-2.1	56,310	2.9
Livingston	County	61,900	10.6	66,580	21.7
Midlothian	County	48,850	-12.7	48,530	-11.3
Moray	County	59,030	5.5	60,900	11.3
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh	53,040	-5.2	54,180	-1.0
North East Fife	County	60,310	7.8	61,600	12.6
North Tayside	County	62,410	11.5	62,340	13.9
Ochil	County	58,090	3.8	58,000	6.0
Orkney Islands	County	15,700	-71.9	16,340	-70.1
Paisley North	Burgh	49,990	-10.7	43,810	-19.9
Paisley South	Burgh	54,570	-2.5	48,830	-10.8
Perth	County	61,620	10.1	62,650	14.5
Ross, Skye and Inverness West	County	56,600	1.1	59,610	8.9
Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County	48,010	-14.2	48,190	-11.9
Shetland Islands	County	17,130	-69.4	17,270	-68.4
Stirling	County	53,640	-4.2	52,670	-3.8
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	64,090	14.5	60,490	10.5
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	County	51,950	-7.2	53,900	-1.5
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	County	60,530	8.2	65,870	20.4
West Renfrewshire	County	53,270	-4.8	50,310	-8.1
Western Isles	County	22,570	-59.7	22,200	-59.4
Total		4,006,260		3,919,310	
Electoral quota		55,964		54,728	

1 1999 electorate figures are calculated from the December 1998 electoral register.

Figure C.2 - Constituencies at the start of this review: July 2007 electorate counts

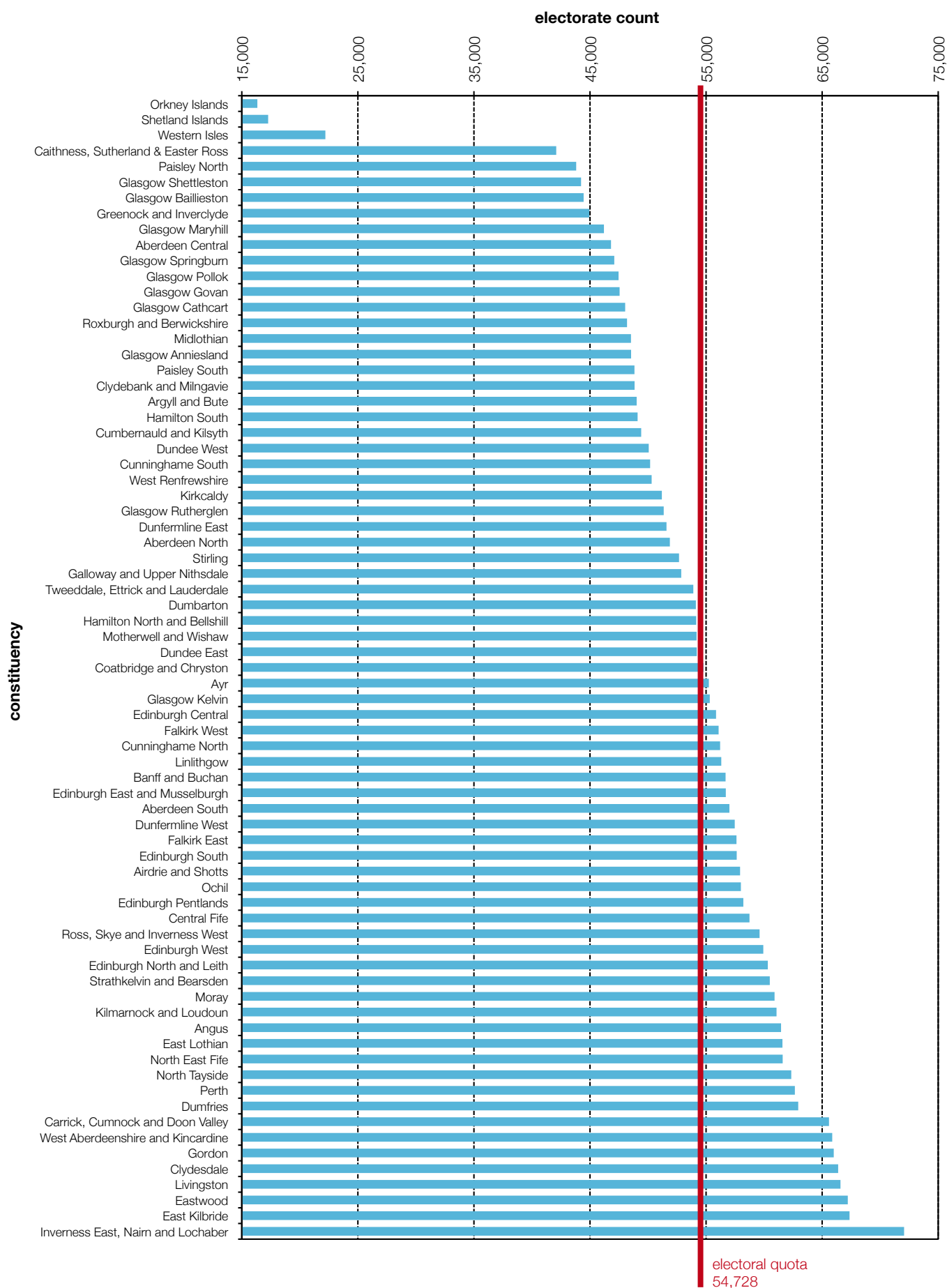
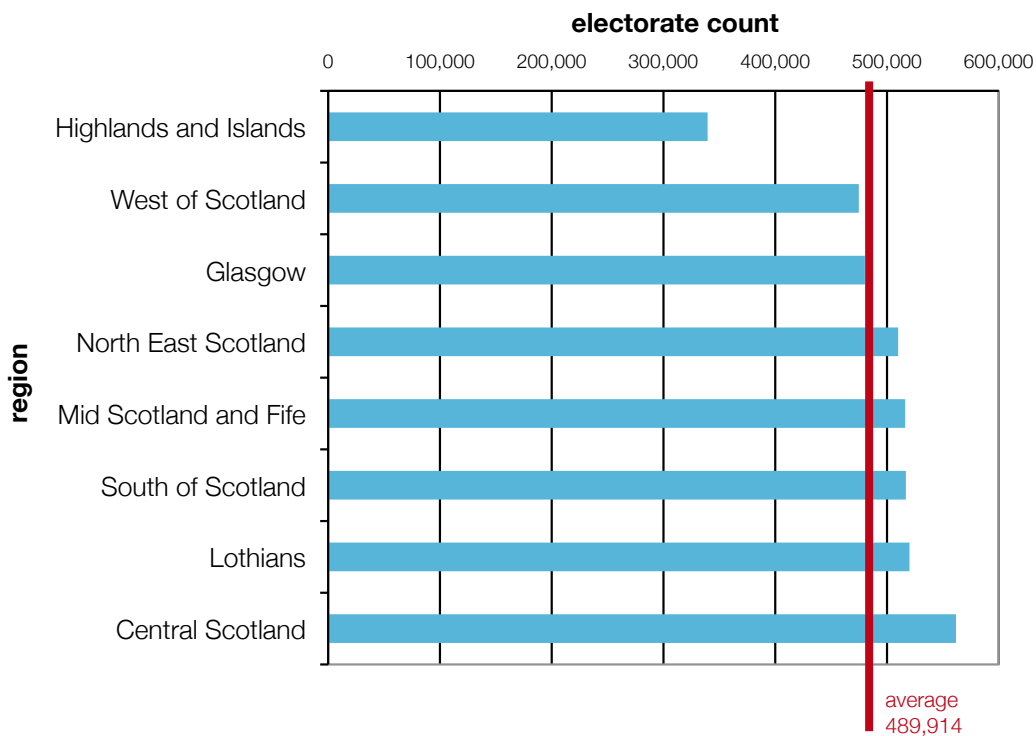


Figure C.3 Regions at the start of this review

Region	1999 electorate	% from average	July 2007 electorate	% from average
Central Scotland	555,000	10.8	561,680	14.6
Glasgow	517,530	3.3	480,220	-2.0
Highlands and Islands	330,150	-34.1	339,490	-30.7
Lothians	542,280	8.3	520,080	6.2
Mid Scotland and Fife	513,080	2.5	516,250	5.4
North East Scotland	527,220	5.3	509,970	4.1
South of Scotland	514,970	2.8	516,860	5.5
West of Scotland	506,030	1.0	474,760	-3.1
Total	4,006,260		3,919,310	
Average	500,782		489,914	

Figure C.4 shows graphically the July 2007 electorates of the regions at the start of this review, arranged in ascending order of electorate.

Figure C.4 - Regions at the start of this review: July 2007 electorate counts

Maps of constituencies and regions at the start of this review

More detailed maps of individual constituencies and regions at the start of this review are available on the Commission's website.

Figure C.5 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Aberdeen City council area

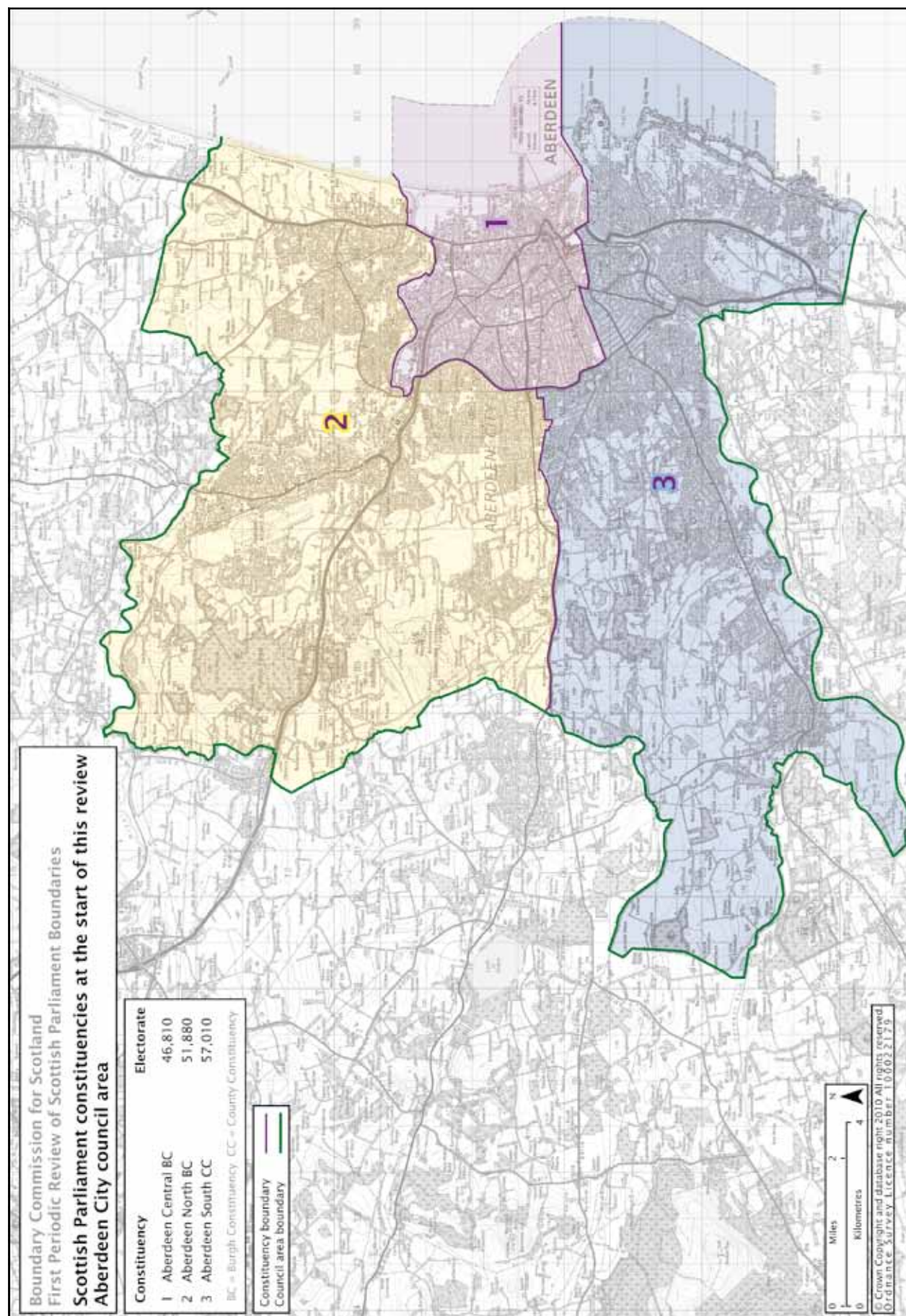


Figure C.6 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Aberdeenshire and Moray council areas

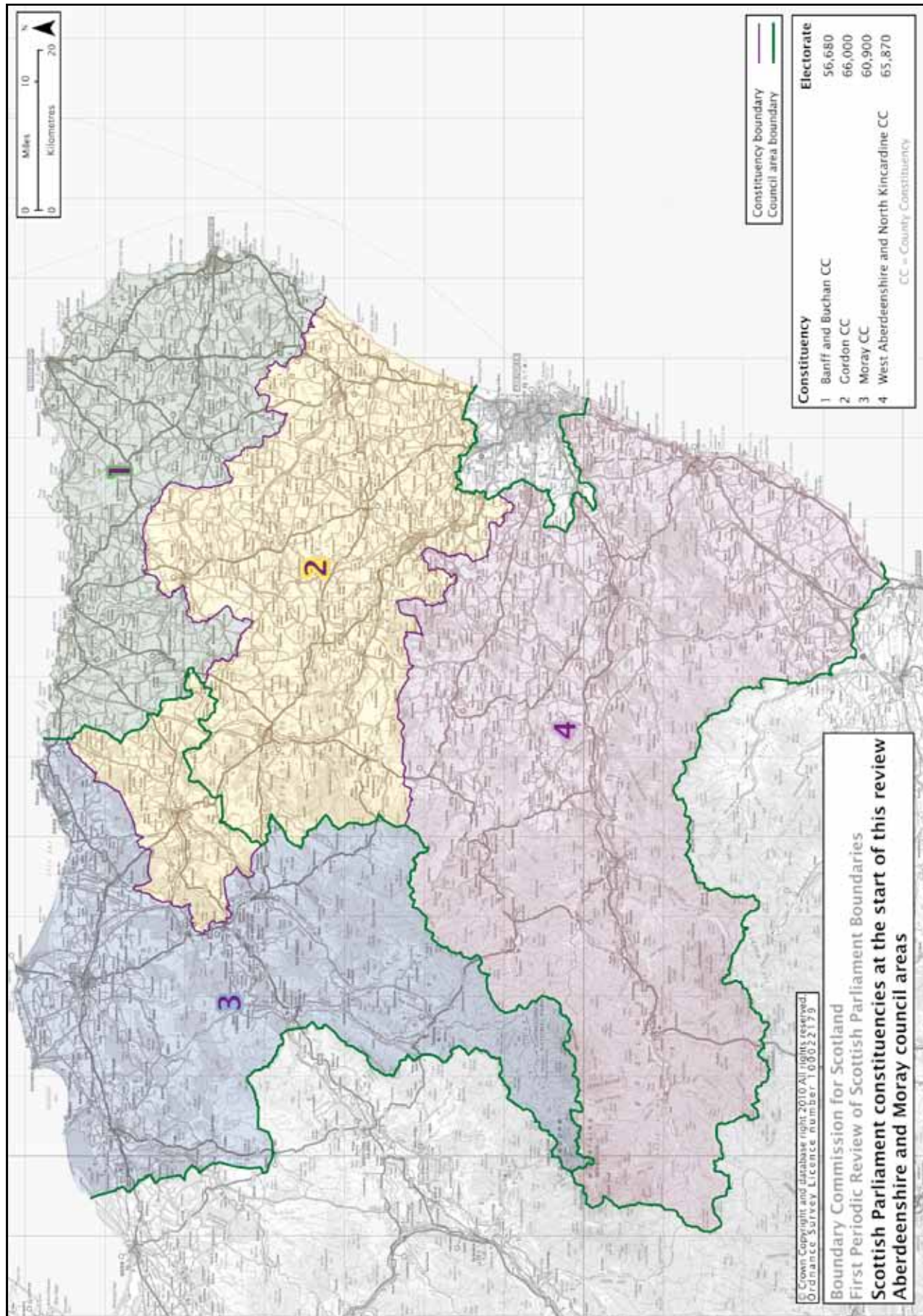


Figure C.7 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Angus, Clackmannanshire, Dundee City, Perth and Kinross, and Stirling council areas

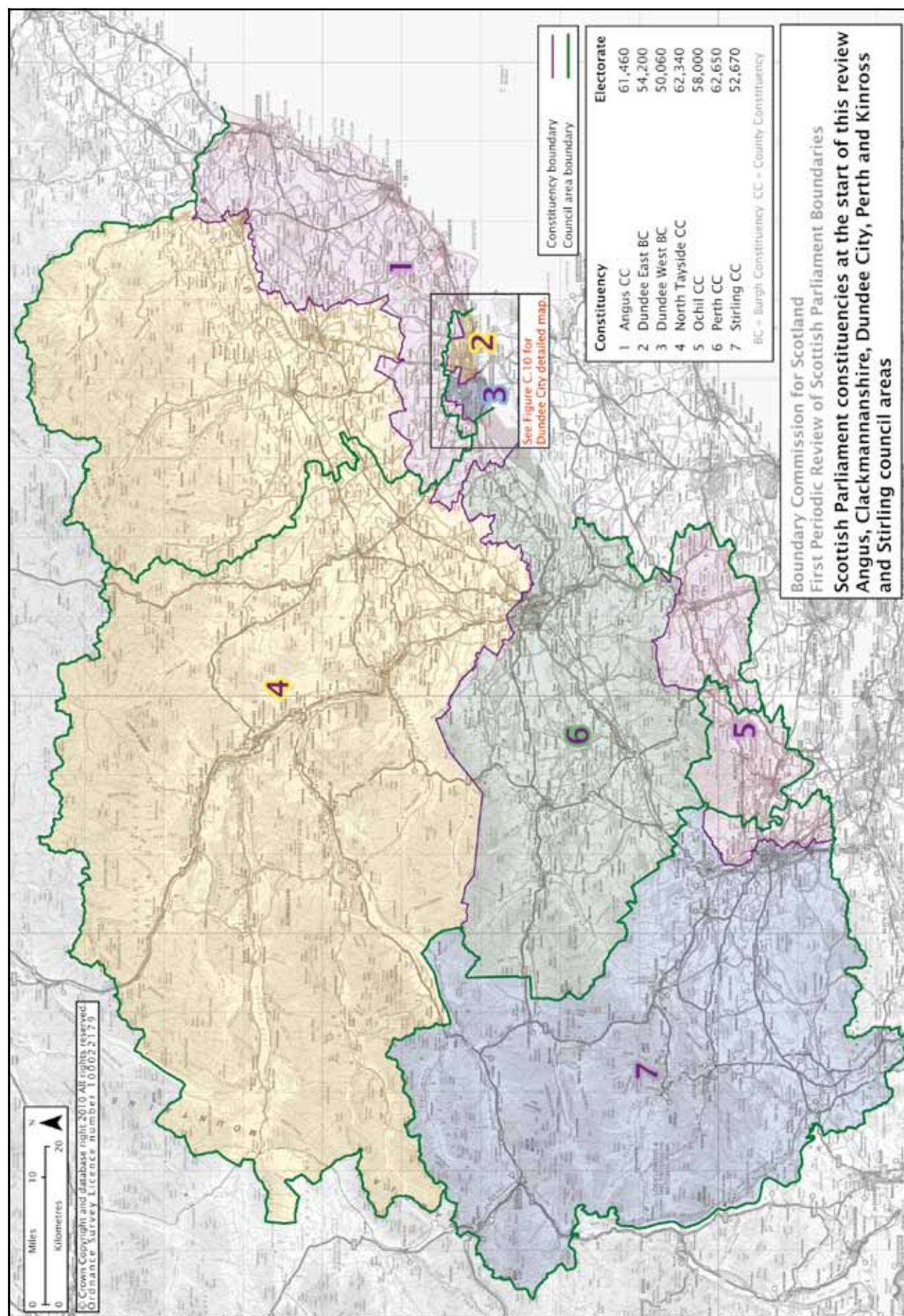


Figure C.8 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas

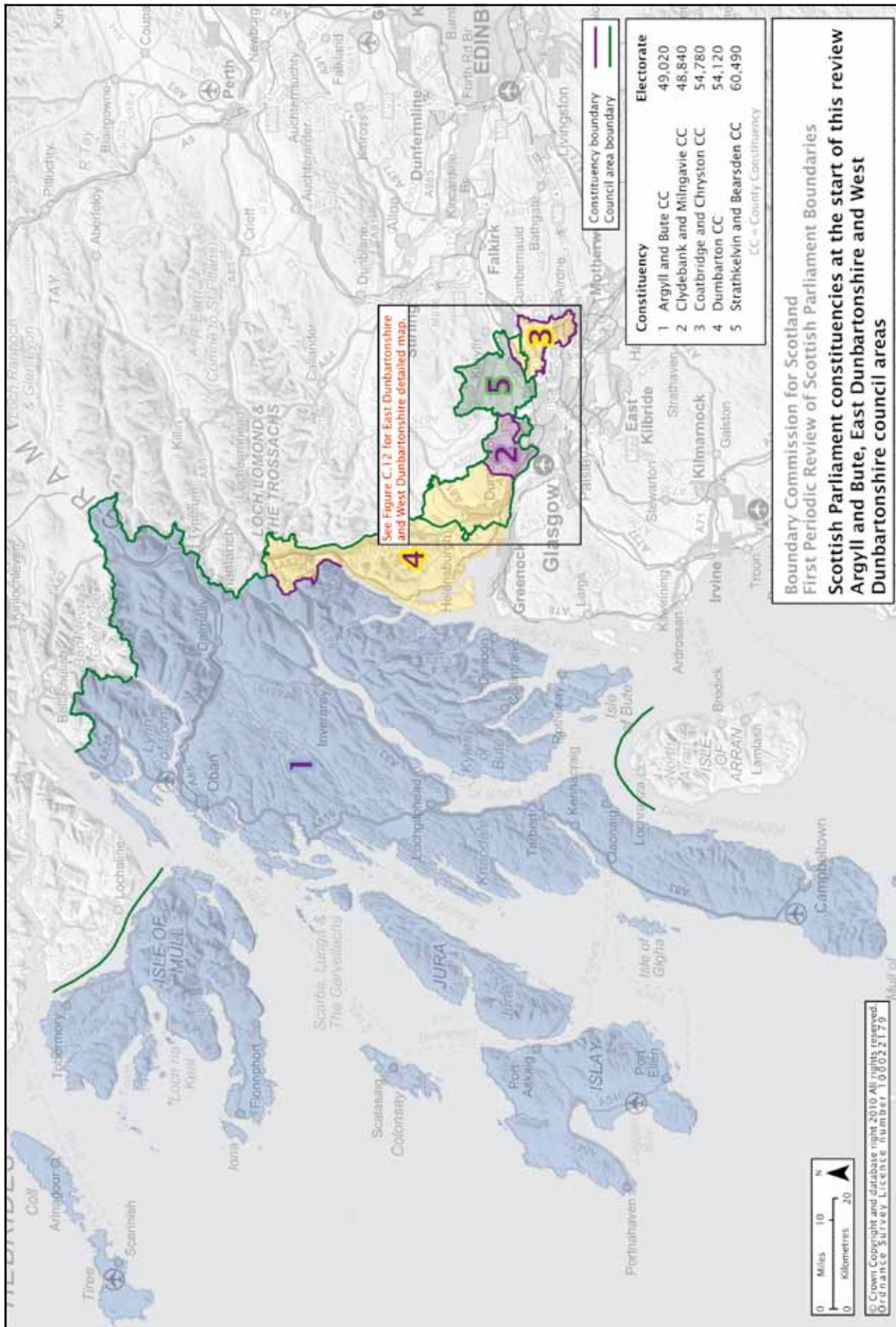


Figure C.9 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Dumfries and Galloway council area

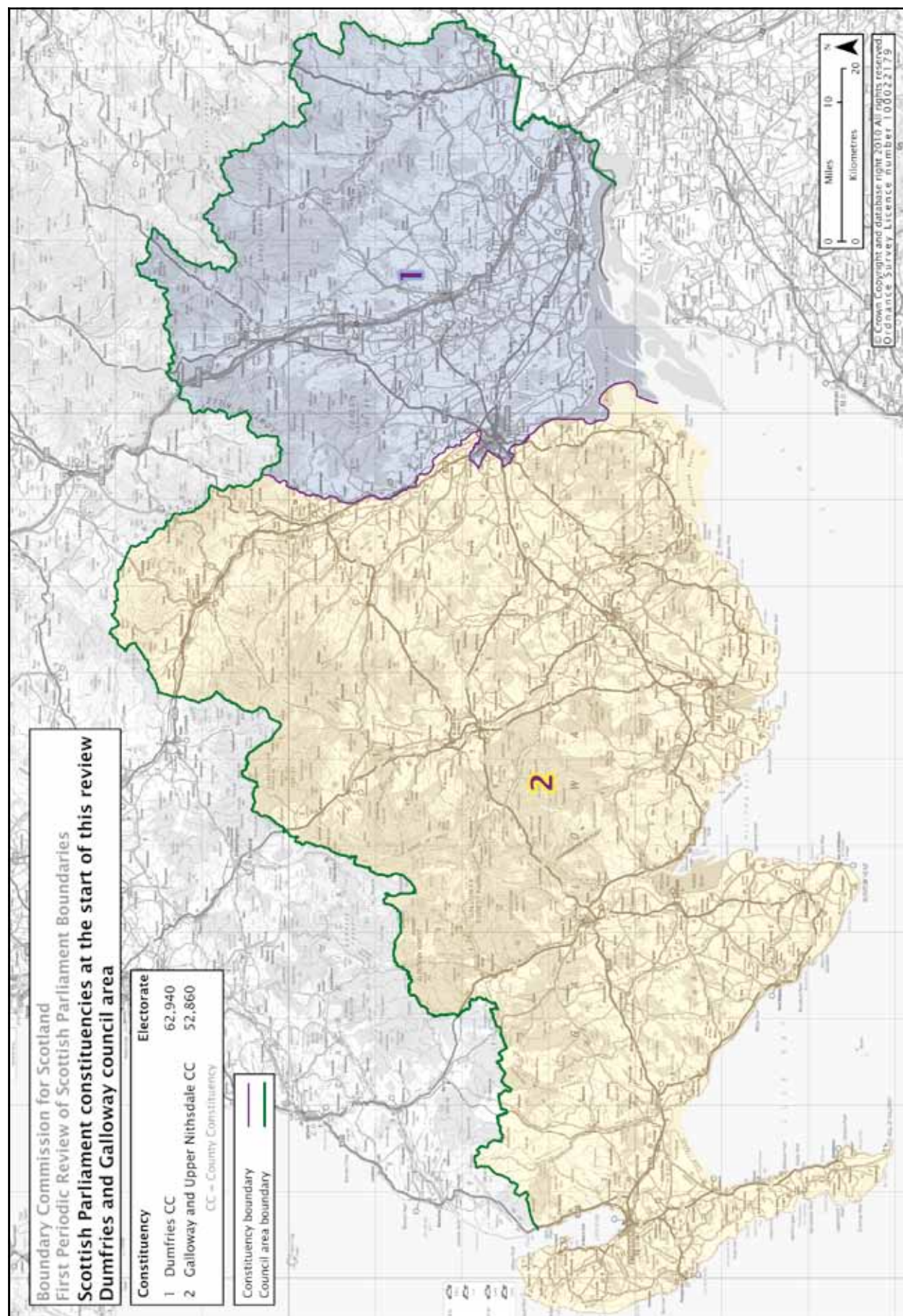


Figure C.10 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Dundee City council area

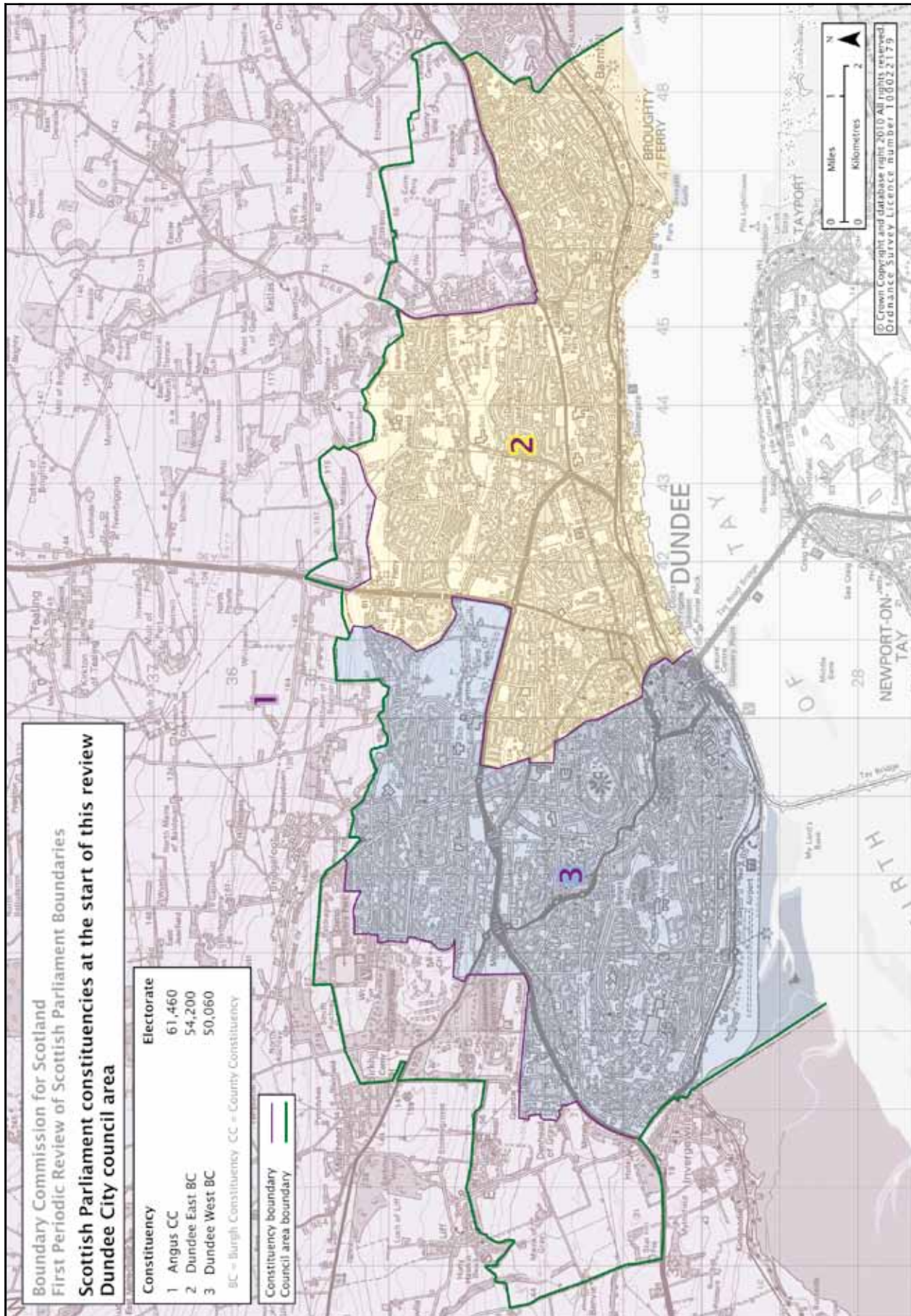


Figure C.11 – Constituencies at the start of this review – East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas

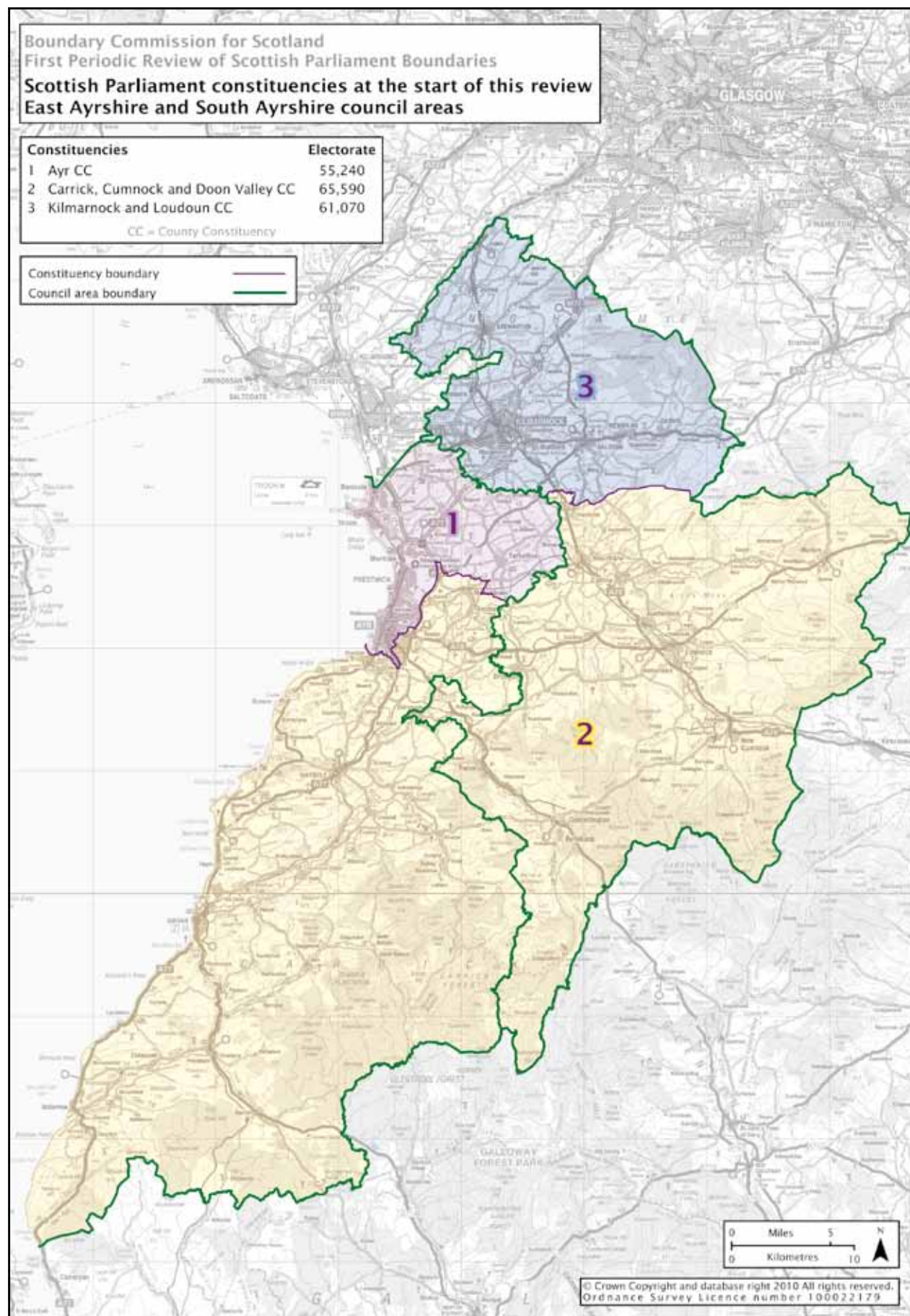


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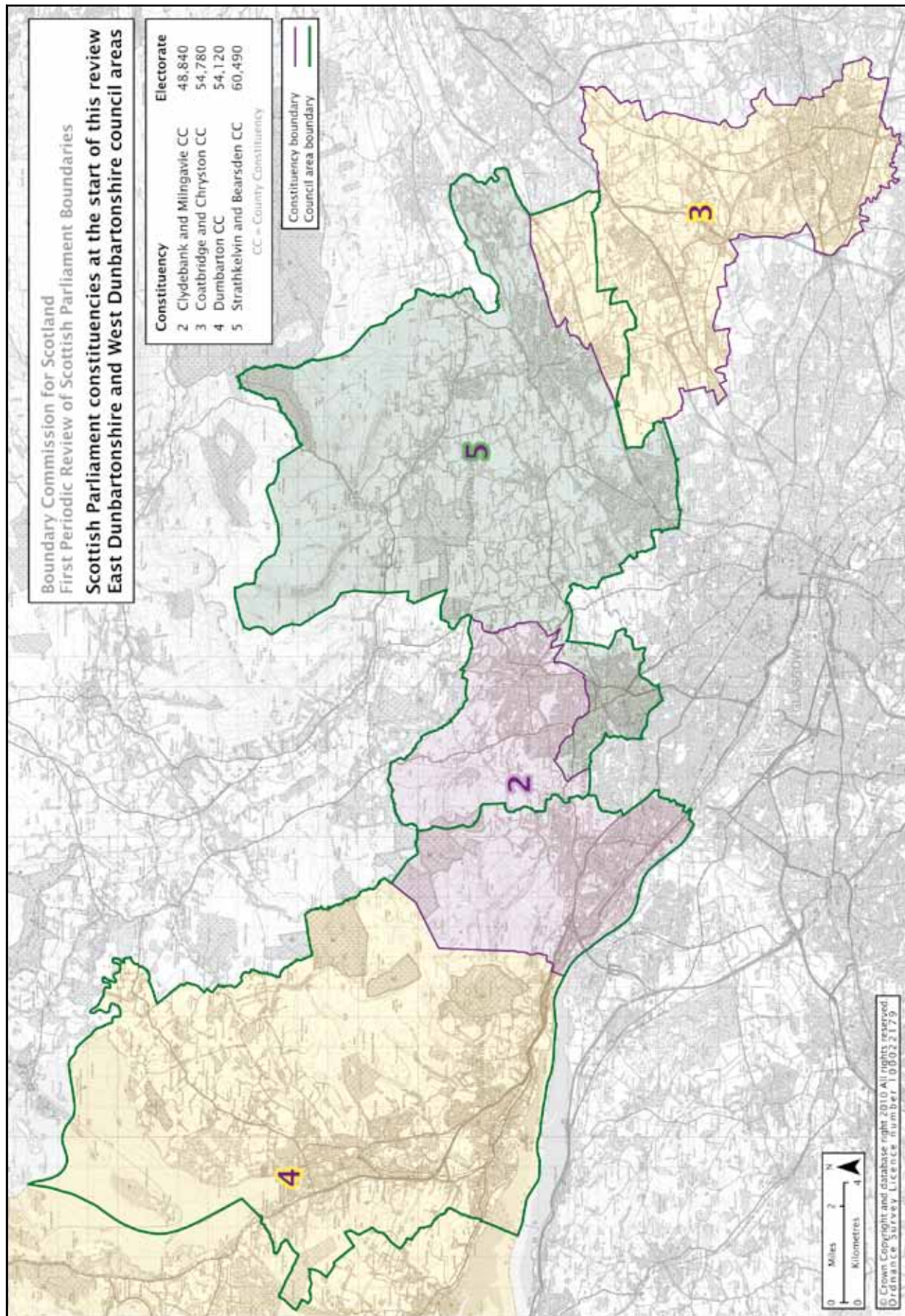


Figure C.13 – Constituencies at the start of this review – East Lothian council area

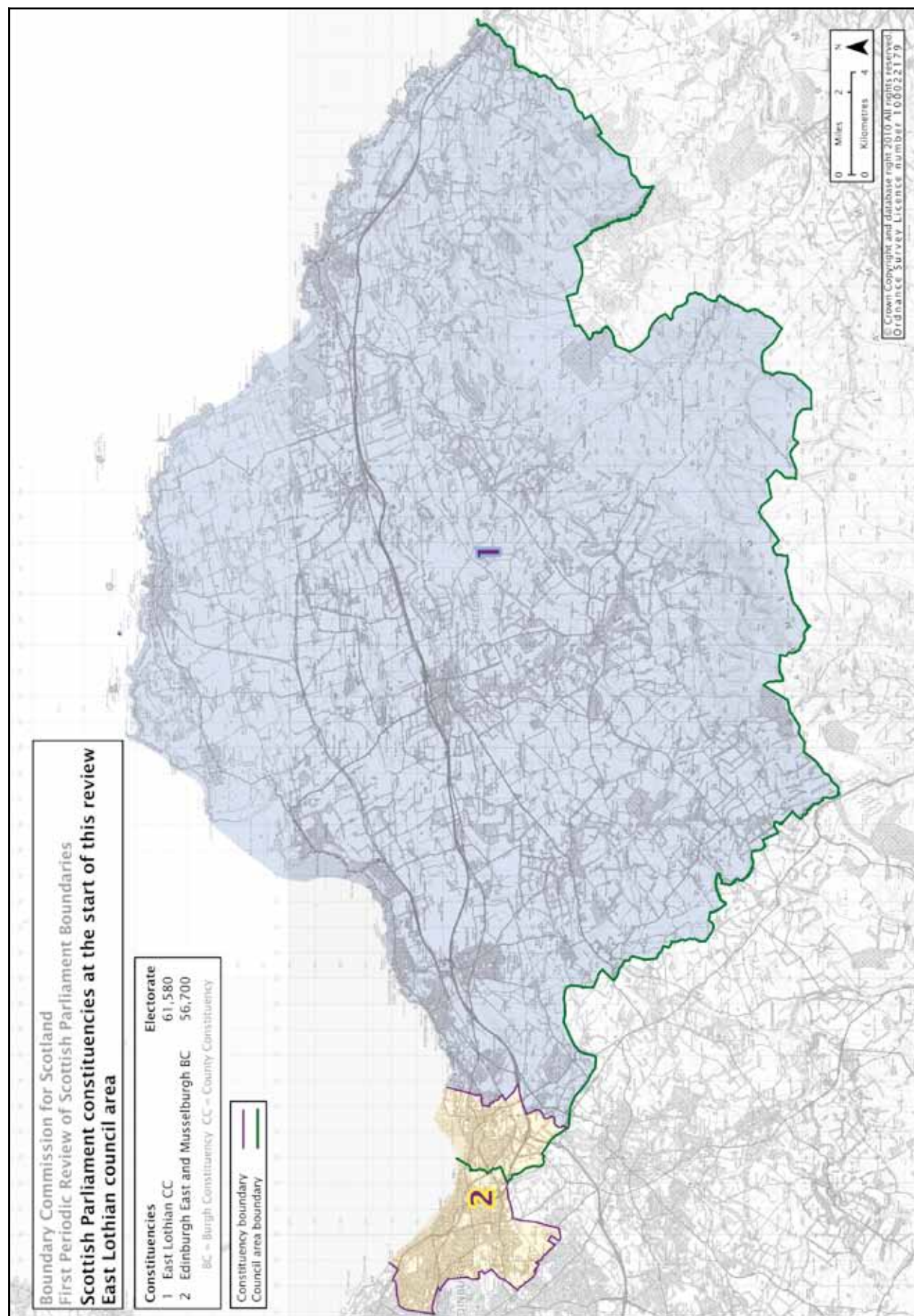


Figure C.14 – Constituencies at the start of this review – East Renfrewshire council area

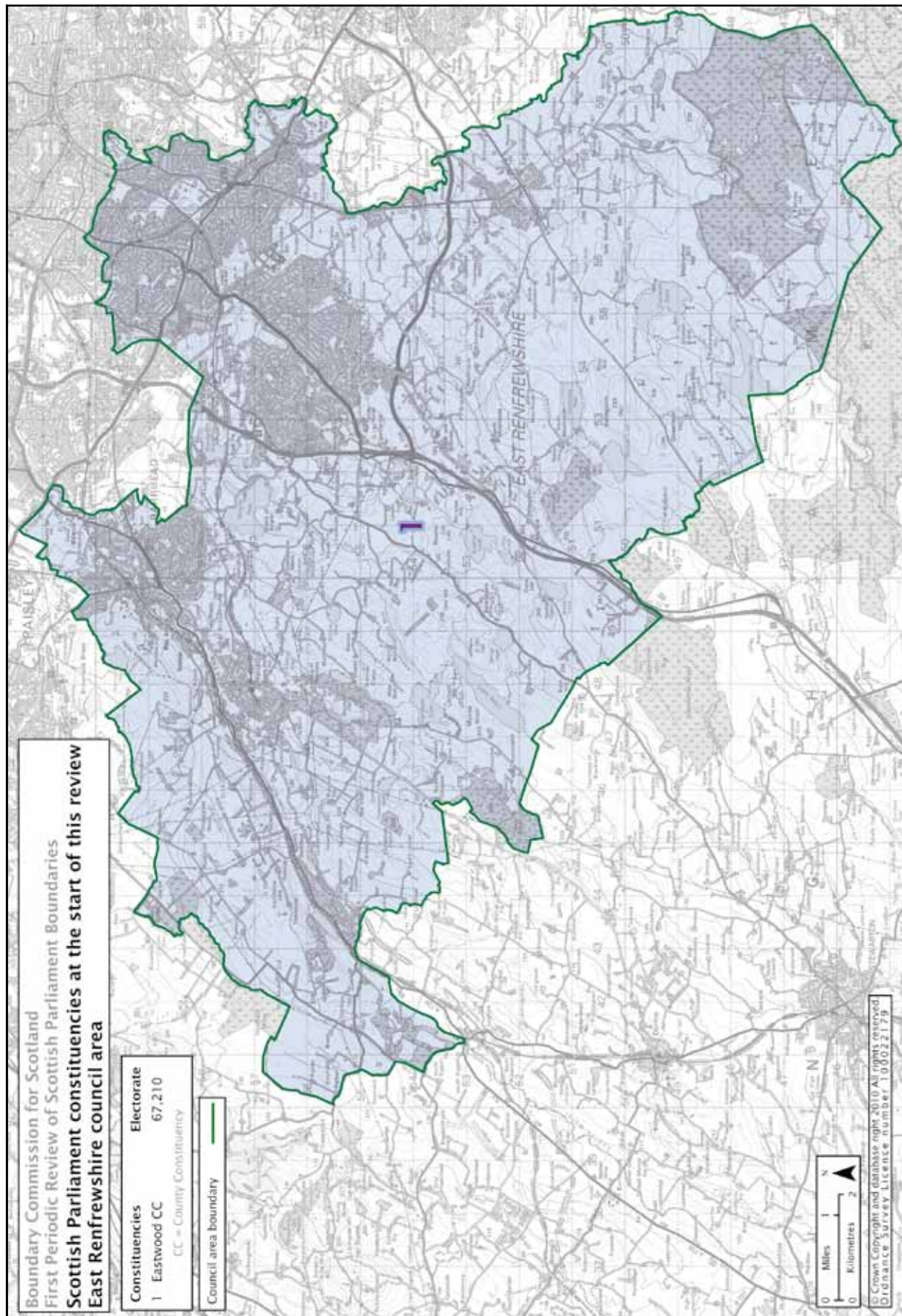


Figure C.15 – Constituencies at the start of this review – City of Edinburgh council area

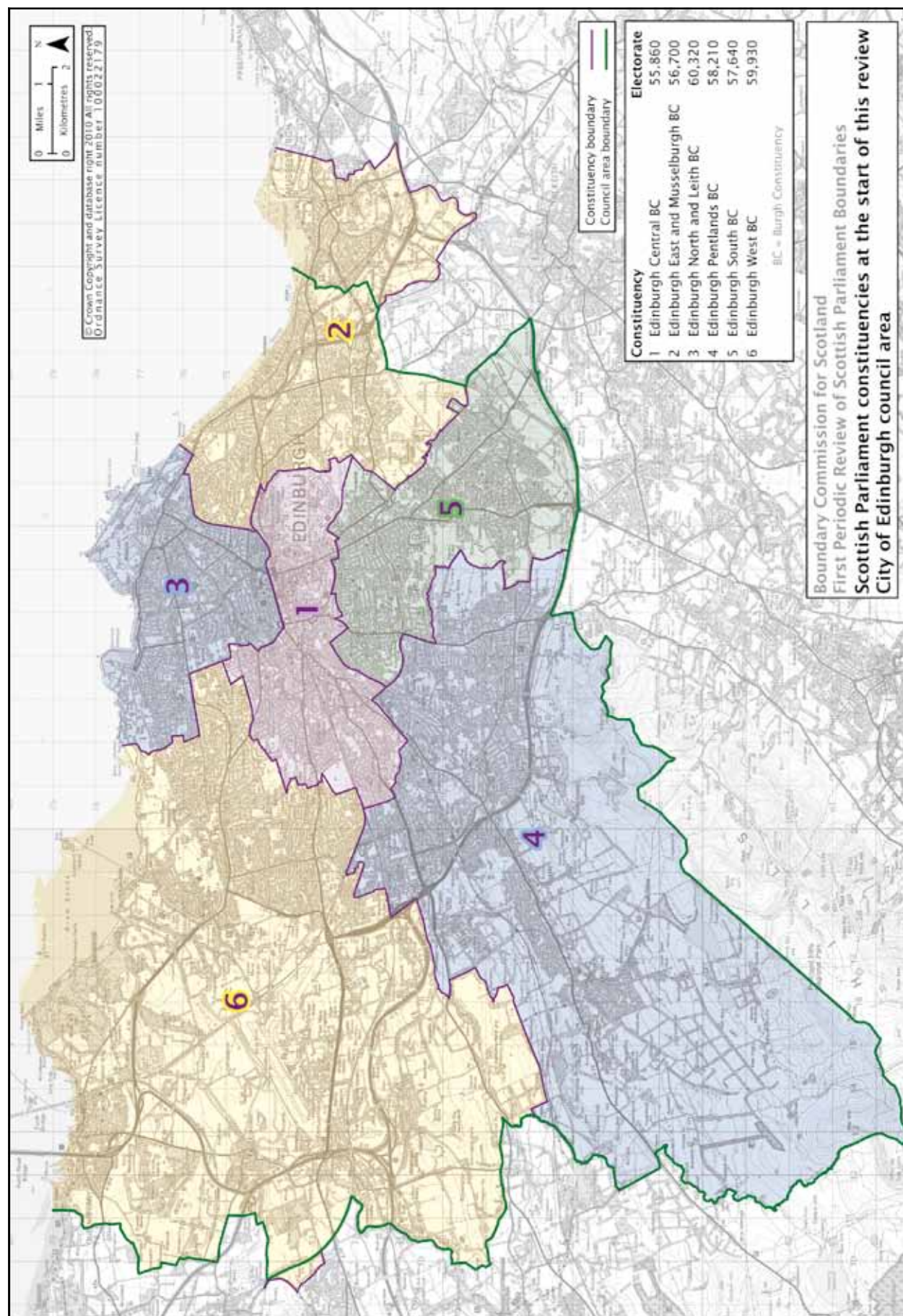


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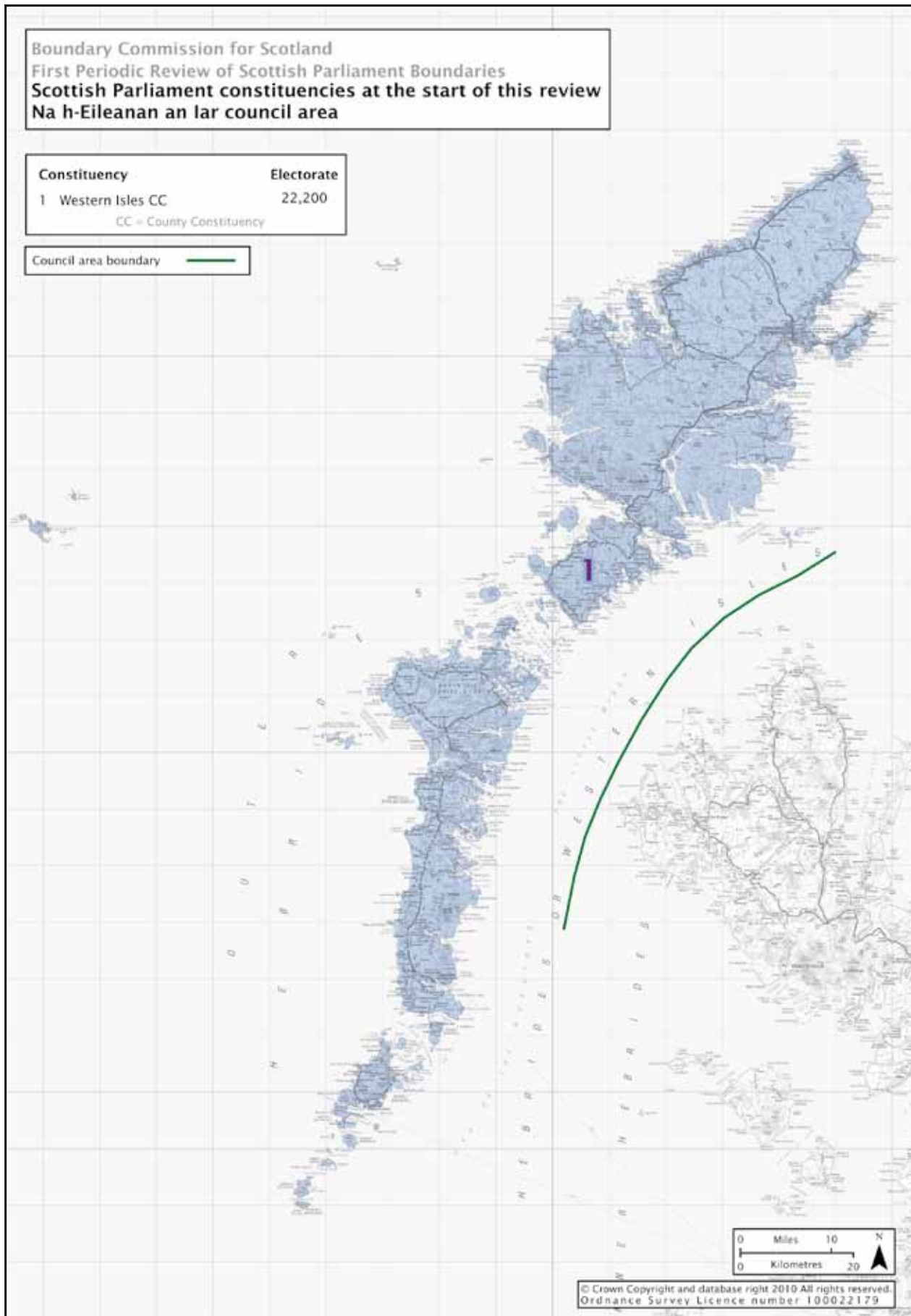


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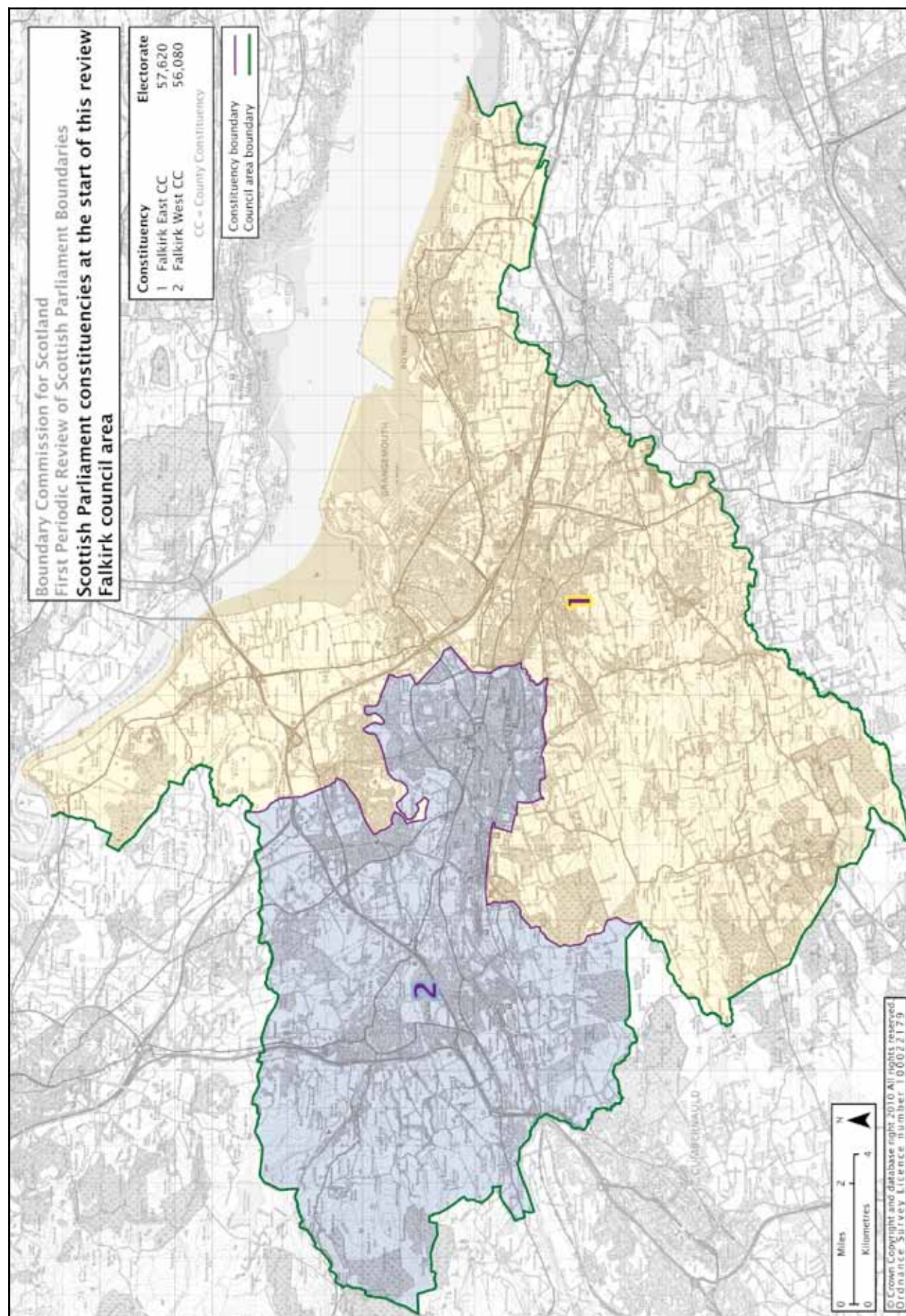


Figure C.18 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Fife council area

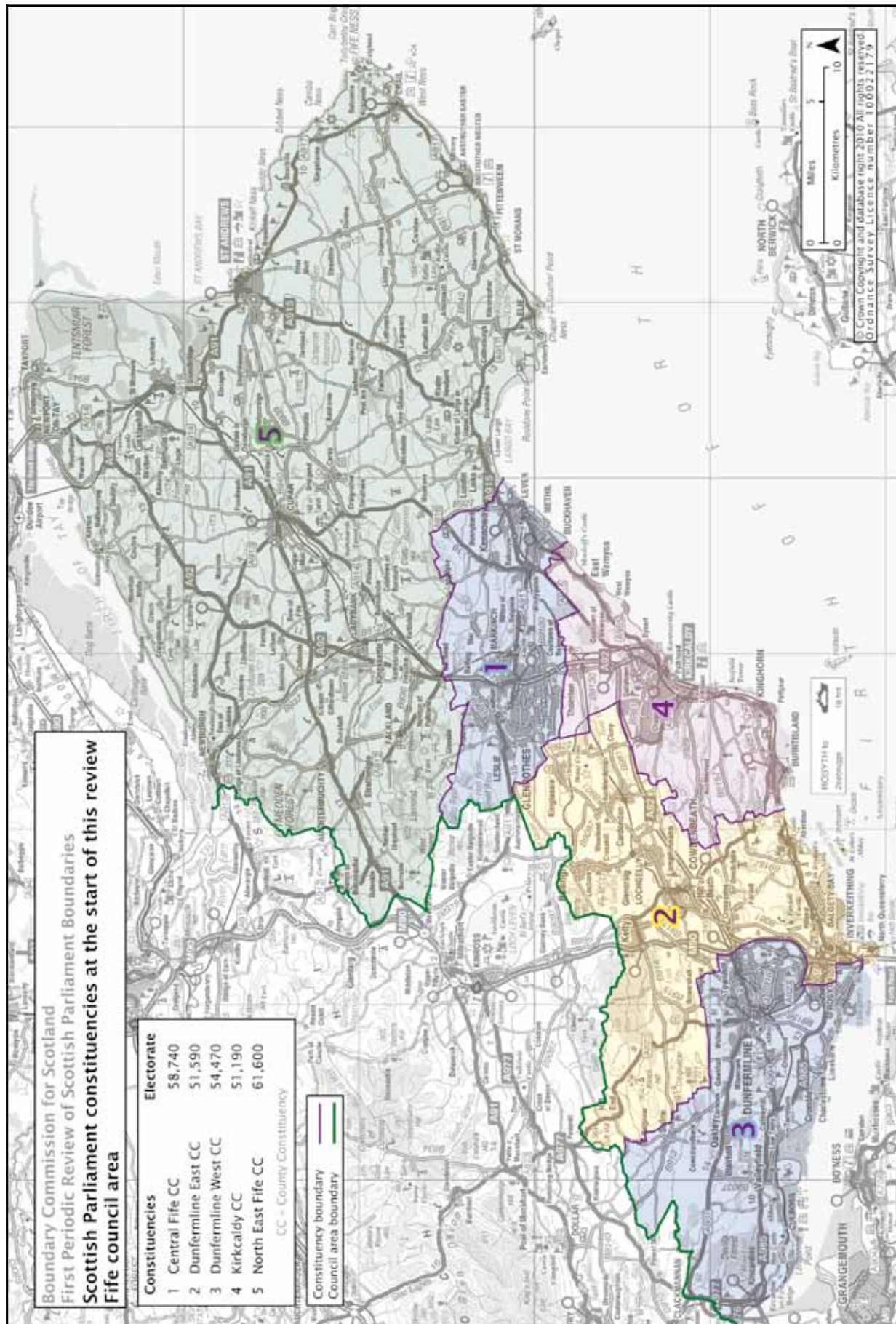


Figure C.19 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Glasgow City council area

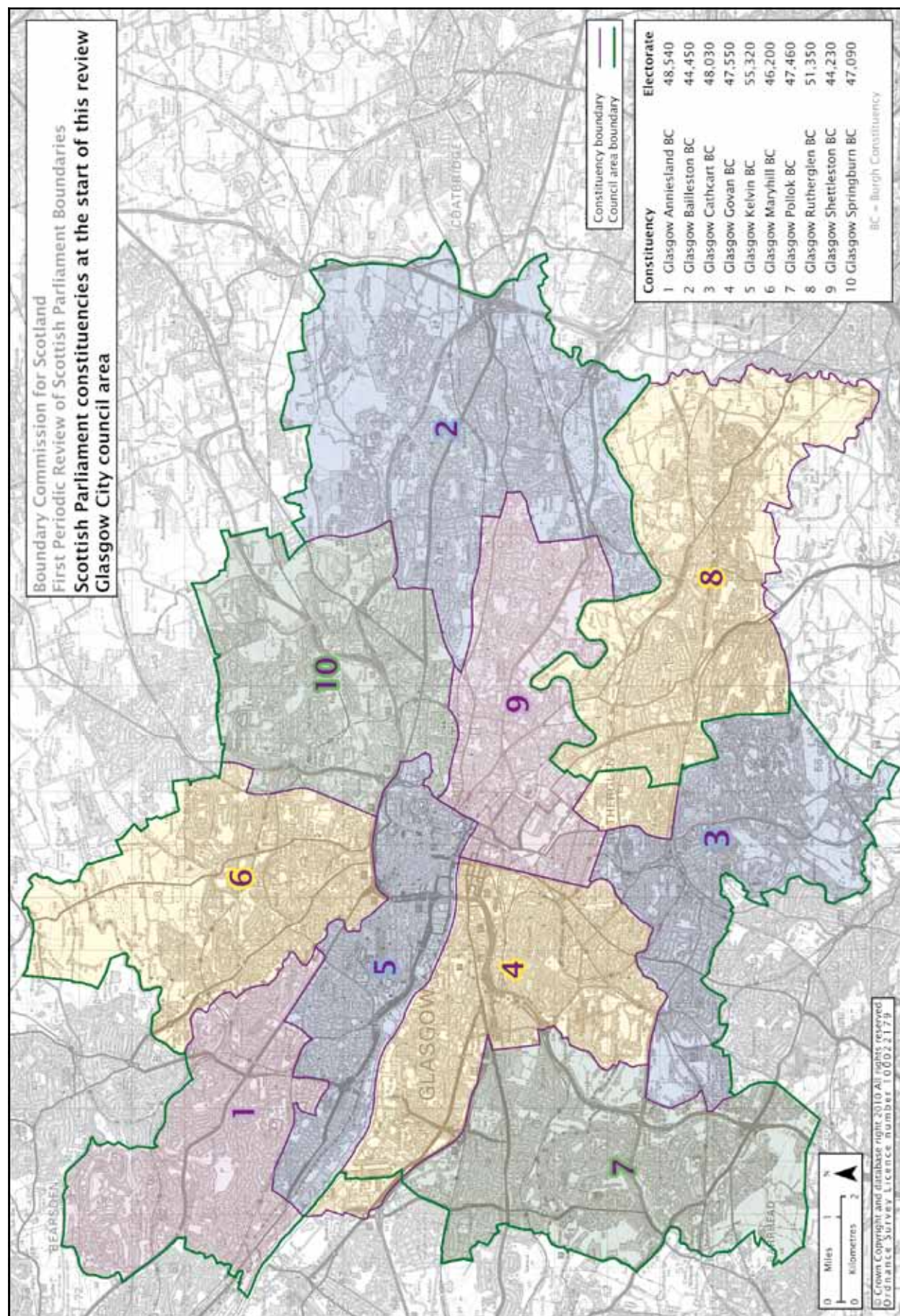


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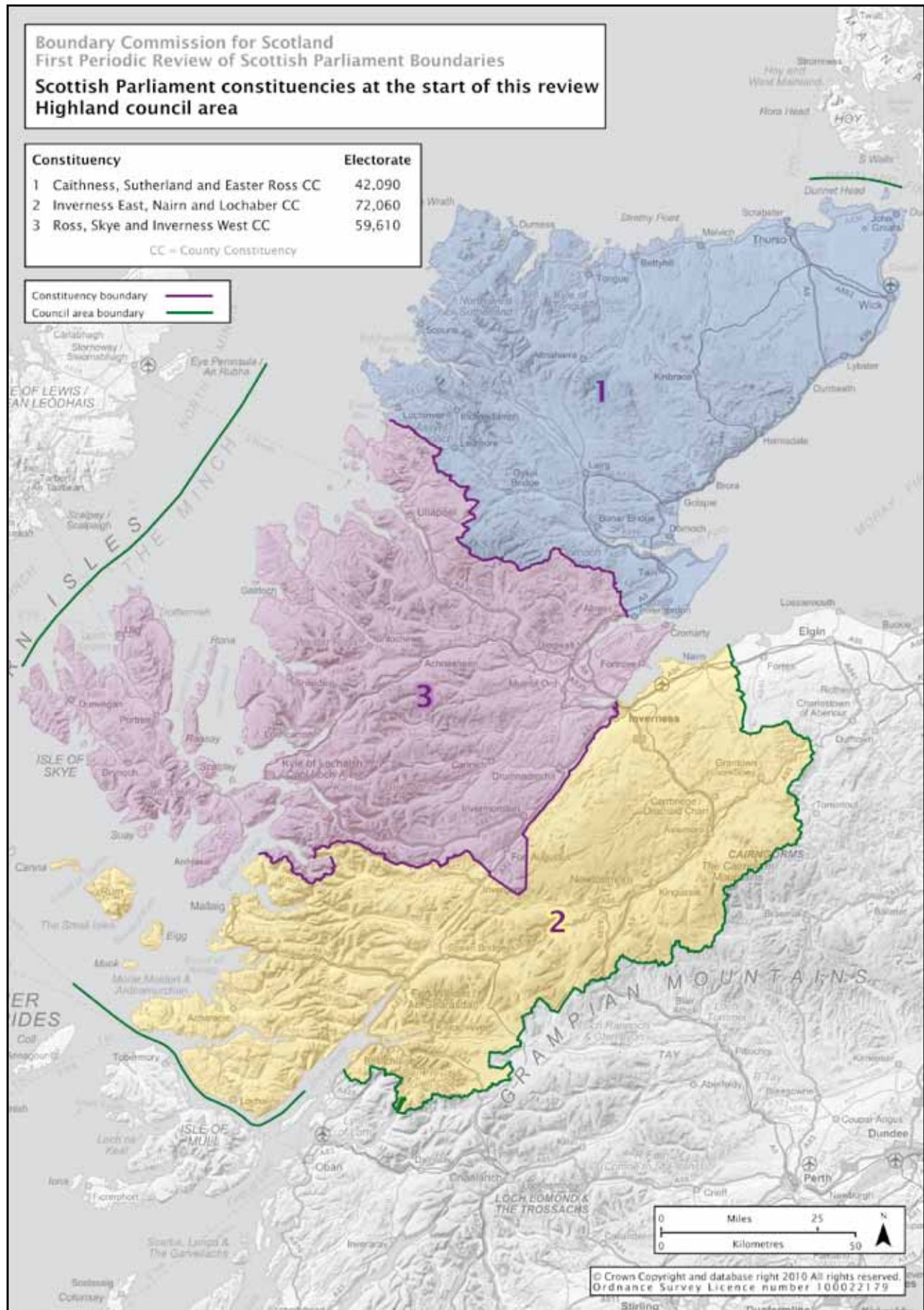


Figure C.21 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas

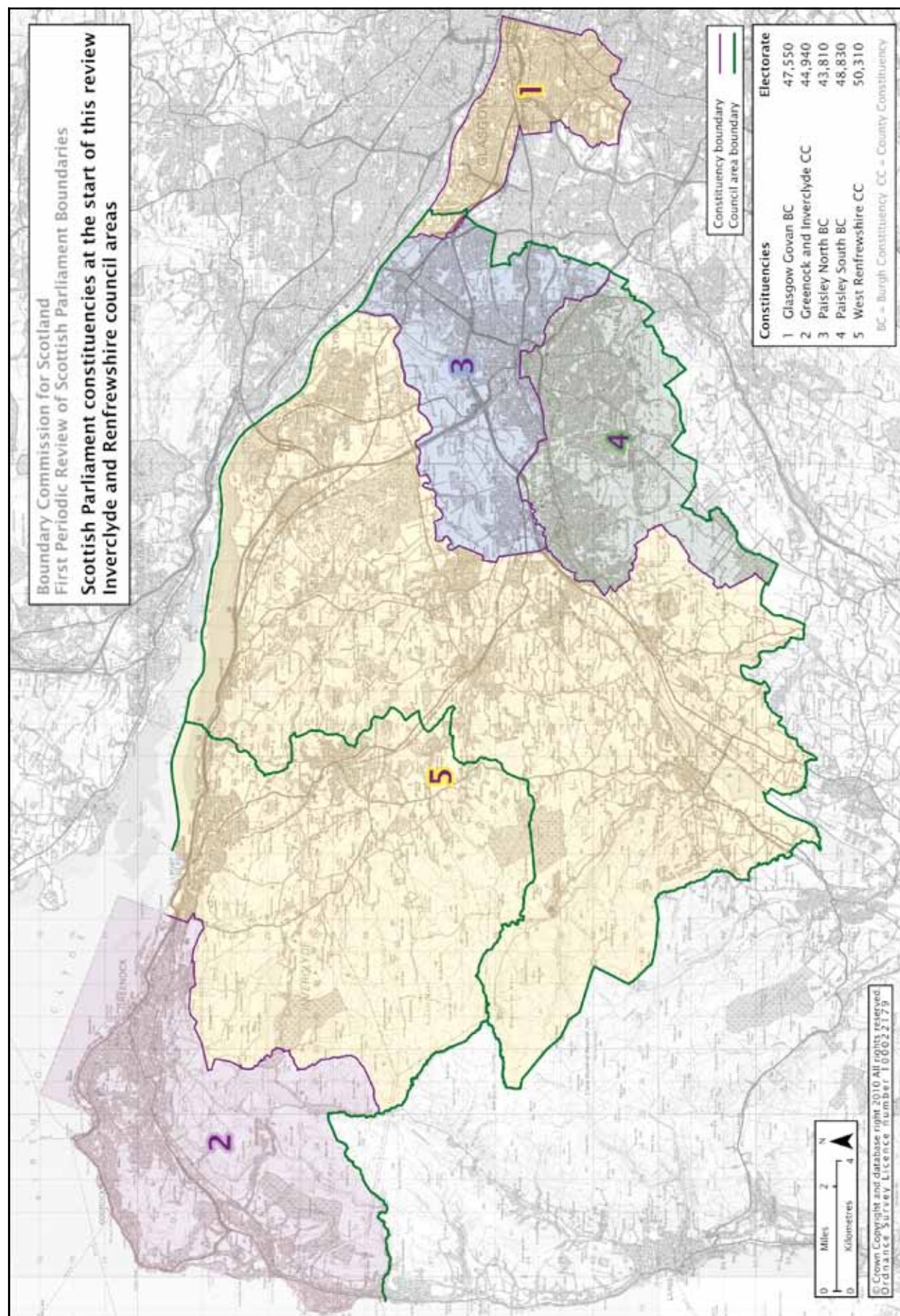


Figure C.22 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas

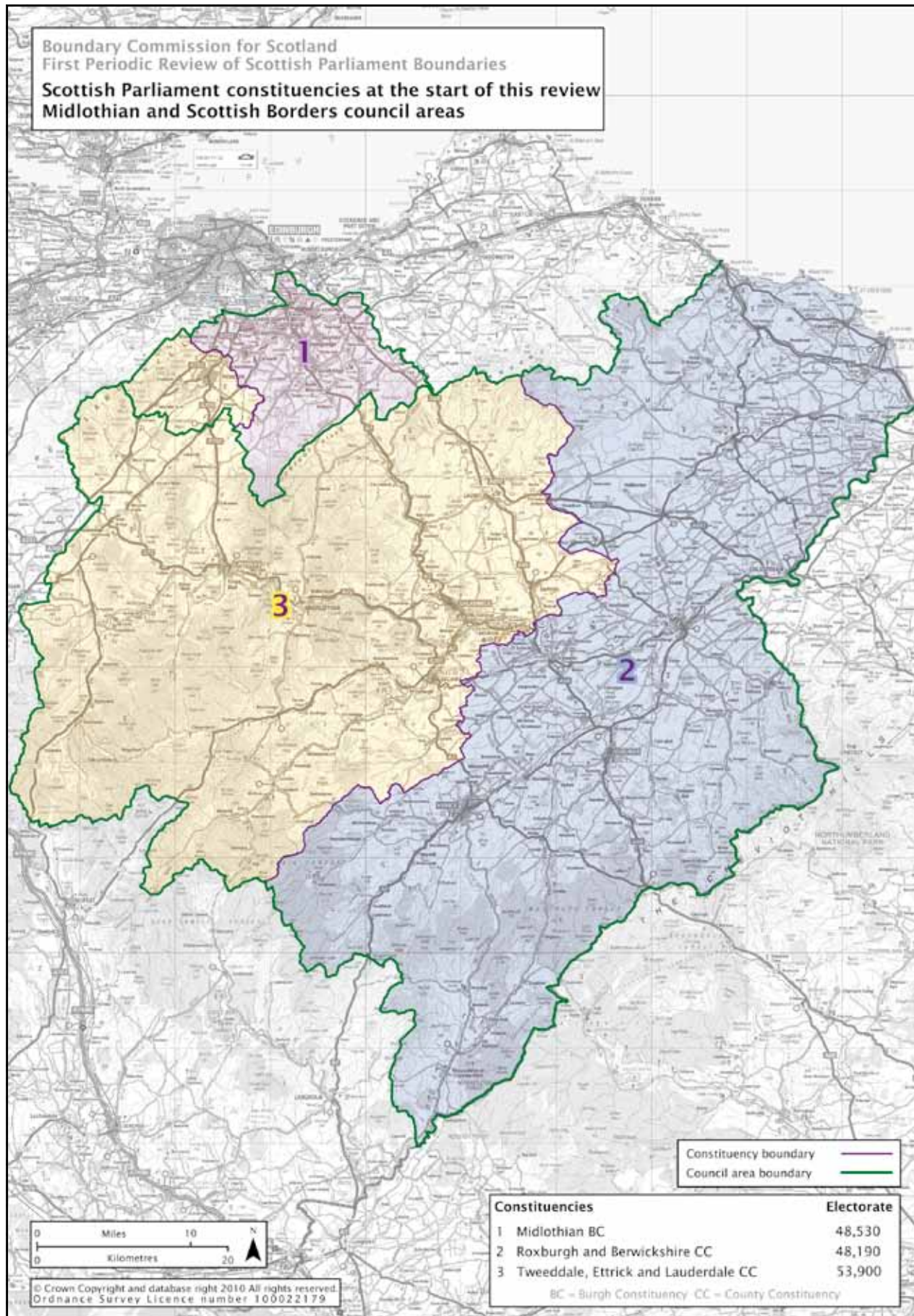


Figure C.23 – Constituencies at the start of this review – North Ayrshire council area

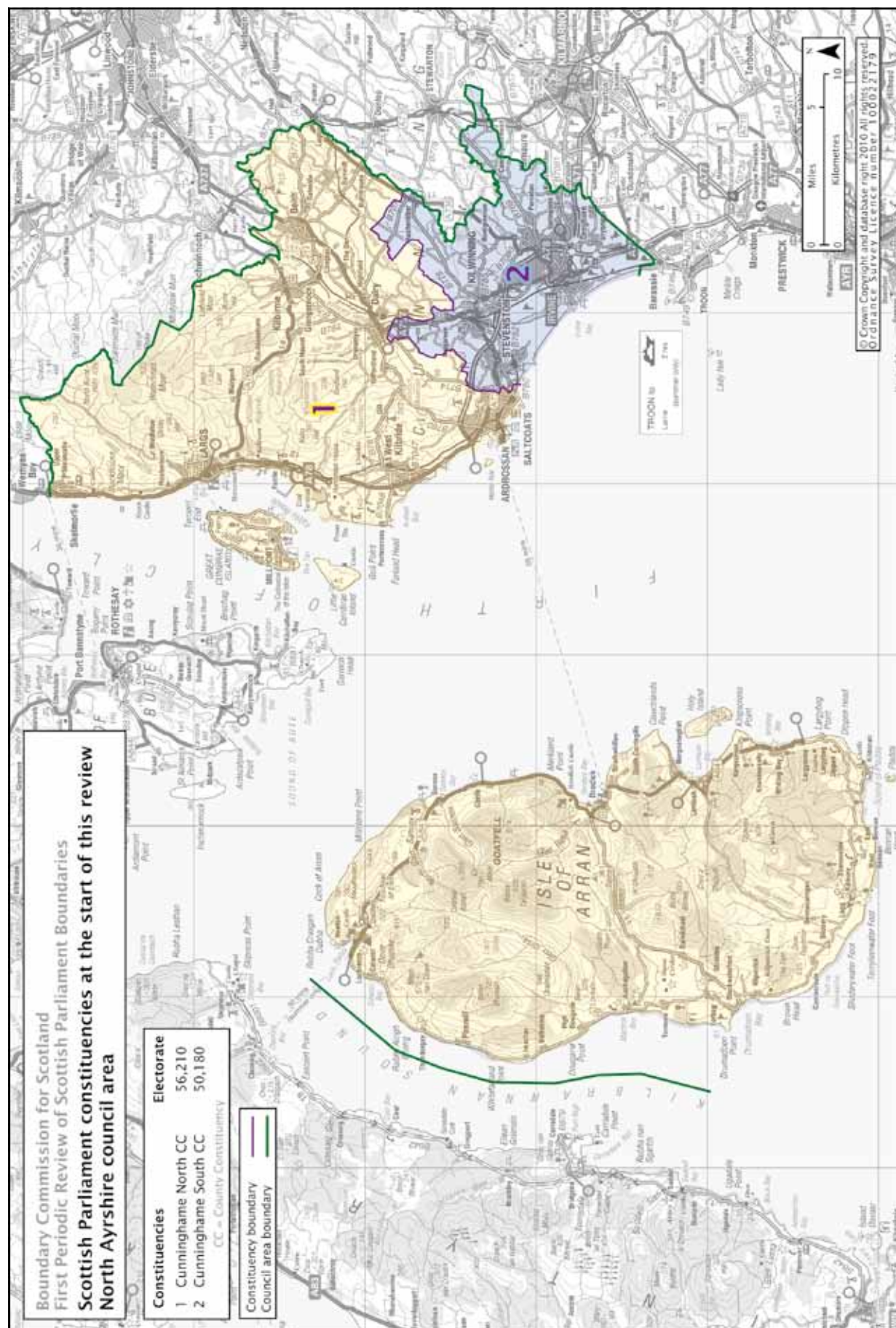


Figure C.24 – Constituencies at the start of this review – North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas

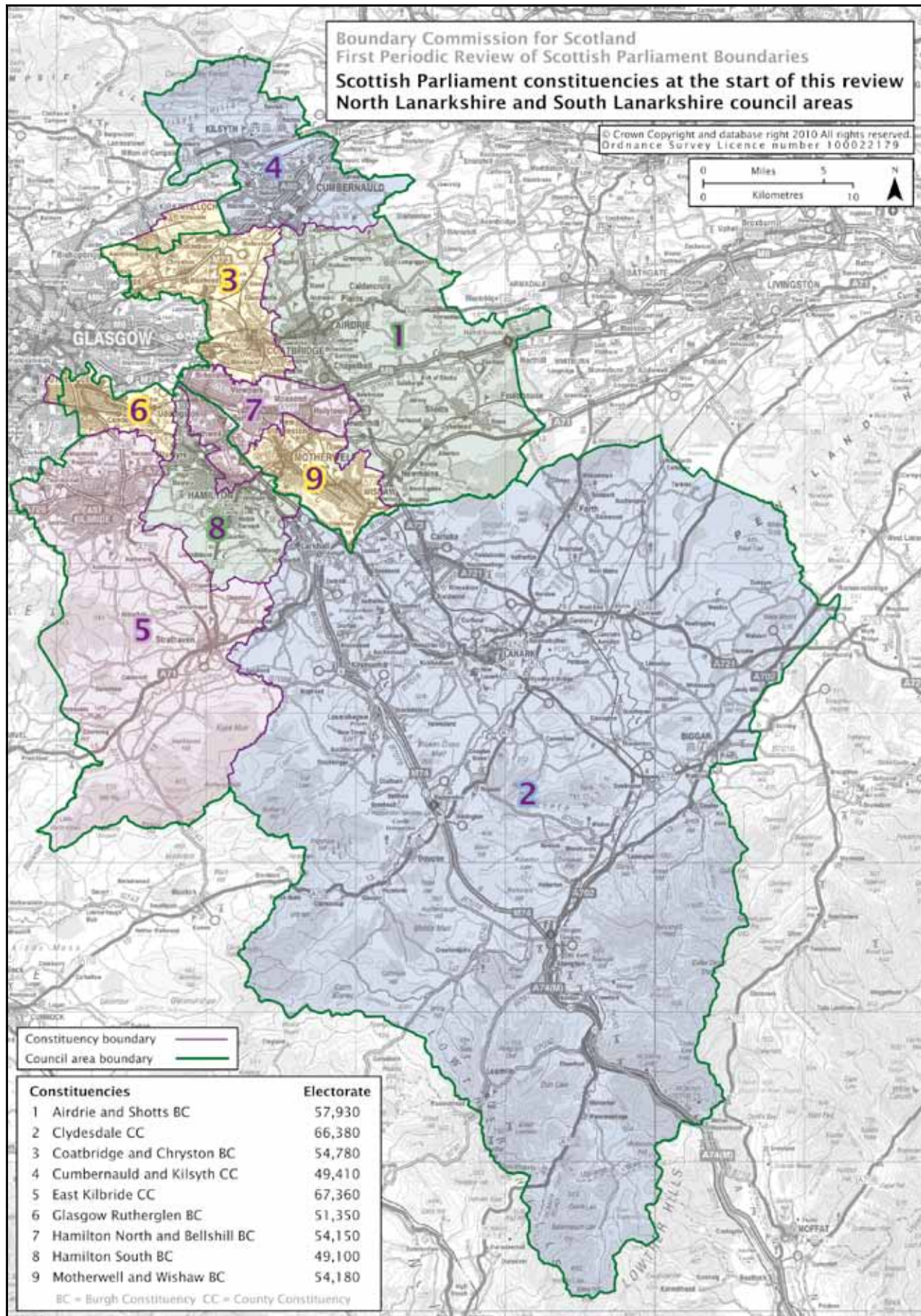


Figure C.25 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Orkney Islands council area

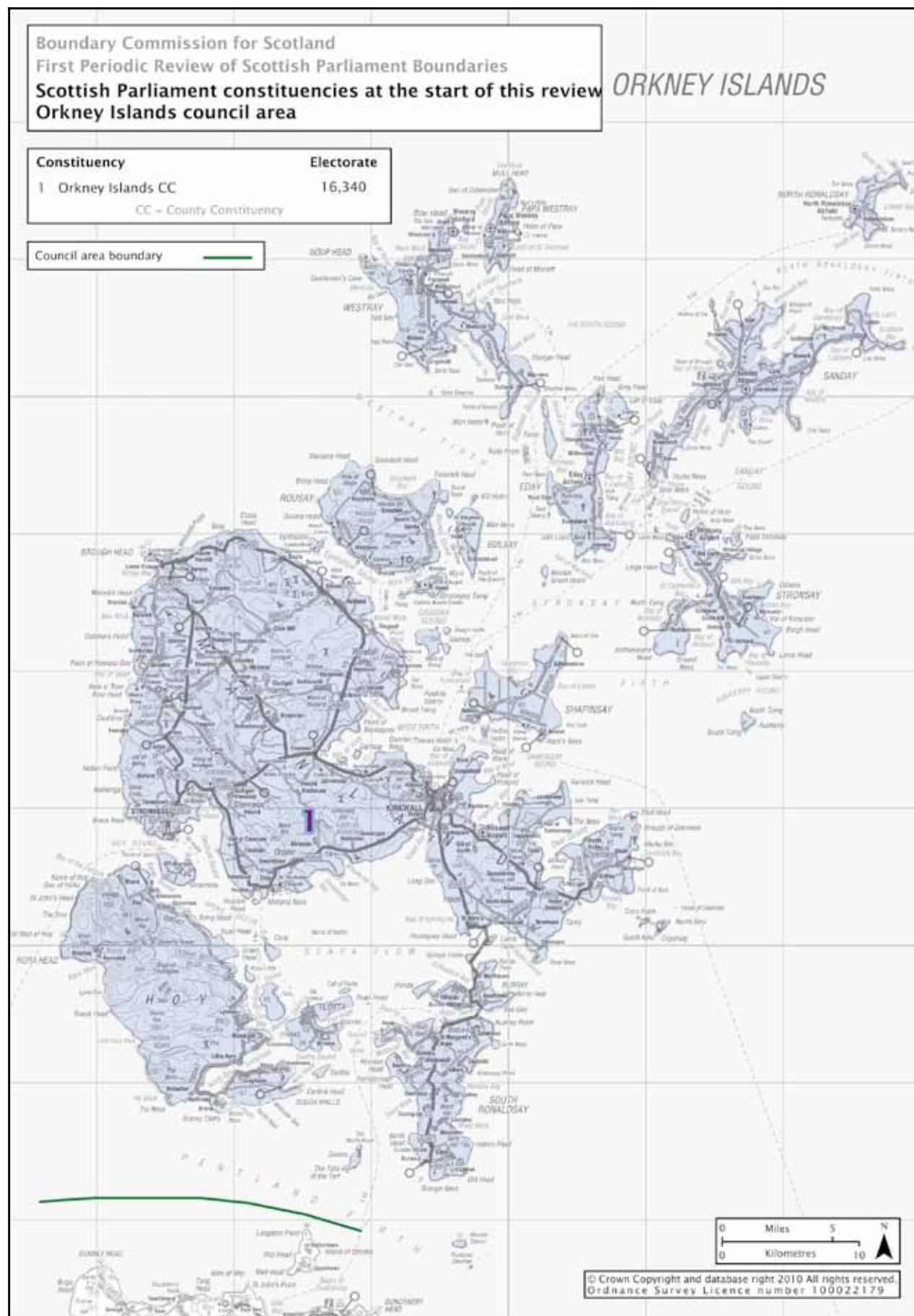


Figure C.26 – Constituencies at the start of this review – Shetland Islands council area

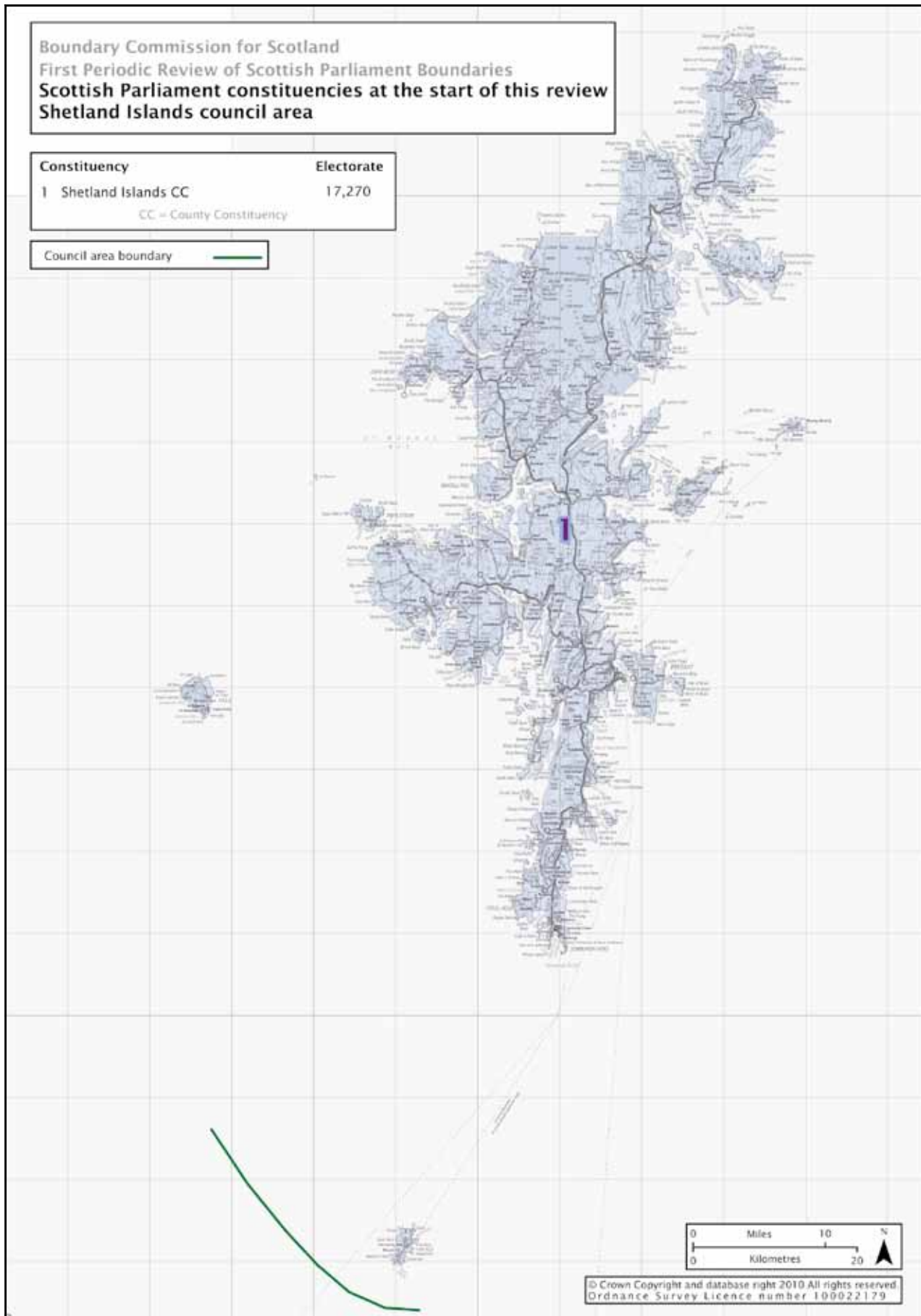


Figure C.27 – Constituencies at the start of this review – West Lothian council area

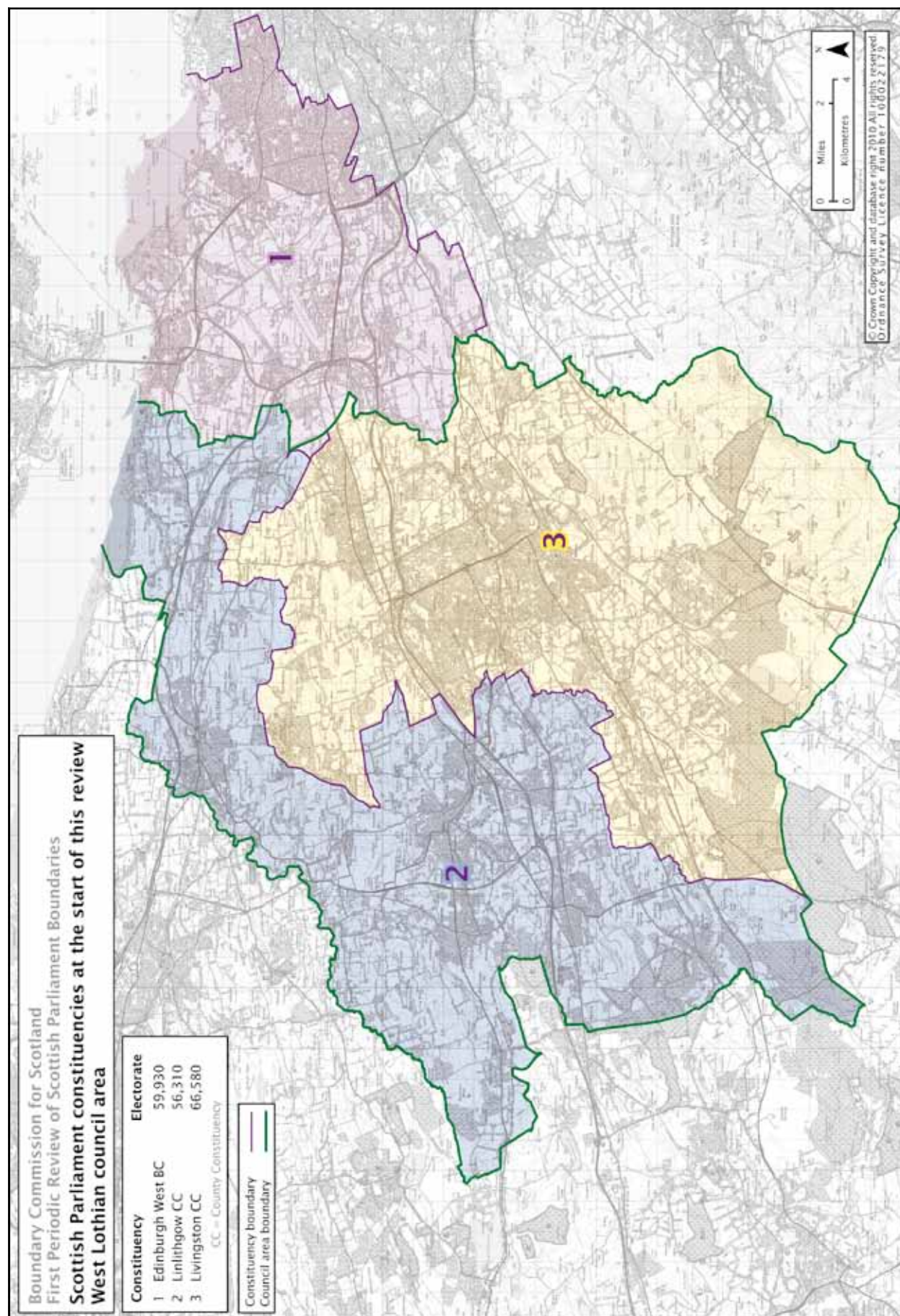
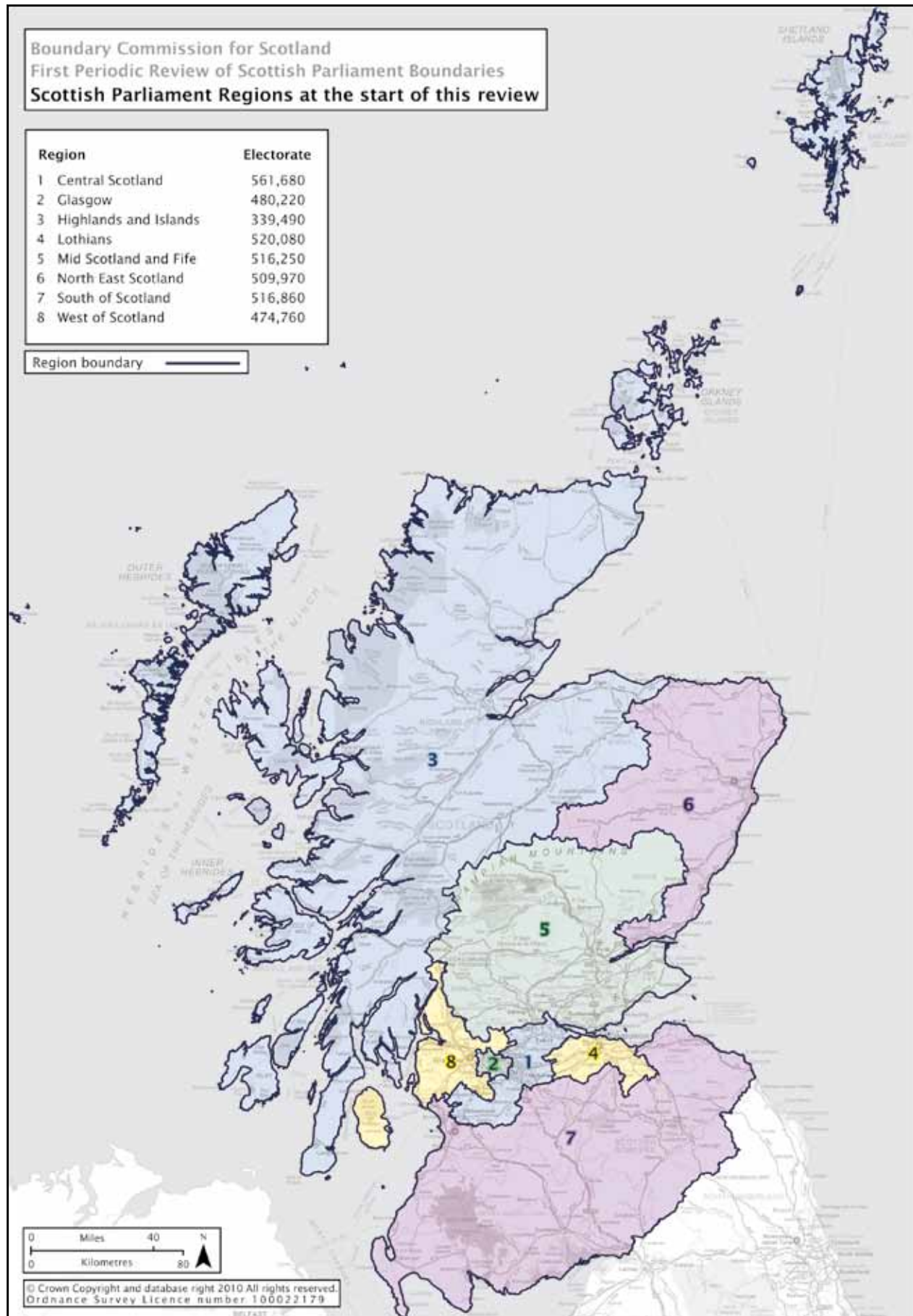


Figure C.28 – Regions at the start of this review



Appendix D – Council areas: theoretical entitlement to constituencies

Figure D.1 shows the electorate (i.e. the number of local government electors on the electoral register) at July 2007 for each council area in Scotland. It also shows the theoretical entitlement to constituencies of each council area, calculated by dividing the electorate by the electoral quota (see Chapter 2.2).

Orkney Islands and Shetland Islands council areas are each entitled to 1 constituency under the legislation, as described in Chapter 2.1.

Figure D.1 Electorate for each council area

Council area	July 2007 electorate	Theoretical entitlement
Aberdeen City	155,600	2.84
Aberdeenshire	182,500	3.33
Angus	86,120	1.57
Argyll and Bute	68,630	1.25
Clackmannanshire	36,730	0.67
Dumfries and Galloway	115,800	2.12
Dundee City	105,150	1.92
East Ayrshire	92,440	1.69
East Dunbartonshire	80,510	1.47
East Lothian	72,960	1.33
East Renfrewshire	67,220	1.23
Edinburgh, City of	337,280	6.16
Eileanan an Iar, Na h-	22,200	0.41
Falkirk	113,700	2.08
Fife	280,590	5.13
Glasgow City	435,600	7.96
Highland	173,760	3.17
Inverclyde	60,510	1.11
Midlothian	61,680	1.13
Moray	67,050	1.23
North Ayrshire	106,390	1.94
North Lanarkshire	250,330	4.57
Perth and Kinross	108,160	1.98
Renfrewshire	127,370	2.33
Scottish Borders	88,940	1.63
South Ayrshire	89,460	1.63
South Lanarkshire	243,820	4.45
Stirling	65,220	1.19
West Dunbartonshire	67,090	1.23
West Lothian	122,890	2.25
Total	3,885,700	71
Electoral quota	54,728	
Orkney Islands	16,340	1
Shetland Islands	17,270	1
Total	3,919,310	73

Appendix E.1

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Moray

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 9 recommended constituencies for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas are in Figures E.1.1 and E.1.2.

Figure E.1.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen Central	Burgh	55,810
Aberdeen Donside	Burgh	55,530
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	County	54,240
Aberdeenshire East	County	54,690
Aberdeenshire West	County	53,060
Angus North and Mearns	County	51,340
Angus South	County	54,340
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County	56,140
Moray	County	56,110
Total		491,260¹

1 After amendment by The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

Figure E.1.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ²	Ward name	Ward electorate
Aberdeen Central	AC5 (part)	Hilton / Stockethill	5,210
	AC6	Tillydrone / Seaton / Old Aberdeen	10,680
	AC7	Midstocket / Rosemount	10,380
	AC8	George St / Harbour	11,030
	AC10 (part)	Hazlehead / Ashley / Queens Cross	7,480
	AC11 (part)	Airyhall / Broomhill / Garthdee	3,490
	AC12 (part)	Torry / Ferryhill	7,540
Aberdeen Donside	AC1	Dyce / Bucksburn / Danestone	14,030
	AC2	Bridge of Don	14,530
	AC3	Kingswells / Sheddocksley	10,530
	AC4	Northfield	11,360
	AC5 (part)	Hilton / Stockethill	5,080
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	AC9	Lower Deeside	11,070
	AC10 (part)	Hazlehead / Ashley / Queens Cross	6,230
	AC11 (part)	Airyhall / Broomhill / Garthdee	8,540
	AC12 (part)	Torry / Ferryhill	6,280
	AC13	Kincorth / Loirston	12,140
	AS17	North Kincardine	9,980
Aberdeenshire East	AS4	Central Buchan	10,010
	AS6 (part)	Peterhead South and Cruden	1,220
	AS7	Turriff and District	8,680
	AS8	Mid Formartine	11,070
	AS9	Ellon and District	11,150
	AS11	Inverurie and District	9,390
	AS12 (part)	East Garioch	3,170
Aberdeenshire West	AS10	West Garioch	8,050
	AS12 (part)	East Garioch	5,120
	AS13	Westhill and District	10,570
	AS14	Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford	11,190
	AS15	Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside	8,450
	AS16	Banchory and Mid Deeside	8,010
	AS18 (part)	Stonehaven and Lower Deeside	1,670
Angus North and Mearns	AS18 (part)	Stonehaven and Lower Deeside	9,080
	AS19	Mearns	10,490
	AN2	Brechin and Edzell	8,640
	AN3	Forfar and District	11,650
	AN8	Montrose and District	11,480

2 AC: Aberdeen City; AS: Aberdeenshire; AN: Angus; M: Moray

Constituency name	Ward no ²	Ward name	Ward electorate
Angus South	AN1	Kirriemuir and Dean	8,570
	AN4	Monifieth and Sidlaw	12,760
	AN5	Carnoustie and District	9,650
	AN6	Arbroath West and Letham	11,850
	AN7	Arbroath East and Lunan	11,510
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	AS1	Banff and District	8,790
	AS2	Troup	7,560
	AS3	Fraserburgh and District	11,000
	AS5	Peterhead North and Rattray	10,280
	AS6 (part)	Peterhead South and Cruden	7,570
	M2 (part)	Keith and Cullen	3,490
	M3	Buckie	7,450
Moray	M1	Speyside Glenlivet	7,010
	M2 (part)	Keith and Cullen	4,490
	M4	Fochabers Lhanbryde	7,740
	M5	Heldon and Laich	10,050
	M6	Elgin City North	8,070
	M7	Elgin City South	7,910
	M8	Forres	10,840

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas appears as Figure E.1.3. A more detailed map of the constituencies in Aberdeen City council area alone appears as Figure E.1.4. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

² AC: Aberdeen City; AS: Aberdeenshire; AN: Angus; M: Moray

Figure E.1.3 - Final Recommendations – Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas

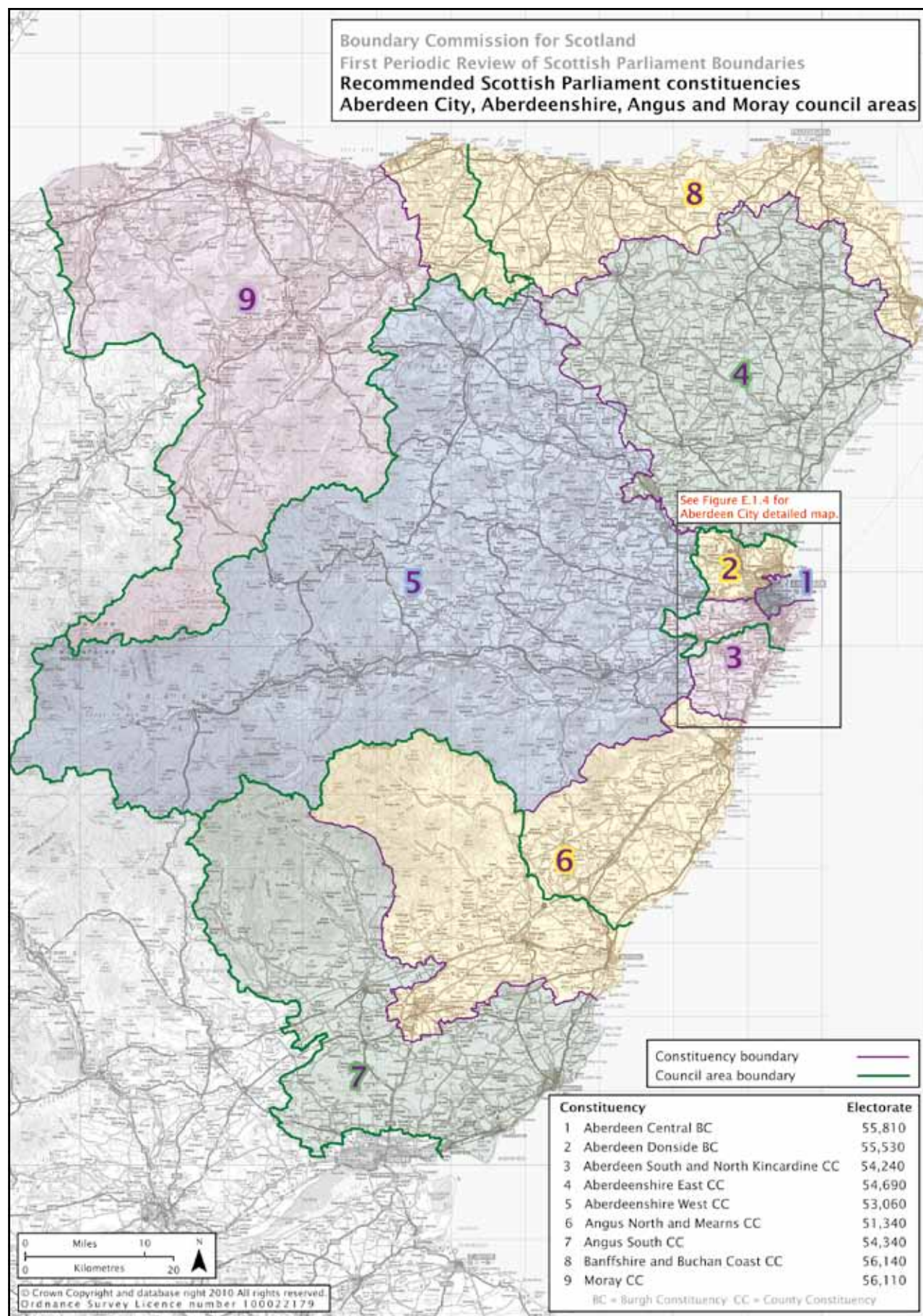
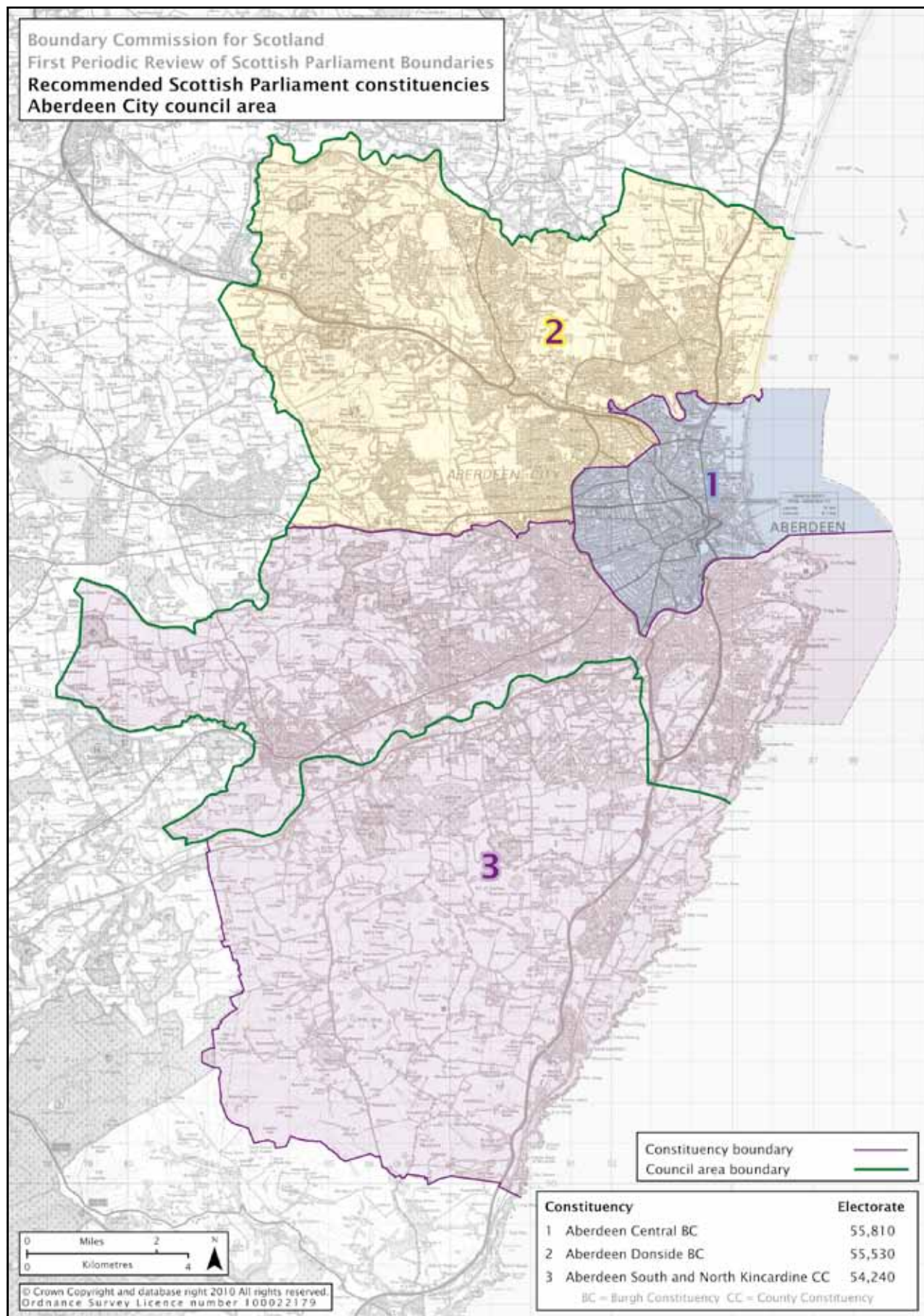


Figure E.1.4 - Final Recommendations – Aberdeen City council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas were divided between 9 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.1.5.

Figure E.1.5 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Aberdeen Central	Aberdeen City	Burgh	54,290	46,810
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire ³	Burgh	55,450	51,880
Aberdeen South	Aberdeen City	Burgh	61,710	57,010
Angus	Angus Dundee City Perth and Kinross	County	60,500	61,460
Banff and Buchan	Aberdeenshire	County	59,030	56,680
Gordon	Aberdeenshire Moray	County	59,790	66,000
Moray	Moray	County	59,030	60,900
North Tayside	Angus Perth and Kinross	County	62,410	62,340
West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	Aberdeenshire	County	60,530	65,870
Total			532,740	528,950

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for the council areas of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray after considering the options in Paper 2007/13. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the combined electorate of Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas was 491,270, giving them a theoretical entitlement to 8.97 constituencies;
 - in order to achieve acceptable electoral parity, it would be necessary to design constituencies which crossed boundaries between Aberdeenshire and each of the other council areas;
 - the north and north-eastern areas of Aberdeenshire council area largely comprise small urban, rural and farming interests which could form a coherent constituency; and
 - the electorate in Moray council area was too large for a single constituency.
5. Having recognised the need to cross council boundaries, we decided to design a constituency associating the coastal communities of Buckie, Findochty and Portknockie within Moray council area with the coastal communities in north-east Aberdeenshire council area. Secondly, we decided to combine part of Aberdeenshire council area lying to the immediate south of Aberdeen City council area with all of Aberdeen City council area to form 3 constituencies. Thirdly, we decided to design a constituency which combined the south eastern part of Aberdeenshire council area with Angus council area.

3 In 2002, a minor amendment to the council area boundary between Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire council areas resulted in a small part of Aberdeen North constituency (which was previously in Aberdeen City council area) being in Aberdeenshire council area.

6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
7. We considered further the division of Aberdeen City between constituencies in Paper 2007/13A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007.
8. We considered further the division of Aberdeenshire between constituencies at Strichen and Boddam in Paper 2007/13B. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007.
9. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
10. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas which were as shown in Figure E.1.6.

Figure E.1.6 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Buchan Coast	Aberdeenshire Moray	County	56,140
East Aberdeen	Aberdeen City	Burgh	53,800
East Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	County	54,690
East Angus and Mearns	Aberdeenshire Angus	County	54,520
Moray	Moray	County	56,110
South Aberdeen and North Kincardine	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire	County	56,610
West Aberdeen	Aberdeen City	Burgh	55,130
West Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire	County	53,060
West Angus	Angus	County	51,210
Total			491,270

11. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

12. We considered the 140 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/11. The main issues raised were:
 - suggestions that constituencies should reflect local associations and communities and not be driven by electoral parity;
 - requests that Moray council area should comprise a single constituency;
 - suggestions that the proposed division of Angus council area between 2 constituencies could be improved on, as suggested by Angus Council; and
 - suggestions of alternative names for constituencies, including the point that the names should be distinct from the names of Westminster constituencies.
13. Based on the representations received, which included objections from Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeenshire Council, Angus Council and Moray Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
14. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 22 May 2008.

Local Inquiry

15. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed Sir S S T Young QC, Sheriff Principal of Grampian, Highlands and Islands as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Aberdeen on 27 October 2008, and at Buckie on 3 November 2008.
16. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
 - ward 17 (North Kincardine) of Aberdeenshire council area should be combined with Aberdeen City council area to provide 3 constituencies (theoretical entitlement to 3.03 constituencies), with the configuration following that put forward by Aberdeen City Council;
 - Angus Council's alternative suggestion for the constituencies in its area should be adopted;
 - the Commission's Provisional Proposals (excluding the names) in respect of the East Aberdeenshire, West Aberdeenshire, Buchan Coast and Moray constituencies should be adopted;
 - the constituency names should be modified so that where compass points form part of the constituency name they should come at the end of the name; and
 - Buchan Coast constituency should be renamed Banffshire and Buchan Coast constituency.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

17. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/10. We agreed to accept the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations, acknowledging that the recommendations demonstrated better adherence to the statutory rules.

18. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
19. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. In addition, we decided to accept the Assistant Commissioner's suggestions for names, and also to adopt the name Aberdeen Donside for the northern constituency within Aberdeen City council area in order to differentiate it from the Westminster constituency named Aberdeen North. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
20. We noted the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) of the council area boundary at Fithiebank between Angus and Dundee City council areas, as described in Chapter 2.6, in Paper 2009/13. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
21. We adopted the revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 17 and 19 as our Revised Recommendations for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas.

Revised Recommendations

22. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas which were as shown in Figure E.1.7.

Figure E.1.7 - Revised Recommendations

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen Central	Aberdeen City	Burgh	55,730
Aberdeen Donside	Aberdeen City	Burgh	55,610
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire	County	54,240
Aberdeenshire East	Aberdeenshire	County	54,690
Aberdeenshire West	Aberdeenshire	County	53,060
Angus North and Mearns	Aberdeenshire Angus	County	51,340
Angus South	Angus	County	54,350
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	Aberdeenshire Moray	County	56,140
Moray	Moray	County	56,110
Total			491,270

23. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Recommendations, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Revised Recommendations which are available on our website.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

24. We considered the 17 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/37.
25. The issues raised in the representations included:
 - a minor amendment to the boundary between Aberdeen Central and Aberdeen Donside constituencies;
 - a wish for Moray council area to be coterminous with a single constituency;
 - a change to the boundary between the Aberdeenshire East and Aberdeenshire West constituencies at Kemnay;
 - a wish for Keith to be included in the Banffshire constituency; and
 - alternative naming of constituencies.
26. In light of the representations received, we decided to make a small amendment to the boundary between the Aberdeen Central and Aberdeen Donside constituencies. We agreed that this was the only change that needed to be made to our Revised Recommendations for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas.
27. We adopted these 2 revised constituencies as our Further Recommendations for Aberdeen City council area.
28. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Further Recommendations

29. On 3 September 2009 we published for consultation our Further Recommendations for Aberdeen Central and Aberdeen Donside constituencies, which were as shown in Figure E.1.8.

Figure E.1.8 - Further Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Aberdeen Central	Burgh	55,810
Aberdeen Donside	Burgh	55,530
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	County	54,240
Aberdeenshire East	County	54,690
Aberdeenshire West	County	53,060
Angus North and Mearns	County	51,340
Angus South	County	54,350
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County	56,140
Moray	County	56,110
Total		491,270

30. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Further Recommendations, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Further Recommendations which are available on our website.

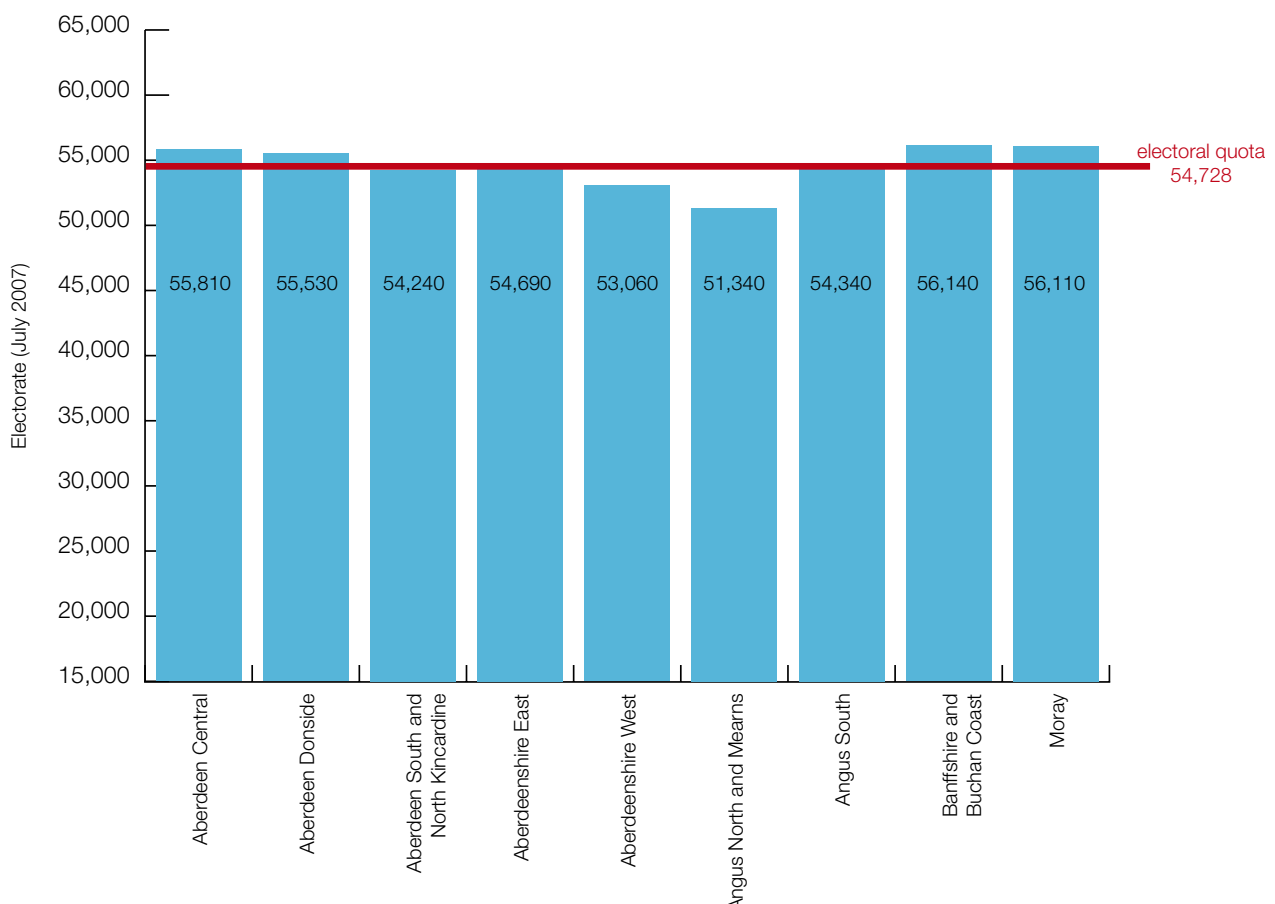
Consideration of Further Recommendations

31. We considered the 1 representation received in response to the public consultation on our Further Recommendations in Paper 2009/44. The representation was supportive of the Further Recommendations. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 19 October 2009.
32. As a result of the LGBCS review referred to in paragraph 20, the council area boundary at Fithiebank has been amended⁴, taking effect on 1 April 2010, decreasing the electorate of Angus South constituency by 10. We have incorporated that amendment into our Final Recommendations.
32. We agreed that no other changes were required to our Further Recommendations.

Final Recommendations

33. We adopted our Further Recommendations, incorporating the minor amendment discussed in paragraph 32, as our Final Recommendations for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.1.1, E.1.2, E.1.3 and E.1.4.
34. Figure E.1.9 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.1.9 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



⁴ The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

Appendix E.2

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 4 recommended constituencies for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas are in Figures E.2.1 and E.2.2.

Figure E.2.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Argyll and Bute	County	49,040
Clydebank and Milngavie	County	53,340
Dumbarton	County	54,270
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	59,580
Total		216,230

Figure E.2.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ¹	Ward name	Ward electorate
Argyll and Bute	A1	South Kintyre	5,540
	A2	Kintyre and the Islands	5,360
	A3	Mid Argyll	5,990
	A4	Oban South and the Isles	7,460
	A5	Oban North and Lorn	7,480
	A6	Cowal	5,920
	A7	Dunoon	5,900
	A8	Isle of Bute	5,390
Clydebank and Milngavie	E1	Milngavie	10,170
	E2	Bearsden North	10,760
	W4	Kilpatrick	8,970
	W5	Clydebank Central	11,820
	W6	Clydebank Waterfront	11,620
Dumbarton	A9	Lomond North	6,280
	A10	Helensburgh Central	7,660
	A11	Helensburgh and Lomond South	5,650
	W1	Lomond	9,030
	W2	Leven	13,070
	W3	Dumbarton	12,580
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	E3	Bearsden South	10,410
	E4	Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	8,640
	E5	Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	10,840
	E6	Bishopbriggs South	9,520
	E7	Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	10,710
	E8	Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	9,460

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas appears as Figure E.2.3. A more detailed map of the constituencies in East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas alone appears as Figure E.2.4. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

¹ A: Argyll and Bute; E: East Dunbartonshire; W: West Dunbartonshire

Figure E.2.3 - Final Recommendations – Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas

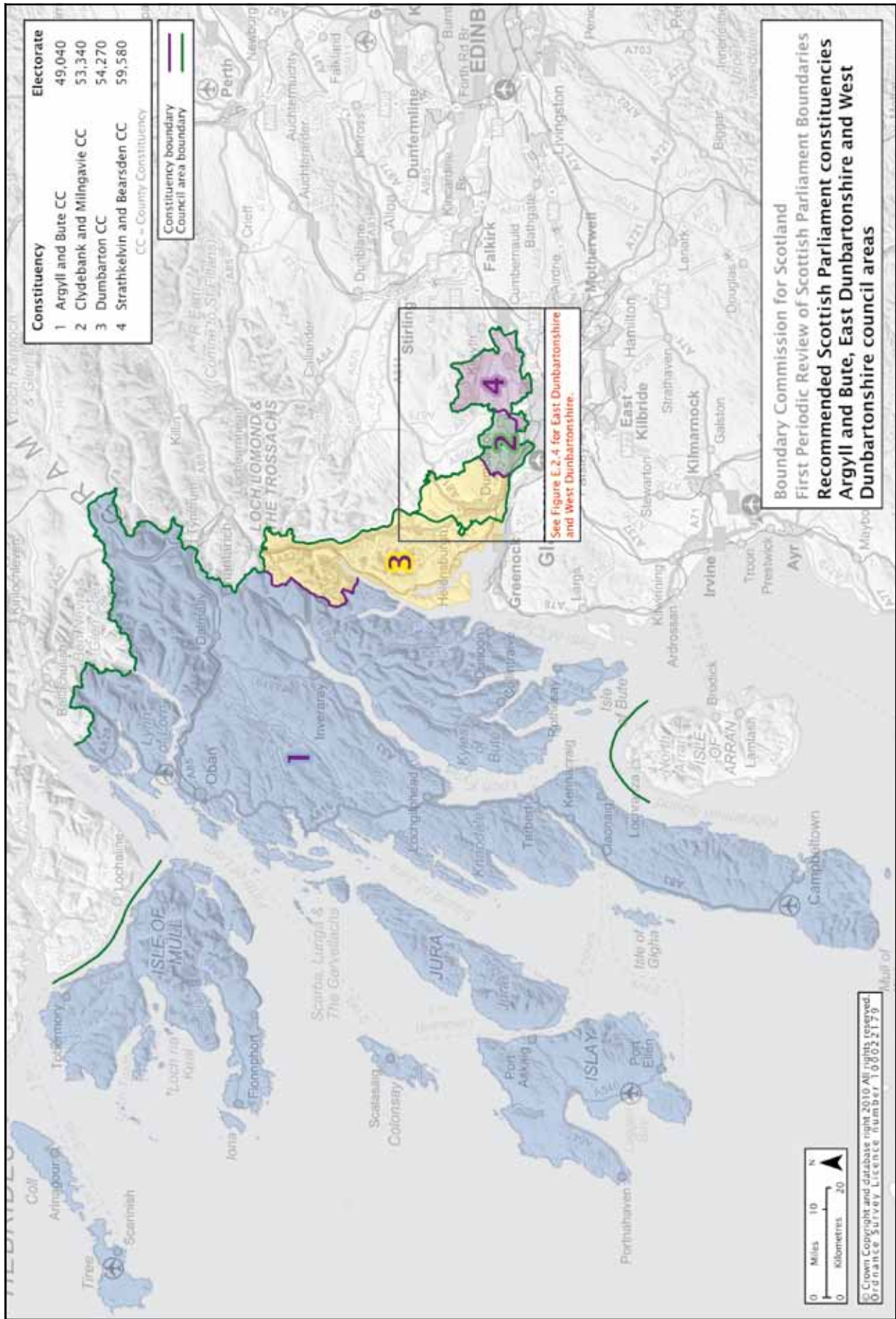
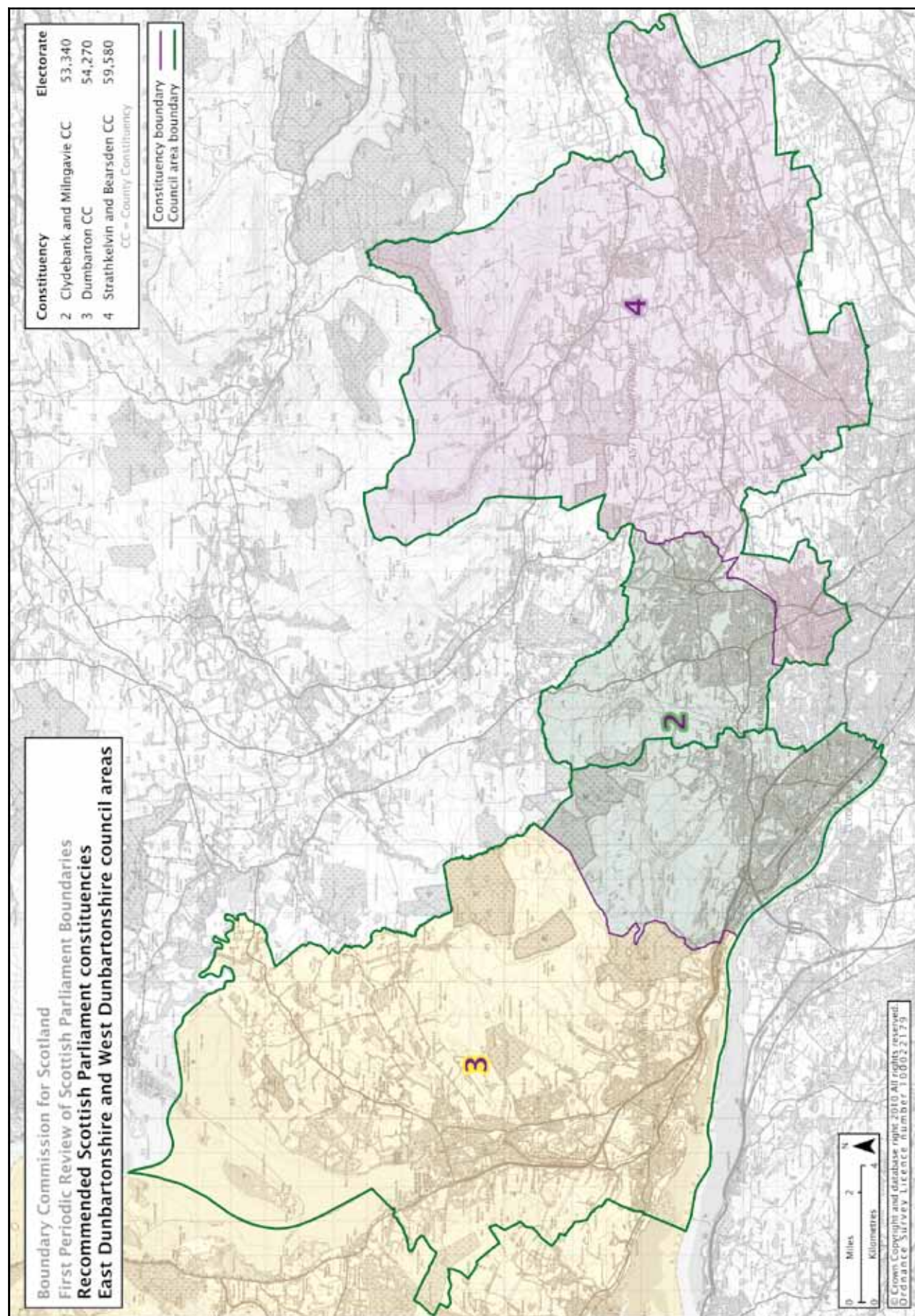


Figure E.2.4 - Final Recommendations – East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas



Constituencies at the start of this review

- At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas were divided between 5 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.2.5.

Figure E.2.5 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute	County	50,420	49,020
Clydebank and Milngavie	East Dunbartonshire West Dunbartonshire	County	53,000	48,840
Coatbridge and Chryston	East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire	Burgh	52,540	54,780
Dumbarton	Argyll and Bute West Dunbartonshire	County	57,050	54,120
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	East Dunbartonshire	County	64,090	60,490
Total			277,100	267,250

Provisional Proposals

- At our meeting of 6 September 2007, we considered the complexities involved in providing for constituencies in West, Central and South West Scotland, which complied with the statutory rules. This large area involved the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian. The combined area had an electorate of 1,270,250, and a theoretical entitlement to 23.21 constituencies.
- It was clear to us that it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged, or to make minor alterations to them, because of large imbalances of electorate between the existing constituencies in the area. Substantial change was necessary.
- We concluded that we should deal with this large area by dividing it into 2 blocks. Block 1 combined the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to provide for 7 constituencies. We referred to this block as West Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Block 2 combined the council areas of East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian to provide for 16 constituencies. We referred to this block as South West and Central Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
- We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire council areas, as part of our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland, after considering the options in Paper 2007/15. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for East Dunbartonshire council area, as part of our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, after considering the options in Paper 2007/16, and in Paper 2007/16A.

8. We recognised that the proposal to cross the River Clyde at Erskine was a departure from previous arrangements and might raise some concerns. Accordingly, we closely reviewed the alternative which involved combining part of West Dunbartonshire council area with part of East Dunbartonshire council area and consequential changes elsewhere. We agreed that this was demonstrably less attractive in terms of meeting the demands for equitable electorates, and that the geography and distribution of electorates was such that there would be a division of communities at the interface between East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.
9. We agreed that the proposals, which saw a single constituency cross the River Clyde to bring together all of the built-up area of Clydebank with Renfrew, Erskine and Bishopton, were better constructed in terms of the electoral quota and offered strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
10. Our discussion and conclusions concerning all 3 council areas are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
11. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
12. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, and West Dunbartonshire council areas. These were contained in our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland (which included Argyll and Bute, and West Dunbartonshire council areas) and our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland (which included East Dunbartonshire council area). The Provisional Proposals were as shown in Figure E.2.6.

Figure E.2.6 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute	County	55,240
Dumbarton and Helensburgh	Argyll and Bute West Dunbartonshire	County	57,040
Kirkintilloch, Chryston and Kilsyth	East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire	County	52,990
Milngavie and Bishopbriggs	East Dunbartonshire	County	51,530
North Renfrewshire and Clydebank	Renfrewshire West Dunbartonshire	Burgh	56,360
Total			273,160

13. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

14. We considered the 1,600 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland, of which some 430 related directly to Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire council areas, in Paper 2008/14. We also considered the 1,290 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, of which some 50 related directly to East Dunbartonshire council area, in Paper 2008/15. The main issues raised relating to Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas were:
 - opposition to a constituency that crosses the River Clyde;
 - whether individual council areas should comprise constituencies; and
 - whether all of Clydebank should be in a single constituency.
15. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of West Scotland, which included objections from Argyll and Bute Council, East Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, and West Dunbartonshire Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry covering those council areas should be held.
16. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of South West and Central Scotland, which included objections from East Ayrshire Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and West Lothian Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held covering those council areas. East Dunbartonshire Council was generally satisfied with our Provisional Proposals. As East Dunbartonshire Council did not object to our Provisional Proposals and fewer than 100 representations were received from electors residing in the proposed Milngavie and Bishopbriggs constituency, we agreed that the Milngavie and Bishopbriggs constituency would not be included in the scope of the inquiry.
17. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 June 2008.

Local Inquiries

18. There were 2 Local Inquiries which had part of this area in their scope: those for West Scotland, and for South West and Central Scotland.
19. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for West Scotland. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Paisley on 26 August, 27 August and 28 August 2008 and Clydebank on 1 September and 2 September 2008.
20. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into 15 out of 16 of our proposed constituencies for South West and Central Scotland. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Airdrie on 23 September and 24 September 2008, Ayr on 26 September and 29 September 2008, and Lanark on 30 September and 1 October 2008.

21. The Assistant Commissioner reach the following conclusions in his report on the Local Inquiry on West Scotland that related to Argyll and Bute and West Dunbartonshire council areas:
- there should be no constituency created which spans the River Clyde and has the effect of dividing the central part of the town of Clydebank from the remainder;
 - wards 9-11 of Argyll and Bute Council should not be separated from one another and instead be kept together in a single constituency; and
 - the existing Argyll and Bute constituency, Dumbarton constituency and Clydebank and Milngavie constituency should continue in their present forms with only a single alteration, namely that all of East Dunbartonshire ward 2 (Bearsden North) should be included in the Clydebank and Milngavie constituency.
22. The Assistant Commissioner made a number of recommendations in his report on the Local Inquiry on South West and Central Scotland which directly or indirectly related to East Dunbartonshire council area:
- the Commission should revisit its plans for the proposed constituency of Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn with a view to keeping intact the boundary between Lanarkshire and West Lothian;
 - in light of evidence that points essentially to the status quo, the Commission should consider allowing the existing constituencies of Airdrie and Shotts, Coatbridge and Chryston, and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth to remain largely unaltered; and
 - the Commission should revisit its proposals for a Clydesdale and Cumnock cross-council constituency and consider alternative arrangements that respect the boundary between Ayrshire and Lanarkshire.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

23. We considered the Assistant Commissioners' Reports and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/03. We gave further consideration to these matters while considering Paper 2009/03A.
24. We noted that the combined electorate of Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas was 216,230, giving a theoretical entitlement to 3.95 constituencies.
25. We examined revised constituency proposals prepared by our Secretariat, based on the recommendations of both Assistant Commissioners and the representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals. We looked favourably on the proposed revised constituencies of Argyll and Bute; Clydebank, Milngavie and Bearsden; Dumbarton; and Strathkelvin, exactly covering the combined council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, and West Dunbartonshire. These revisions to our Provisional Proposals met the conclusions of both Assistant Commissioners, complied with the statutory rules and did not require the configuration of a constituency spanning the River Clyde.

26. We noted that, although the Milngavie and Bishopbriggs constituency had not fallen within the scope of either Local Inquiry, it was not possible to act on the Assistant Commissioners' conclusions without altering the configuration of this constituency. We agreed that this consequence was justified in order to enable improved arrangements over the wider area.
27. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
28. We reviewed the constituency names in the light of our revised approach described in Chapter 2.5, and decided that no changes were required as a result of that revised approach. However, we decided to recommend the names Clydebank and Milngavie constituency and Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency since these names were already in use for similar Scottish Parliament constituencies. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
29. We adopted the 4 revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 25, 26, and 28 as our Revised Recommendations for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, and West Dunbartonshire council areas.

Revised Recommendations

30. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, and West Dunbartonshire council areas. Apart from the constituency of Argyll and Bute, which we recommended in the Revised Recommendations should be called Argyllshire and Bute, our Revised Recommendations were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.2.1, E.2.2, E.2.3 and E.2.4.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

31. We considered the 12 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/31.
32. Among the representations, Argyll and Bute Council, West Dunbartonshire Council, the Scottish Labour Party, the Scottish Liberal Democrats, the Scottish Conservatives, and 2 members of the public supported our Revised Recommendations.
33. Argyll and Bute Council and a member of the public suggested that Argyllshire and Bute constituency be renamed Argyll and Bute.
34. Jo Swinson MP (East Dunbartonshire) and East Dunbartonshire and Clydebank Liberal Democrats opposed the Revised Recommendations, preferring our Provisional Proposals.
35. In light of the representations received, we decided to use the name Argyll and Bute for a constituency, even though its extent differs from the Westminster constituency and the council area of that name.

36. We agreed that this was the only required change to our Revised Recommendations for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, and West Dunbartonshire council areas.
37. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Further Recommendations

38. On 3 September 2009 we published for consultation our Further Recommendations for the revised constituency named Argyll and Bute, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.2.1, E.2.2, E.2.3 and E.2.4.

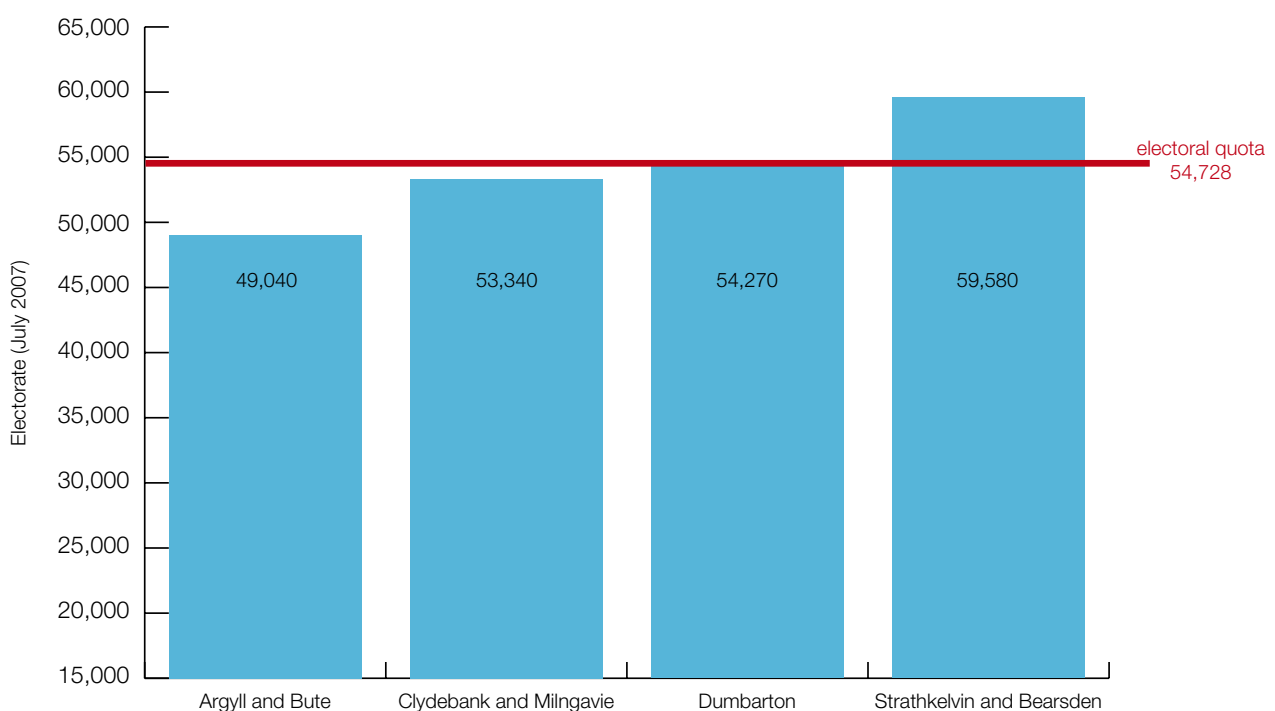
Consideration of Further Recommendations

39. We considered the response to the public consultation on our Further Recommendations in Paper 2009/45. No representations were received. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 19 October 2009.
40. We agreed that no changes were required to our Further Recommendations.

Final Recommendations

41. We adopted our Further Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.2.1, E.2.2, E.2.3 and E.2.4.
42. Figure E.2.7 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.2.7 – Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.3

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Clackmannanshire, Stirling

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas are in Figures E.3.1 and E.3.2.

Figure E.3.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	County	49,470
Stirling	County	52,480
Total		101,950

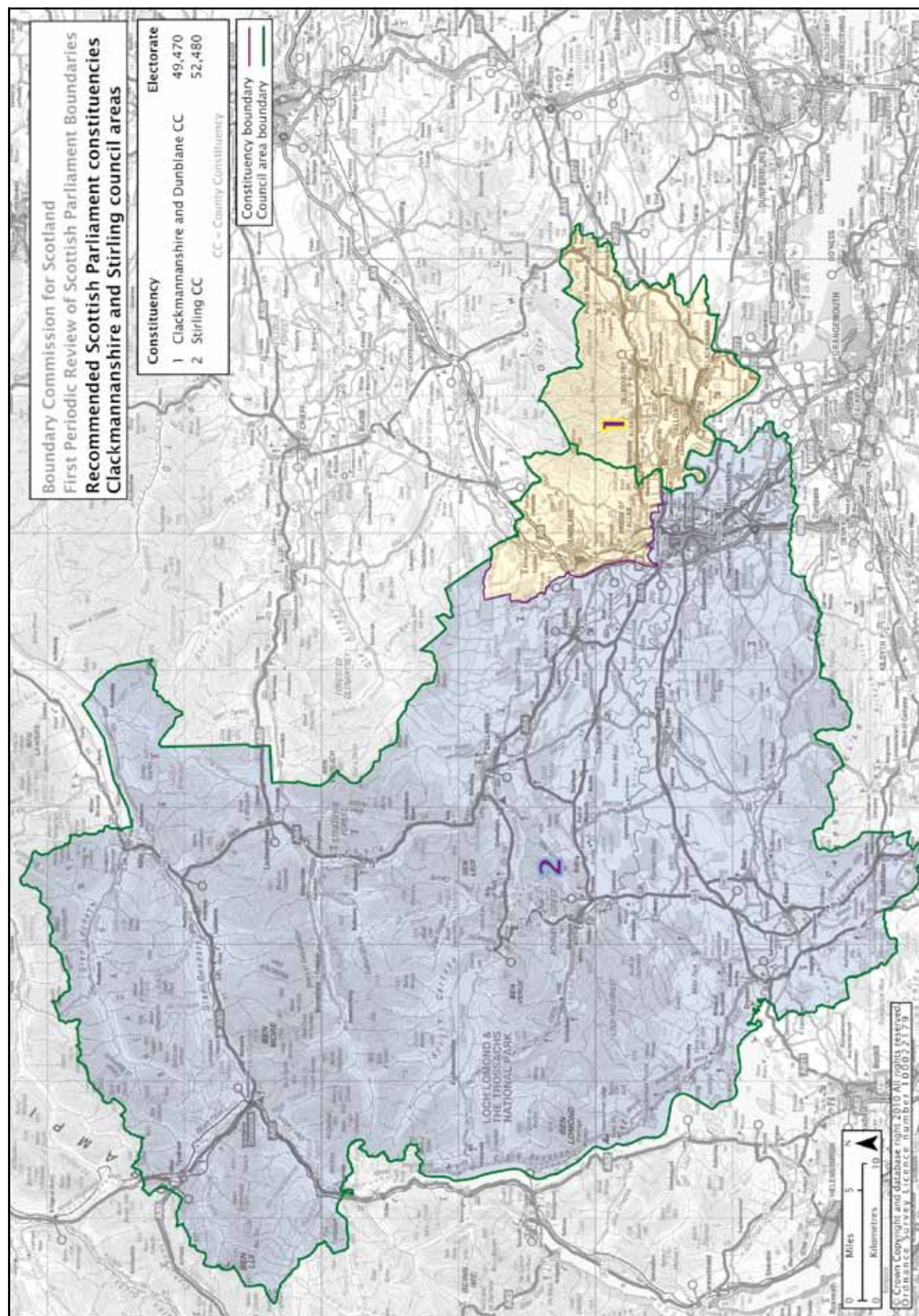
Figure E.3.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ¹	Ward name	Ward electorate
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	C1	Clackmannanshire West	8,070
	C2	Clackmannanshire North	8,490
	C3	Clackmannanshire Central	6,000
	C4	Clackmannanshire South	8,520
	C5	Clackmannanshire East	5,650
	S3	Dunblane and Bridge of Allan	12,740
Stirling	S1	Trossachs and Teith	8,590
	S2	Forth and Endrick	9,720
	S4	Castle	7,940
	S5	Stirling West	8,460
	S6	Stirling East	9,510
	S7	Bannockburn	8,260

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas appears as Figure E.3.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

¹ C: Clackmannanshire; S: Stirling

Figure E.3.3 - Final Recommendations – Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas were divided between 2 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.3.4.

Figure E.3.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Ochil	Clackmannanshire Perth and Kinross Stirling	County	58,090	58,000
Stirling	Stirling	County	53,640	52,670
Total			111,730	110,670

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas after considering the options in Paper 2007/14. We had in mind the following considerations:
- Clackmannanshire council area, with a theoretical entitlement to 0.67 constituencies, required to be combined with other council areas in order that acceptable constituencies, throughout the whole of Scotland, could be configured within the terms of the statutory rules;
 - the electorate of the combined Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas was 101,950, giving a theoretical entitlement to 1.86 constituencies;
 - two constituencies could be configured covering the combined council areas of Clackmannanshire and Stirling, complying with the statutory rules and requiring only 1 council area boundary to be crossed;
 - there appeared to be no added benefit to the wider design of constituencies in retaining the existing arrangements which resulted in boundaries between 3 council areas being crossed;
 - the neighbouring council areas of Highland, Perth and Kinross, Fife and Falkirk had theoretical entitlements to justify whole numbers of constituencies exactly covering their respective council areas without the need to combine them with other council areas; and
 - it was not practicable in terms of geographical considerations to combine either or both council areas with Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire or West Dunbartonshire council areas.
5. Our preferred configuration combined an area of Stirling Council ward 1 (Trossachs and Teith) between the River Forth and the council area boundary, Stirling Council ward 3 (Dunblane and Bridge of Allan) and all of Clackmannanshire council area to create one constituency, and combined Stirling Council wards 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 with the remainder of Stirling Council ward 1 to create a second constituency.

6. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
7. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for the combined Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas which were as shown in Figure E.3.5.

Figure E.3.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	Clackmannanshire Stirling	County	51,000
Stirling	Stirling	County	50,950
Total			101,950

9. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

10. We considered the 340 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/05. The main issues raised were:
 - Stirling Council suggested that all of ward 1 (Trossachs and Teith) should be included in the proposed Stirling constituency; and
 - objections in almost all representations to the proposed arrangements in respect of the Doune, Deanston, Dunblane and Bridge of Allan areas.
11. We noted Stirling Council's representation. Clackmannanshire Council made no comment. Based on the representations received, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
12. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 4 April 2008.

Local Inquiry

13. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for the combined council areas of Clackmannanshire and Stirling. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Stirling on 11 November 2008.
14. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report of the Local Inquiry that:

- the logic in combining the two council areas to form constituencies is hard to fault;
- constituencies that are coterminous with local administrative boundaries in this area would offend against Rule 2 of the statutory rules;
- the placement of Doune, Deanston and Dunblane and the question of local ties provided the greatest focus of attention at the inquiry;
- Doune and Deanston, while having local ties with Dunblane, primarily look west to Callander in this regard and, therefore, Stirling Council's alternative suggestion merits further consideration;
- there is little to distinguish between the alternatives of associating Stirling Council ward 3 (Dunblane and Bridge of Allan) with Clackmannanshire council area to configure a constituency and a constituency associating Stirling Council ward 7 (Bannockburn) with Clackmannanshire council area; and
- the former alternative is supported by Stirling Council and produces a constituency with an electorate that is closer to the electoral quota.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

15. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/07.
16. We noted the conclusions of the Assistant Commissioner and agreed on the benefits of adopting Stirling Council's alternative suggestion which placed all of Stirling Council ward 1 (Trossachs and Teith) within our proposed Stirling constituency. We also agreed that the impact of Stirling Council's suggested amendment, in terms of divergence from the electoral quota, was acceptable. We concluded, therefore, that our Provisional Proposals should be amended to take account of Stirling Council's suggested change to form our Revised Recommendations.
17. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
18. We reviewed the constituency names in the light of our revised approach described in Chapter 2.5, and decided that no changes were required as a result of that revised approach.
19. We adopted the 2 revised constituencies arising from paragraph 16 as our Revised Recommendations for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas.

Revised Recommendations

20. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.3.1, E.3.2 and E.3.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

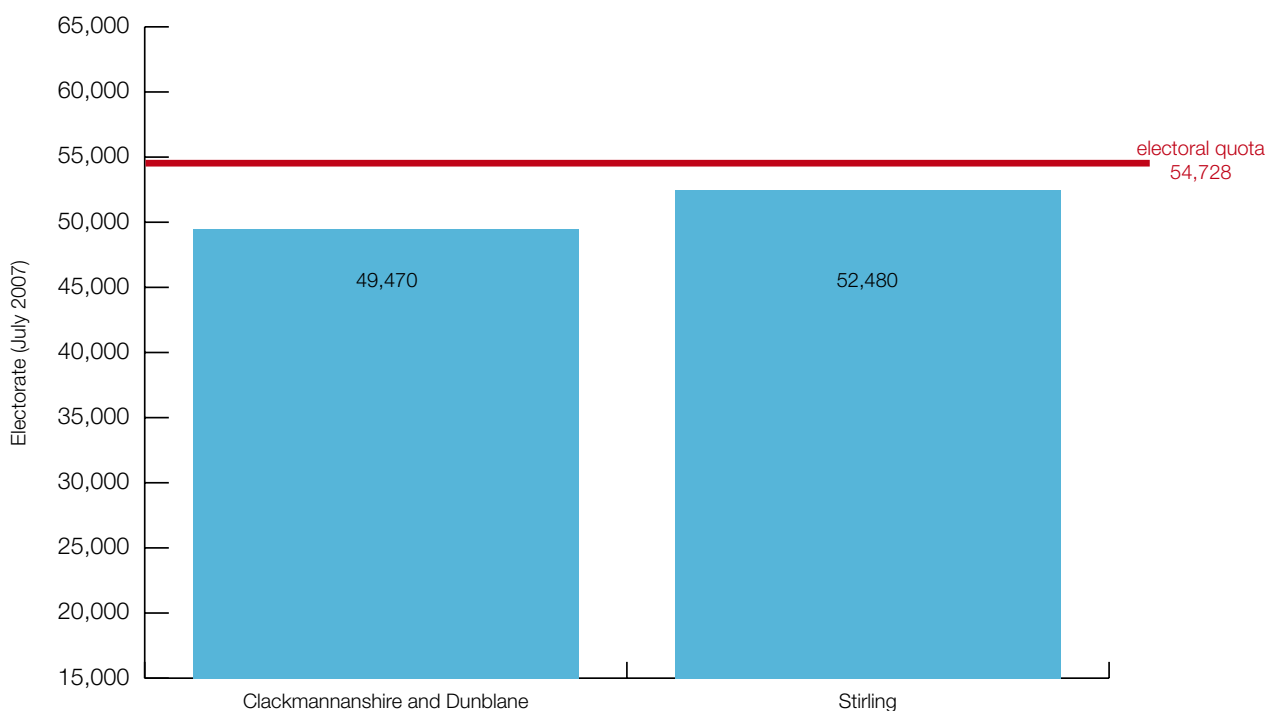
21. We considered the 21 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/23.

22. The representations included 4 from the headquarters of political parties. No representations were received from Clackmannanshire Council or Stirling Council. The representations raised a number of issues including:
- objection to the removal of Dunblane from a Stirling constituency; and
 - suggestions for alternative constituency names.
23. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
24. Our discussions and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

25. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.3.1, E.3.2 and E.3.3.
26. Figure E.3.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.3.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.4

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Dumfries and Galloway

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for Dumfries and Galloway council area are in Figures E.4.1 and E.4.2.

Figure E.4.1 - Final Recommendations

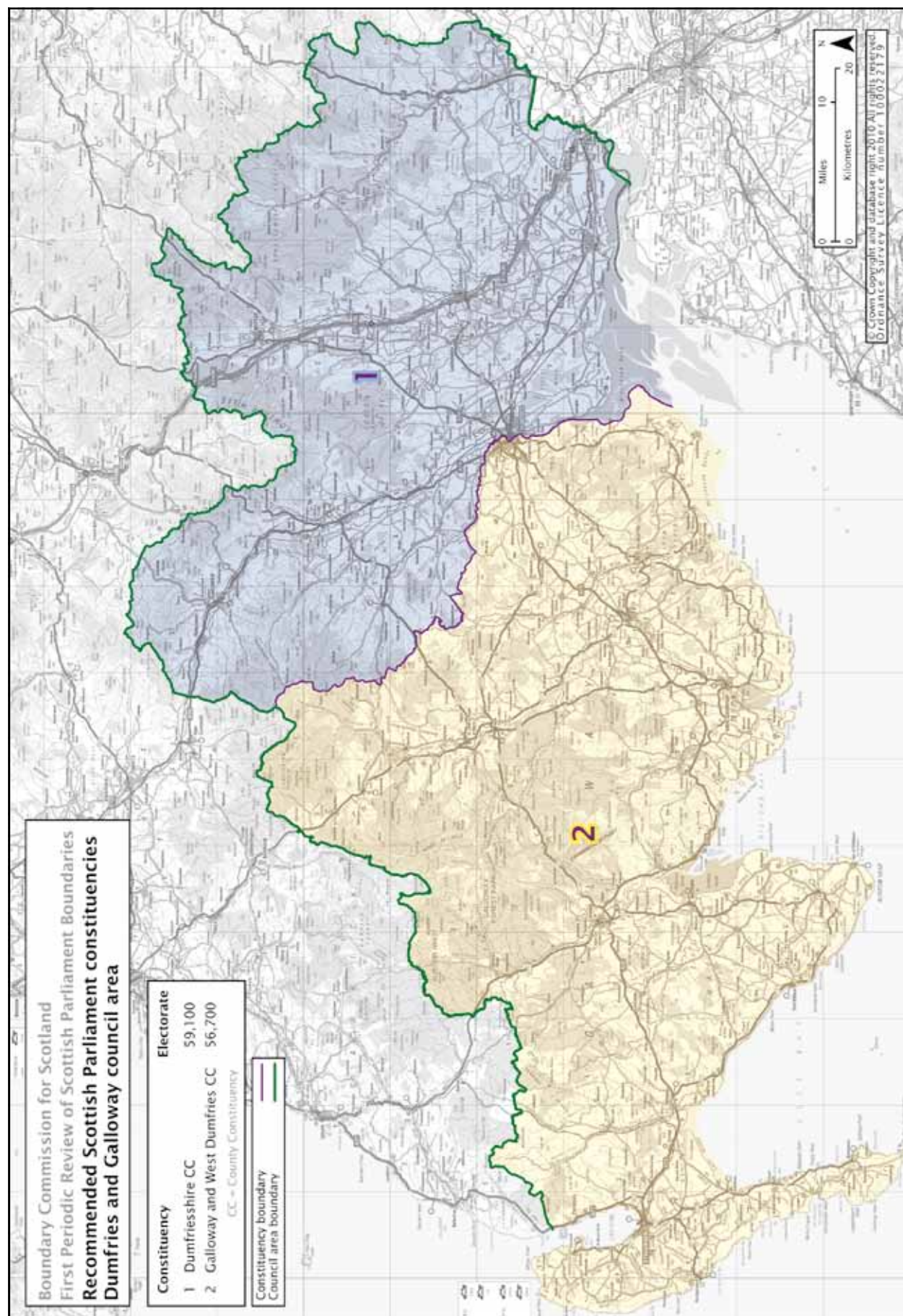
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Dumfriesshire	County	59,100
Galloway and West Dumfries	County	56,700
Total		115,800

Figure E.4.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Dumfriesshire	8	Mid and Upper Nithsdale	9,410
	9	Lochar	8,960
	10	Nith	10,110
	11	Annandale South	10,900
	12	Annandale North	10,010
	13	Annandale East and Eskdale	9,710
West Dumfries Galloway and	1	Stranraer and North Rhins	7,390
	2	Wigtown West	6,950
	3	Mid Galloway	7,590
	4	Dee	7,500
	5	Castle Douglas and Glenkens	8,050
	6	Abbey	9,370
	7	North West Dumfries	9,850

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Dumfries and Galloway council area appears as Figure E.4.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.4.3 - Final Recommendations - Dumfries and Galloway council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Dumfries and Galloway council area was divided between 2 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.4.4.

Figure E.4.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Dumfries	Dumfries and Galloway	County	63,630	62,940
Galloway and Upper Nithsdale	Dumfries and Galloway	County	53,490	52,860
Total			117,120	115,800

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Dumfries and Galloway council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/04. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of Dumfries and Galloway council area was 115,800, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 2.12 constituencies;
 - there appeared to be no added benefit in combining the council area with neighbouring council areas for the purpose of creating constituencies that would comply more closely with the statutory rules; and
 - the imbalance of electors within the existing constituencies was of a magnitude that required to be addressed.
5. We concluded that Dumfries and Galloway council area should be divided into 2 constituencies exactly covering the council area. We noted that dividing Dumfries along the River Nith provided a well-defined boundary, whilst maintaining an acceptable balance of electorate between constituencies. Thus, we decided that wards 1 to 7 should form the western constituency and wards 8 to 13 should form the eastern constituency.
6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007.
7. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Dumfries and Galloway council area, which were as shown in Figure E.4.5.

Figure E.4.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Dumfriesshire	Dumfries and Galloway	County	59,100
West Dumfriesshire and Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway	County	56,700
Total			115,800

9. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

10. We considered the 370 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/06. The main issues raised were:
- support for 2 constituencies within Dumfries and Galloway council area;
 - opposition to the division of Dumfries, using the River Nith as a boundary or otherwise;
 - 3 suggestions for alternative boundaries;
 - support for maintenance of the status quo; and
 - suggestions for alternative constituency names.
11. We noted that Dumfries and Galloway Council were supportive of our Provisional Proposals apart from a suggested change to the proposed constituency names. Based on the number of representations received, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
12. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 4 April 2008.

Local Inquiry

13. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for Dumfries and Galloway council area. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Dumfries on 21 October and 22 October 2008.
14. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
- it was significant that council area boundaries had been respected;
 - the Commission's proposals for constituencies in the Dumfries and Galloway council area comply with the statutory rules and produce a more balanced distribution of electors between the 2 proposed constituencies than occurs in the existing constituencies;
 - the Commission was entitled to take the view that the imbalance in the existing constituencies was of a magnitude that needed to be addressed;
 - regarding an alternative suggestion put forward at the Local Inquiry to place all of Dumfries except Troqueer and Cargenbridge in a single constituency, there would be a very substantial imbalance between the constituencies, and only a small section of the electorate in the town of

Dumfries would be excluded from the constituency containing Dumfries, and that thus it is an unacceptable arrangement; and

- if the town of Dumfries is to be divided, it should be in a way which places significant sections of the town in both constituencies.

15. The Assistant Commissioner made no comment regarding constituency names in his report, other than to note Dumfries and Galloway Council's suggestion that the constituencies be renamed Dumfriesshire constituency and Galloway and West Dumfries constituency.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

16. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/09.
17. In light of the representations received and the conclusions of the Assistant Commissioner's report, we decided to adopt the boundaries of our Provisional Proposals as the boundaries for our Revised Recommendations.
18. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
19. We agreed to adopt the alternative constituency names proposed by Dumfries and Galloway Council of Dumfriesshire constituency and Galloway and West Dumfries constituency.
20. We adopted the constituencies from our Provisional Proposals with unchanged boundaries and amended names as our Revised Recommendations for Dumfries and Galloway council area.

Revised Recommendations

21. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Dumfries and Galloway council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.4.1, E.4.2 and E.4.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

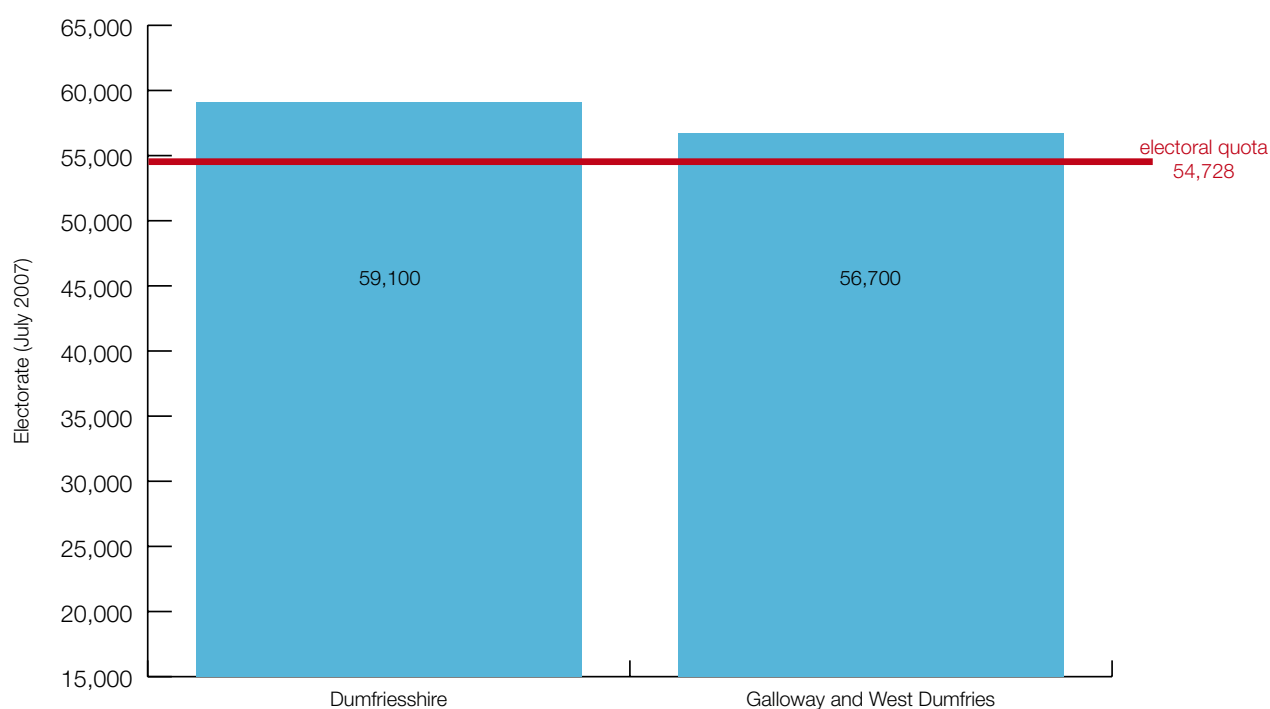
22. We considered the 8 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/32.
23. Of these, Dumfries and Galloway Council, the Scottish Liberal Democrats and the Scottish Conservatives supported our Revised Recommendations. The Scottish Labour Party and 2 other respondents objected to the recommendations, primarily because of the division of Dumfries. Two of the representations suggested alternative names for the constituencies. The Scottish National Party made no comment.

24. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
25. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

26. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Dumfries and Galloway council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.4.1, E.4.2 and E.4.3.
27. Figure E.4.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.4.6 – Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.5

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Dundee City

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for Dundee City council area are in Figures E.5.1 and E.5.2.

Figure E.5.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Dundee City East	Burgh	53,550
Dundee City West	Burgh	51,610
Total		105,160¹

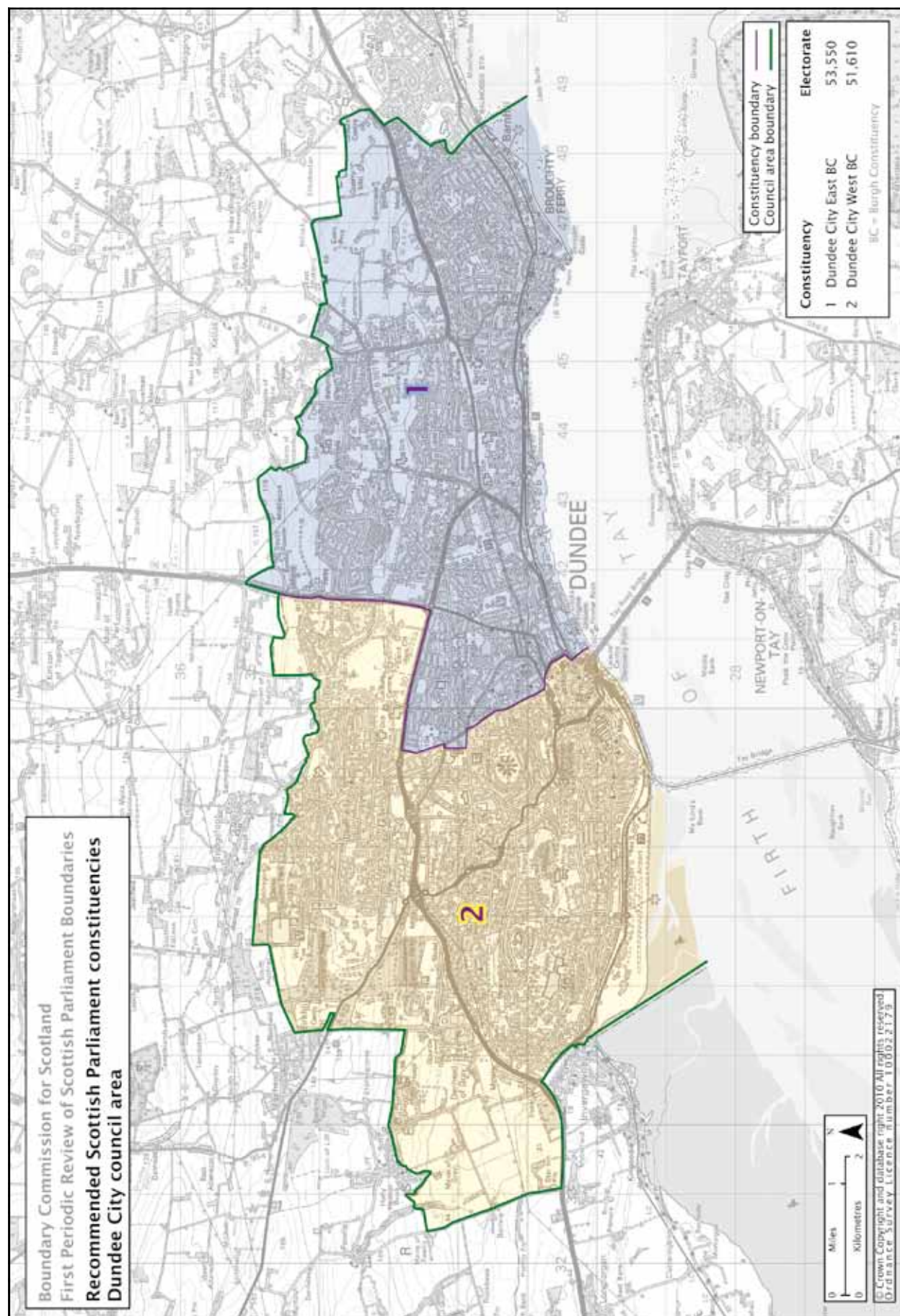
Figure E.5.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Dundee City East	4 (part)	Coldside	6,670
	5 (part)	Maryfield	10,010
	6 (part)	North East	9,220
	7	East End	12,180
	8	The Ferry	15,470
Dundee City West	1	Strathmartine	14,120
	2	Lochee	14,100
	3	West End	12,480
	4 (part)	Coldside	8,220
	5 (part)	Maryfield	1,020
	6 (part)	North East	1,670

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Dundee City council area appears as Figure E.5.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

¹ After amendment by The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

Figure E.5.3 - Final Recommendations – Dundee City council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Dundee City council area was divided between 3 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.5.4.

Figure E.5.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Angus	Angus Dundee City Perth and Kinross	County	60,500	61,460
Dundee East	Dundee City	Burgh	58,740	54,200
Dundee West	Dundee City	Burgh	57,180	50,060
Total			176,420	165,720

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Dundee City council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/11 and in Paper 2007/11A. In forming our Provisional Proposals we had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of Dundee City council area was 105,150, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 1.92 constituencies;
 - there was no added benefit in combining Dundee City council area with other neighbouring council areas for the purpose of creating constituencies that would comply more closely with the statutory rules;
 - it was possible to design 2 constituencies exactly covering Dundee City council area which satisfied the statutory rules; and
 - it would be desirable to reduce the electoral imbalance that currently exists between the constituencies in the city.
5. Having considered the wider area, we concluded that Dundee City council area should be divided into 2 constituencies that exactly covered the extent of the council area. We were aware that this approach would necessitate changes to the existing constituency boundaries in order to incorporate 3 areas currently in Angus constituency, and could provide an opportunity to address the electoral imbalance that exists between the constituencies in the city.
6. In examining different options, we noted that it was not possible to construct 2 constituencies which would satisfy the statutory rules and fully respect local government ward boundaries. Neither was it possible to use the current Westminster constituency boundary to produce two constituencies that satisfied the statutory rules.
7. We concluded that a configuration based on the existing constituency boundary, amended to follow the A90 in the north of the council area, produced an acceptable solution in terms of the statutory rules. We adopted this arrangement as our Provisional Proposals.

8. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 10 August 2007.
9. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
10. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Dundee City council area which were as shown in Figure E.5.5.

Figure E.5.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Dundee	Dundee City	Burgh	53,540
West Dundee	Dundee City	Burgh	51,610
Total			105,150

11. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

12. We considered the 4 representations received concerning the boundaries of constituencies in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/22. The representations were supportive of our proposals, and were from Dundee City Council, the Scottish Conservatives, the Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats.
13. Based on the representations received, we agreed that there was no requirement to hold a Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

14. In light of the representations received, we agreed to adopt the boundaries of the 2 constituencies proposed under our Provisional Proposals, without amendment.
15. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 October 2008.
16. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. We agreed that differentiation from the Westminster constituency names was desirable, and noted that since our proposed constituencies exactly covered Dundee City council area, there was an elegant solution for the constituency names. We decided to revise the names of the proposed constituencies to Dundee City East and Dundee City West. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.

17. We noted the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) of the council area boundary at Fithiebank between Angus and Dundee City council areas, as described in Chapter 2.6, in Paper 2009/13. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
18. We adopted the 2 constituencies from our Provisional Proposals with unchanged boundaries and amended names as our Revised Recommendations for Dundee City council area.

Revised Recommendations

19. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Dundee City council area, which were as shown in Figure E.5.6.

Figure E.5.6 - Revised Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Dundee City East	Burgh	53,540
Dundee City West	Burgh	51,610
Total		105,150

20. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Recommendations, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Revised Recommendations which are available on our website.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

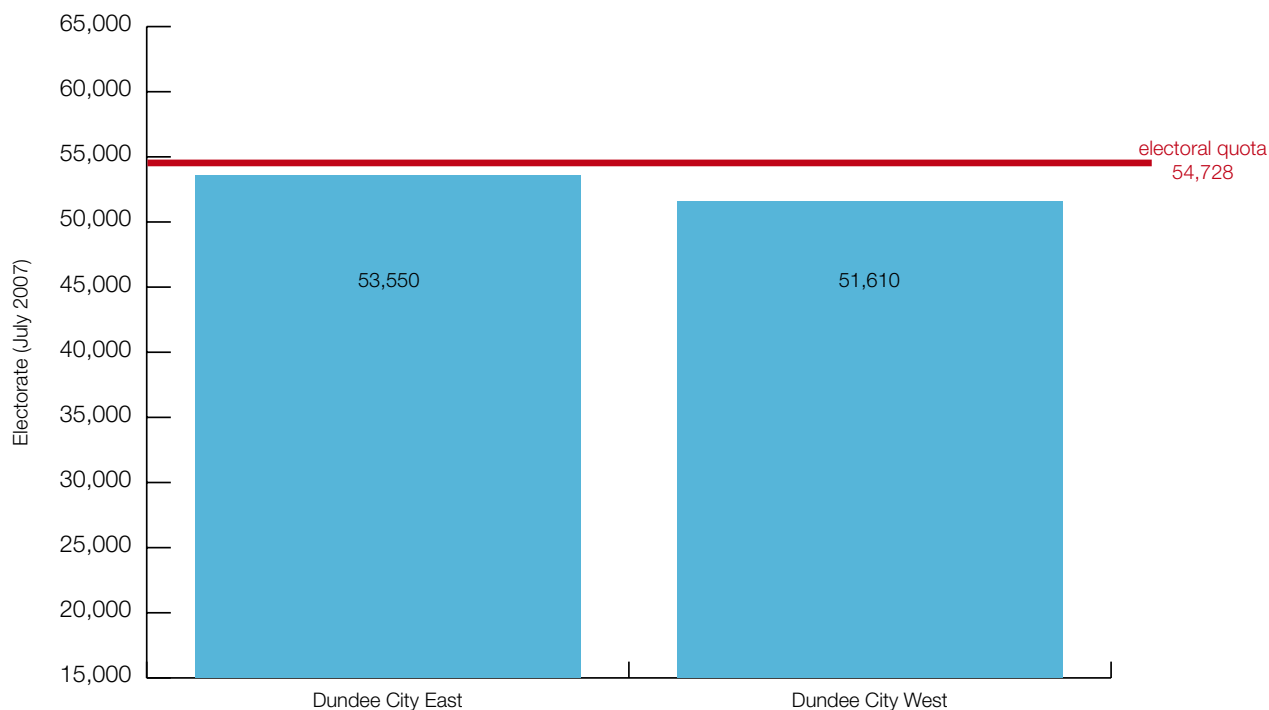
21. We considered the 5 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/20.
22. Among the representations, Dundee City Council, the Scottish Conservatives and the Scottish Liberal Democrats supported our Revised Recommendations. The Scottish Labour Party and Scottish National Party made no comment in respect of the arrangements for this council area.
23. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
24. As a result of the LGBCS review referred to in paragraph 17, the council area boundary at Fithiebank has been amended², taking effect on 1 April 2010, increasing the electorate of Dundee City East constituency by 10. We have incorporated that amendment into our Final Recommendations.
25. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

² The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

Final Recommendations

26. We adopted our Revised Recommendations, incorporating the minor amendment discussed in paragraph 24, as our Final Recommendations for Dundee City council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.5.1, E.5.2 and E.5.3.
27. Figure E.5.7 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.5.7 – Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.6

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 3 recommended constituencies for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas are in Figures E.6.1 and E.6.2.

Figure E.6.1 - Final Recommendations

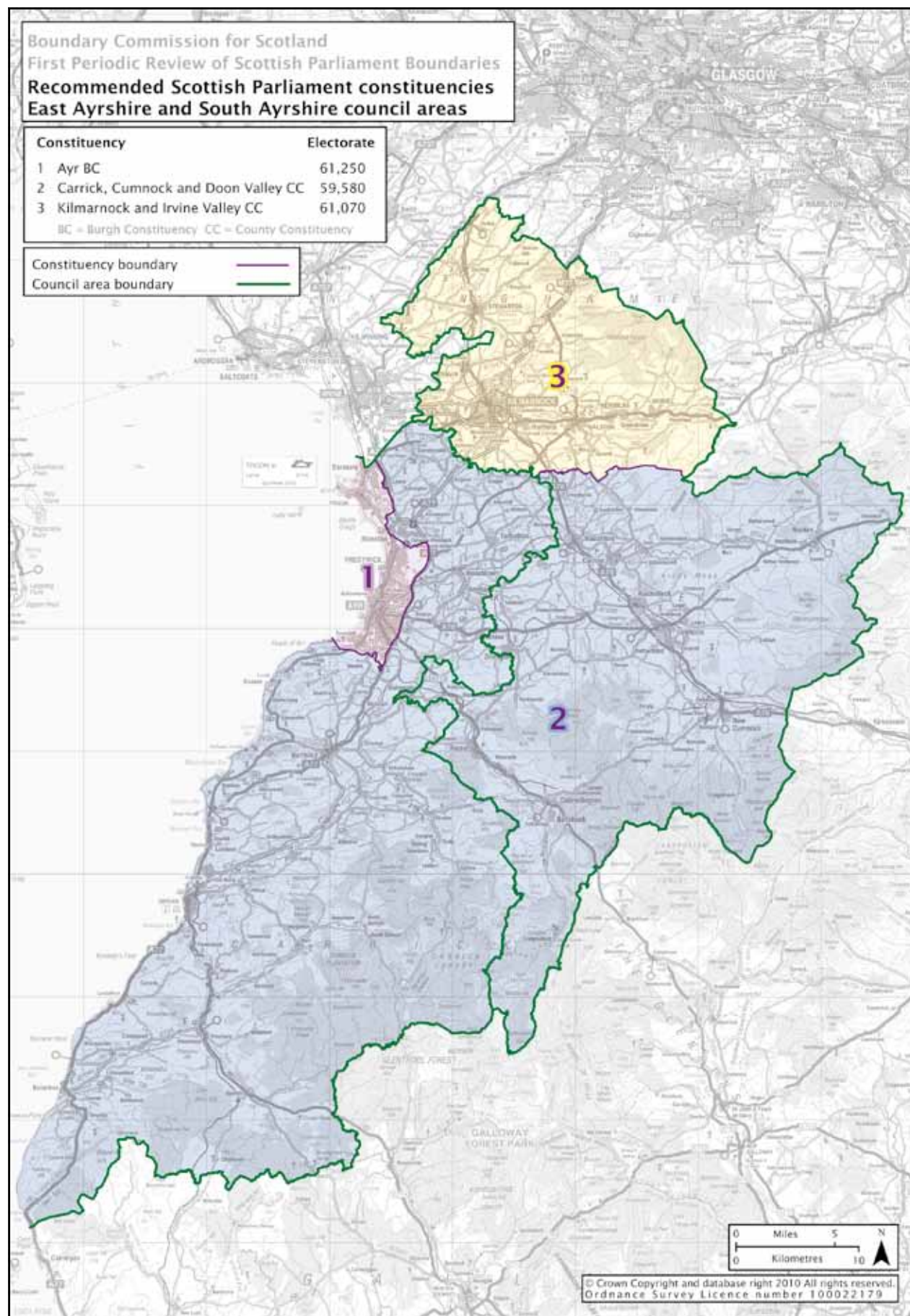
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Ayr	Burgh	61,250
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	59,580
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	County	61,070
Total		181,900

Figure E.6.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ¹	Ward name	Ward electorate
Ayr	S1	Troon	12,170
	S2	Prestwick	12,410
	S3	Ayr North	12,650
	S4	Ayr East	12,010
	S5	Ayr West	12,010
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	E7	Ballochmyle	11,250
	E8	Cumnock and New Cumnock	11,110
	E9	Doon Valley	9,010
	S6	Kyle	8,860
	S7	Maybole, North Carrick and Coylton	11,220
	S8	Girvan and South Carrick	8,130
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	E1	Annick	9,120
	E2	Kilmarnock North	8,680
	E3	Kilmarnock West and Crosshouse	11,890
	E4	Kilmarnock East and Hurlford	11,630
	E5	Kilmarnock South	8,360
	E6	Irvine Valley	11,390

1 E: East Ayrshire; S: South Ayrshire

Figure E.6.3 - Final Recommendations – East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas



2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas appears as Figure E.6.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas were divided between 3 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.6.4.

Figure E.6.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Ayr	South Ayrshire	County	57,120	55,240
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	66,690	65,590
Kilmarnock and Loudoun	East Ayrshire	County	62,250	61,070
Total			186,060	181,900

Provisional Proposals

4. At our meeting of 6 September 2007, we considered the complexities involved in providing for constituencies in West, Central and South West Scotland, which complied with the statutory rules. This large area involved the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian. The combined area had an electorate of 1,270,250, and a theoretical entitlement to 23.21 constituencies.
5. It was clear to us that it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged, or to make minor alterations to them, because of large imbalances of electorate between the existing constituencies in the area. Substantial change was necessary.
6. We concluded that we should deal with this large area by dividing it into 2 blocks. Block 1 combined the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to provide for 7 constituencies. We referred to this block as West Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Block 2 combined the council areas of East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian to provide for 16 constituencies. We referred to this block as South West and Central Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
7. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas, as part of our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, after considering the options in Paper 2007/16 and in Paper 2007/16A. We had in mind the following considerations:

- the issues that would be raised by forming a large rural constituency covering parts of East Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire council areas and a substantial tract of the current Clydesdale constituency; and
 - the desirability of keeping towns in single constituencies when practicable.
8. We decided that a constituency combining rural areas around Cumnock in East Ayrshire with rural areas of South Lanarkshire was possible, with good road communications provided east to west by the A70 and A71.
 9. We concluded that it was necessary to divide the town of Ayr between 2 constituencies in order to design constituencies that conformed to the statutory rules, but that it was possible to keep the town of Kilmarnock within 1 constituency.
 10. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
 11. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
 12. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas. These were contained in our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland. The Provisional Proposals were as shown in Figure E.6.5.

Figure E.6.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Cumnock and Clydesdale	East Ayrshire South Lanarkshire	County	51,630
Kilmarnock	East Ayrshire	County	51,280
North Ayr and Troon	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	53,610
South Ayr, Carrick and Doon Valley	East Ayrshire South Ayrshire	County	52,260
Total			208,780

13. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

14. We considered the 1,290 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, of which some 490 related to East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas, in Paper 2008/15. The main issues raised relating to East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas were:
 - whether constituencies should avoid crossing the boundary between Ayrshire and Lanarkshire, even if doing so would mean that the resulting constituencies are above the electoral quota;
 - whether the existing Kilmarnock and Loudoun constituency should be retained;
 - whether the creation of the proposed Cumnock and Clydesdale constituency would have a negative impact on the Ayrshire communities in that constituency; and
 - whether the council areas of East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire should be covered exactly by 5 constituencies.
15. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of South West and Central Scotland, which included objections from East Ayrshire Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and West Lothian Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
16. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 June 2008.

Local Inquiry

17. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into 15 out of 16 of our proposed constituencies for South West and Central Scotland. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Airdrie on 23 September and 24 September 2008, Ayr on 26 September and 29 September 2008, and Lanark on 30 September and 1 October 2008.
18. The Assistant Commissioner made a number of recommendations in his report on the Local Inquiry. In relation to East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas, he recommended that the Commission should revisit its proposals for a Clydesdale and Cumnock cross-council constituency and consider alternative arrangements that respected the boundary between South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

19. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/03. We gave further consideration to these matters while considering Paper 2009/03A.

20. We noted that the combined electorate of East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas was 181,900, giving a theoretical entitlement to 3.32 constituencies. We also noted that our Provisional Proposals had included 2 constituencies covering North Ayrshire council area. Those proposals had attracted very few representations, and those representations had generally been in support.
21. We considered a design for 3 constituencies exactly covering East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas with electorates that were 8.9%, 11.6% and 11.9% above the electoral quota. We were concerned that such electorates in these rural areas were relatively high when compared to proposed constituencies in other parts of Scotland.
22. We also considered a design for 10 constituencies covering the three Ayrshire council areas together with East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas. We found that it was possible to produce a design which achieved good electoral parity, but only at the expense of the other statutory rules. The design did not accord with the boundaries of council areas or the maintenance of local ties. Out of the 10 constituencies for the combined East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas, the design required 2 constituencies which included parts of 3 council areas and 2 constituencies which included parts of 2 council areas.
23. Having considered both designs, we concluded that the design comprising 3 constituencies exactly covering East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas provided better conformance with the statutory rules.
24. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
25. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and decided on the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. We decided on the constituency name of Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley since it provided an acceptable description of the area covered by the constituency, and had the advantage of being different from the name of its Westminster counterpart (Kilmarnock and Loudoun) which had a different extent. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
26. We adopted the 3 constituencies arising from paragraphs 23 and 25 as our Revised Recommendations for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas.

Revised Recommendations

27. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.6.1, E.6.2 and E.6.3.

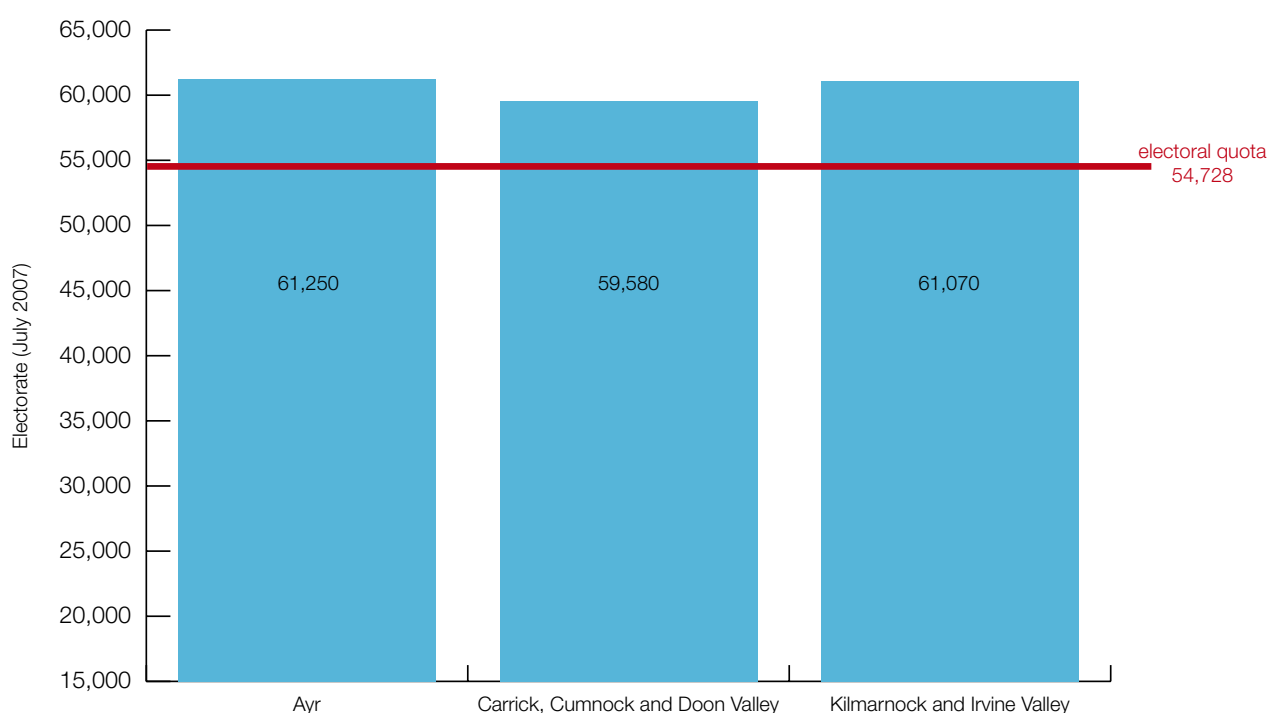
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

28. We considered the 10 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/27.
29. The representations were generally supportive of the Revised Recommendations, and included support from East Ayrshire Council and the main political parties. South Ayrshire Council did not make a representation.
30. Some of the representations suggested amending the name of Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley constituency to Kilmarnock and Loudoun.
31. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
32. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

33. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for East Ayrshire and South Ayrshire council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.6.1, E.6.2 and E.6.3.
34. Figure E.6.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.6.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.7

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: East Lothian, Midlothian, Scottish Borders

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 4 recommended constituencies for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas are in Figures E.7.1 and E.7.2.

Figure E.7.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
East Lothian	County	55,070
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County	54,140
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	County	56,940
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County	57,430
Total		223,580

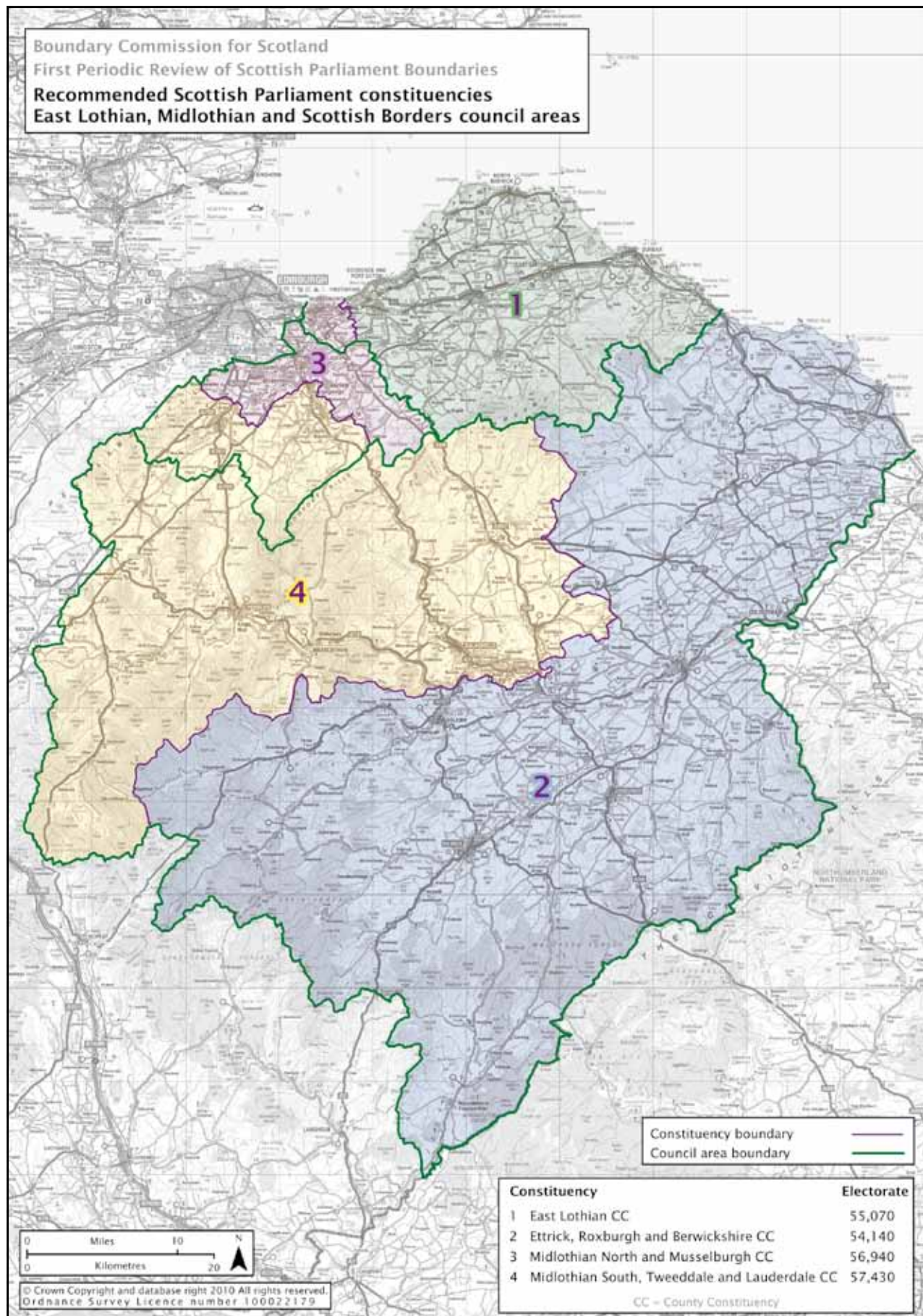
Figure E.7.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ¹	Ward name	Ward electorate
East Lothian	E3	Preston / Seton / Gosford	12,680
	E4	Fa'side	12,830
	E5	North Berwick Coastal	9,820
	E6	Haddington and Lammermuir	9,980
	E7	Dunbar and East Linton	9,760
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	S4	Selkirkshire	7,820
	S6	Mid Berwickshire	8,230
	S7	East Berwickshire	8,340
	S8	Kelso and District	8,050
	S9	Jedburgh and District	7,030
	S10	Hawick and Denholm	7,250
	S11	Hawick and Hermitage	7,420
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	E1	Musselburgh West	8,320
	E2	Musselburgh East and Carberry	9,570
	M2	Bonnyrigg	11,180
	M3	Dalkeith	8,440
	M4 (part)	Midlothian West	8,810
	M5	Midlothian East	10,620
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	M1	Penicuik	11,130
	M4 (part)	Midlothian West	2,000
	M6	Midlothian South	9,500
	S1	Tweeddale West	7,780
	S2	Tweeddale East	7,700
	S3	Galashiels and District	11,370
	S5	Leaderdale and Melrose	7,950

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas appears as Figure E.7.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

¹ E: East Lothian; M: Midlothian; S: Scottish Borders

Figure E.7.3 - Final Recommendations – East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas were divided between 5 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.7.4.

Figure E.7.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
East Lothian	East Lothian	County	58,700	61,580
Edinburgh East and Musselburgh	City of Edinburgh East Lothian	Burgh	60,640	56,700
Midlothian	Midlothian	County	48,850	48,530
Roxburgh and Berwickshire	Scottish Borders	County	48,010	48,190
Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale	Midlothian Scottish Borders	County	51,950	53,900
Total			268,150	268,900

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas after considering the options in Paper 2007/12.
5. We noted that the combined electorate of East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas was 223,580, giving a theoretical entitlement to 4.09 constituencies.
6. Among the options were several which designed a single constituency exactly covering Midlothian council area. We concluded that this would result in a constituency which deviated from the electoral quota by 13 per cent, and that such a deviation could not be justified in this case where links to adjacent council areas were possible.
7. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas which comprised:
 - a constituency comprising part of Midlothian council area and part of East Lothian council area at Musselburgh;
 - a constituency comprising the rest of Midlothian council area, which included Penicuik, Newtongrange and Gorebridge, with part of Scottish Borders council area that included Galashiels, Lauder and Peebles;
 - a constituency containing the remaining, larger, part of East Lothian council area which related closely to the former area of Haddingtonshire; and
 - a constituency which closely reflected the former counties of Berwickshire, Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire within Scottish Borders council area.
8. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.

9. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
10. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas which were as shown in Figure E.7.5.

Figure E.7.5 - Provisional Proposals

Name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Haddington	East Lothian	County	55,070
North Midlothian and Musselburgh	East Lothian Midlothian	County	56,940
Roxburgh, Selkirk and Berwickshire	Scottish Borders	County	54,140
South Midlothian, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	Midlothian Scottish Borders	County	57,430
Total			223,580

11. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

12. We considered the 480 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/13. The main issues raised were:
 - objections to any part of Midlothian council area being combined in a constituency with any part of Scottish Borders council area;
 - suggestions for the configuration of constituencies covering Scottish Borders council area;
 - whether Midlothian council area should comprise a single constituency; and
 - suggestions for the name of the constituency covering most of East Lothian council area.
13. Based on the representations received, which included objections from East Lothian Council, Midlothian Council and Scottish Borders Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
14. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 22 May 2008.

Local Inquiry

15. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed E F Bowen QC, Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Loanhead on 7 October 2008, Peebles on 14 October 2008, and Musselburgh on 16 October 2008.

16. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
 - we should revisit the possibility of creating a single constituency exactly covering Midlothian council area;
 - a constituency should be formed combining the two eastern coastal wards of East Lothian council area with the north-eastern part of Scottish Borders council area; and
 - the constituency name East Lothian should be used in place of Haddington.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

17. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/29 and in Paper 2009/01.
18. We had concerns about adopting a constituency which included the whole of Midlothian council area, and which would result in an electorate of 61,680 (13% above the electoral quota). Looking at the national picture, such a constituency could only be countenanced where there were exceptional circumstances. From the evidence that had been submitted, we agreed that such circumstances had not been established. Furthermore, we concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's suggestion which would combine part of East Lothian council area including North Berwick, Gullane and Aberlady with part of Scottish Borders council area was no more likely to reflect local links than the Provisional Proposals which combined parts of Midlothian council area, including Newtongrange and Gorebridge, with Scottish Borders council area. We also examined alternatives which took account of the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations to differing degrees.
19. We concluded that none of the alternatives improved upon the Provisional Proposals.
20. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 1 December 2008 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
21. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. We accepted the Assistant Commissioner's recommended change of constituency name from Haddington to East Lothian. In addition, we concluded that our proposed name of Roxburgh, Selkirk and Berwickshire was insufficiently distinct from the Westminster constituency covering a different, but overlapping, area, and adopted the alternative name of Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
22. We adopted the 4 constituencies from our Provisional Proposals with unchanged boundaries and amended names as our Revised Recommendations for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas.

Revised Recommendations

23. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.7.1, E.7.2 and E.7.3.

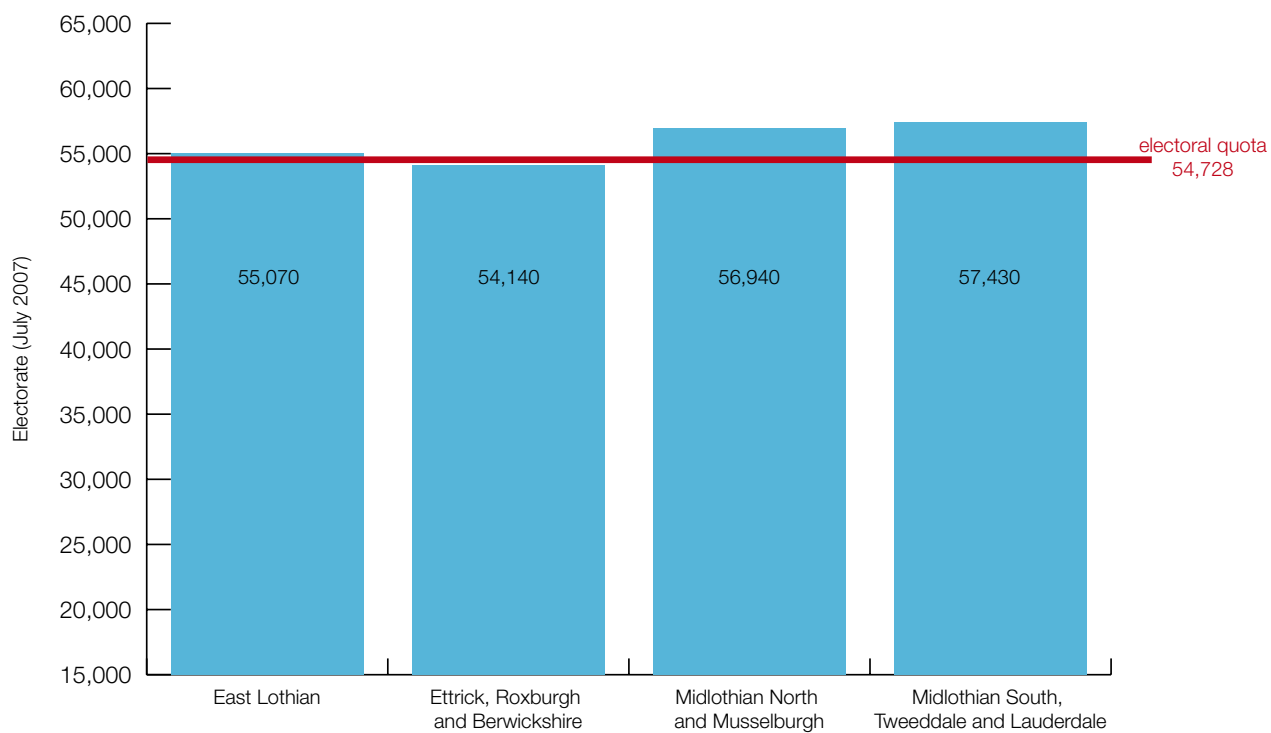
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

24. We considered the 12 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/29.
25. The representations from East Lothian Council and an MSP supported our Revised Recommendations.
26. The majority of the representations supported the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations, and reiterated the arguments in favour of them.
27. Taking account of all the evidence, we confirmed that a constituency exactly covering Midlothian council area produced an unacceptably high electorate and that combining part of East Lothian council area with parts of Scottish Borders council area was no more likely to reflect local links than the Revised Recommendations which combined parts of Midlothian council area with parts of Scottish Borders council area.
28. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
29. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

30. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.7.1, E.7.2 and E.7.3.
31. Figure E.7.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.7.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.8

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 5 recommended constituencies for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas are in Figures E.8.1 and E.8.2.

Figure E.8.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Eastwood	County	49,960
Greenock and Inverclyde	County	56,350
Paisley	Burgh	50,910
Renfrewshire North and West	County	48,520
Renfrewshire South	County	49,360
Total		255,100

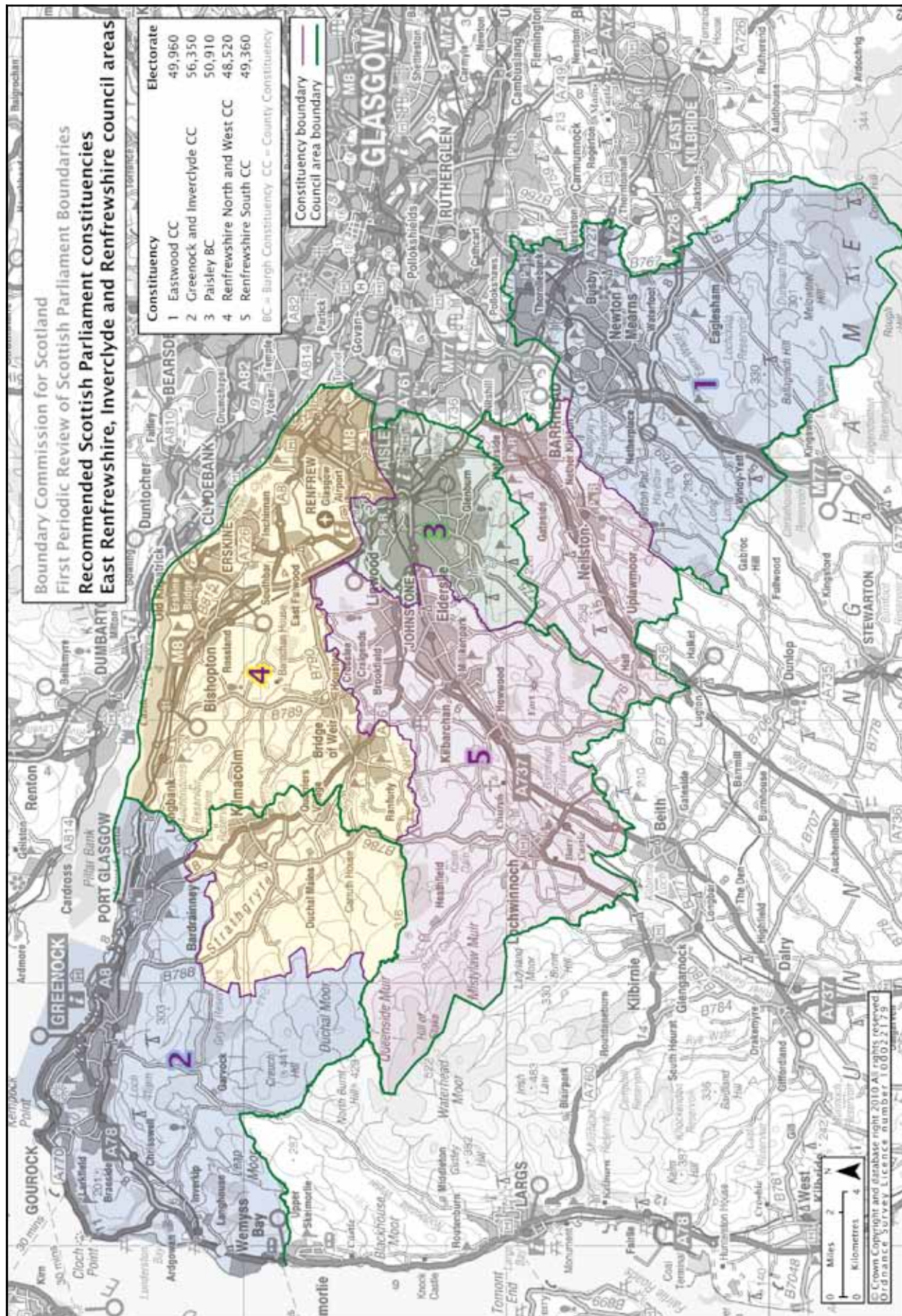
Figure E.8.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ¹	Ward name	Ward electorate
Eastwood	E1 (part)	Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	8,500
	E3	Giffnock and Thornliebank	10,930
	E4	Netherlee, Stamperland and Williamwood	10,200
	E5	Newton Mearns South	9,690
	E6	Busby, Clarkston and Eaglesham	10,640
Greenock and Inverclyde	I1 (part)	Inverclyde East	9,010
	I2	Inverclyde East Central	9,620
	I3	Inverclyde North	12,350
	I4	Inverclyde South	8,570
	I5	Inverclyde West	8,660
	I6	Inverclyde South West	8,140
Paisley	R3	Paisley East and Ralston	12,870
	R4 (part)	Paisley North West	12,490
	R5	Paisley South	13,520
	R6	Paisley South West	12,030
Renfrewshire North and West	I1 (part)	Inverclyde East	4,160
	R1	Renfrew North	9,060
	R2	Renfrew South and Gallowhill	10,370
	R4 (part)	Paisley North West	270
	R9 (part)	Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	2,610
	R10	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	9,010
	R11	Erskine and Inchinnan	13,040
Renfrewshire South	E1 (part)	Neilston, Uplawmoor and Newton Mearns North	4,770
	E2	Barrhead	12,490
	R7	Johnstone South, Elderslie and Howwood	12,620
	R8	Johnstone North, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch	10,160
	R9 (part)	Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	9,320

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas appears as Figure E.8.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

¹ E: East Renfrewshire; I: Inverclyde; R: Renfrewshire

Figure E.8.3 - Final recommendations – East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas were divided between 5 constituencies. At the start of this review, as a result of a minor amendment to council area boundaries², these council areas were divided between 6 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.8.4.

Figure E.8.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Eastwood	East Renfrewshire	County	68,120	67,210
Glasgow Govan	Glasgow City Renfrewshire	Burgh	51,040	47,550
Greenock and Inverclyde	Inverclyde	County	49,460	44,940
Paisley North	Renfrewshire	Burgh	49,990	43,810
Paisley South	Renfrewshire	Burgh	54,570	48,830
West Renfrewshire	Inverclyde Renfrewshire	County	53,270	50,310
Total			326,450	302,650

Provisional Proposals

4. At our meeting of 6 September 2007, we considered the complexities involved in providing for constituencies in West, Central and South West Scotland, which complied with the statutory rules. This large area involved the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian. The combined area had an electorate of 1,270,250, and a theoretical entitlement to 23.21 constituencies.
5. It was clear to us that it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged, or to make minor alterations to them, because of large imbalances of electorate between the existing constituencies in the area. Substantial change was necessary.
6. We concluded that we should deal with this large area by dividing it into 2 blocks. Block 1 combined the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to provide for 7 constituencies. We referred to this block as West Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Block 2 combined the council areas of East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian to provide for 16 constituencies. We referred to this block as South West and Central Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.

² In 2002, a minor amendment to the council area boundary between Glasgow City and Renfrewshire council areas resulted in a small part of Glasgow Govan constituency (which was previously in Glasgow City council area) being in Renfrewshire council area.

7. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas, as part of our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland, after considering the options in Paper 2007/15.
8. We recognised that the proposal to cross the River Clyde at Erskine was a departure from previous arrangements and might raise some concerns. Accordingly, we closely reviewed the alternatives which involved combining part of West Dunbartonshire council area with part of East Dunbartonshire council area and consequential changes elsewhere. We agreed that this was demonstrably less attractive in terms of meeting the demands for equitable electorates, and that the geography and distribution of electorates was such that there would be a division of communities at the interface between East Dunbartonshire and West Dunbartonshire council areas.
9. We noted that revised constituencies contained wholly within each council area gave rise to significant under-representation. However, combining these council areas and providing for a constituency that linked part of Renfrewshire with West Dunbartonshire allowed for many difficulties to be resolved.
10. We agreed that the proposals, which saw a single constituency cross the River Clyde to bring together Clydebank with Renfrew, Erskine and Bishopton, were better constructed in terms of the electoral quota and offered strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
11. We noted also that no link between East Renfrewshire council area and South Lanarkshire council area could be established because of the distribution of electorate in South Lanarkshire. The two communities of Rutherglen and East Kilbride are both dense urban areas which display strong, tightly-defined boundaries, and we concluded that if practicable we should avoid splitting either of them.
12. Similarly, the geography and distribution of electorate to the south of East Renfrewshire and in the north of East Ayrshire precluded the possibility of establishing a constituency which straddled the council area boundaries in that vicinity. Further, the position of Glasgow City council area, which had a theoretical entitlement to 8 constituencies exactly covering its area, offered no scope for absorbing electorates from the adjoining Renfrewshire or East Renfrewshire council areas without having a significantly detrimental impact on the design of constituencies within its area.
13. We noted that, whilst using the M8 as a boundary in the contiguous built-up area of Renfrew and Paisley provided for a strong boundary, it might give rise to views that the town of Paisley was unnecessarily divided at this point. We explored the potential for having a single Paisley constituency. It was evident that none of the alternatives offered a solution which provided for suitable electorates or appropriate constituency geography when designing constituencies across the wider area.
14. We agreed that it was necessary to combine Barrhead with part of Paisley and that the constituency proposed provided for a suitable geography and an appropriate electorate. With regard to an alternative that combined the eastern extent of Inverclyde Council with the largely rural western extent

of Renfrewshire council area through Johnstone and Linwood into Paisley town centre, we agreed that swapping Paisley town centre and the Glenburn area between the two proposed constituencies covering Paisley offered no improvement in terms of the balance of electorates and, further, it removed the link that the more rural areas undoubtedly had with Paisley town centre.

15. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007.
16. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
17. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas. These were contained in our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland. The Provisional Proposals were as shown in Figure E.8.5.

Figure E.8.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Central Paisley and West Renfrewshire	Inverclyde Renfrewshire	County	56,210
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	County	54,730
Greenock and Inverclyde	Inverclyde	County	56,350
North Renfrewshire and Clydebank	Renfrewshire West Dunbartonshire	Burgh	56,360
South East Paisley and Barrhead	East Renfrewshire Renfrewshire	Burgh	54,890
Total			278,540

18. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

19. We considered the 1,600 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for West Scotland, of which some 1,480 related to East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas, in Paper 2008/14. The main issues raised relating to East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas were:
 - opposition to a constituency that crosses the River Clyde;
 - requests for the areas of East Renfrewshire council area, East Renfrewshire constituency (Westminster) and the proposed East Renfrewshire constituency (Scottish Parliament) to be coterminous;
 - suggestions for an alternative configuration of 5 constituencies exactly covering the combined council areas of East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire;

- suggestion for an alternative configuration that would combine these council areas with East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire to create 10 constituencies;
 - support for the existing arrangements to be retained;
 - over 400 objections to the removal of Barrhead from the existing Eastwood constituency; and
 - support for the proposals.
20. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of West Scotland, which included objections from Argyll and Bute Council, East Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Council, and West Dunbartonshire Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held. Inverclyde Council was generally satisfied with our Provisional Proposals. As Inverclyde Council did not object to our Provisional Proposals and fewer than 100 representations were received from electors residing in the proposed Greenock and Inverclyde constituency, we agreed that the Greenock and Inverclyde constituency would not be included in the scope of the inquiry.
21. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 June 2008.

Local Inquiry

22. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for West Scotland. We arranged for transcripts to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Paisley on 26 August, 27 August and 28 August 2008 and Clydebank on 1 September and 2 September 2008.
23. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
- there should be no constituency created which spans the River Clyde and has the effect of dividing the central part of the town of Clydebank from the remainder;
 - on the south side of the River Clyde no attempt should be made to form constituencies spanning the boundary between the old larger Renfrewshire and Ayrshire (i.e. constituencies embracing parts of East, North or South Ayrshire council areas together with parts of East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde or Renfrewshire council areas);
 - on the south side of the River Clyde the following five constituencies within East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas should be formed:
 - a county constituency to be named Greenock and Inverclyde constituency consisting of wards 1 (part) and 2 to 6 of Inverclyde Council (56,350 electors);
 - a burgh constituency to be named Paisley constituency consisting of wards 2 (part), 3, 4 (part), 5 and 6 of Renfrewshire Council (55,118 electors);
 - a county constituency to be named North and West Renfrewshire constituency consisting of wards 1, 2 (part), 4 (part), 9 (part), 10 and 11 of Renfrewshire Council and ward 1 (part) of Inverclyde Council (47,207 electors);

- a county constituency to be named South Renfrewshire constituency consisting of wards 7, 8 and 9 (part) of Renfrewshire Council and wards 1 (part) and ward 2 of East Renfrewshire Council (46,457 electors); and
- a county constituency to be named Eastwood constituency or East Renfrewshire constituency consisting of wards 1 (part) and 3 to 6 of East Renfrewshire Council (49,880 electors).

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

24. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/03. We gave further consideration to these matters while considering Paper 2009/03A.
25. We noted that the combined electorate of East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas was 255,100, giving a theoretical entitlement to 4.67 constituencies.
26. We examined revised constituency proposals prepared by our Secretariat, based on the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioner and the representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals.
27. We noted that the 5 constituencies to the south of the River Clyde, suggested by the Assistant Commissioner, included constituencies that were 14% and 15% below the electoral quota. We concluded that such low electorates in relatively compact semi-urban areas would be difficult to justify within the terms of the statutory rules, when compared to our proposed constituencies in other parts of Scotland. We therefore instructed our Secretariat to prepare alternative configurations of constituencies that more closely complied with the statutory rules. We requested configurations that:
 - combined the three Ayrshire council areas with East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas to configure 10 constituencies; and
 - revised the Assistant Commissioner's recommended constituencies for the combined East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas to produce a better balance of electorate between 5 constituencies in these council areas.
28. We considered 3 options produced by our Secretariat in Paper 2009/03A.
29. When we considered a possible design for 10 constituencies covering the three Ayrshire council areas together with East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas, we found that it achieved good electoral parity, but only at the expense of the other statutory rules. The design did not accord with the boundaries of council areas or the maintenance of local ties. Out of the 10 constituencies for the combined East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Ayrshire, Renfrewshire and South Ayrshire council areas, the design required 2 constituencies which included parts of 3 council areas and 2 constituencies which included parts of 2 council areas.

30. We concluded that the option which provided for 5 constituencies covering the combined council areas of East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire, produced a more acceptable solution. We noted that this option more closely followed the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations for the area, while producing constituency electorates that were nearer to the electoral quota. The proposed constituency of Greenock and Inverclyde remained unchanged to that proposed under our Provisional Proposals.
31. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
32. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
33. We adopted the 5 constituencies arising from paragraphs 30 and 32 as our Revised Recommendations for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas.

Revised Recommendations

34. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.8.1, E.8.2 and E.8.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

35. We considered the 59 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/35.
36. The main issues raised in the representations were:
 - continued opposition to the division of East Renfrewshire council area between 2 constituencies;
 - alternative configurations for the areas covered by Renfrewshire North and West constituency and Renfrewshire South constituency, including suggestions for the grouping of Renfrewshire settlements within 2 constituencies; and
 - suggestions of alternative names for constituencies.
37. We confirmed our view that a constituency exactly covering East Renfrewshire council area was unacceptable under the statutory rules.
38. We concluded that the alternative configurations suggested for the areas covered by our proposed Renfrewshire North and West constituency and Renfrewshire South constituency did not improve upon our Revised Recommendations.

39. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.

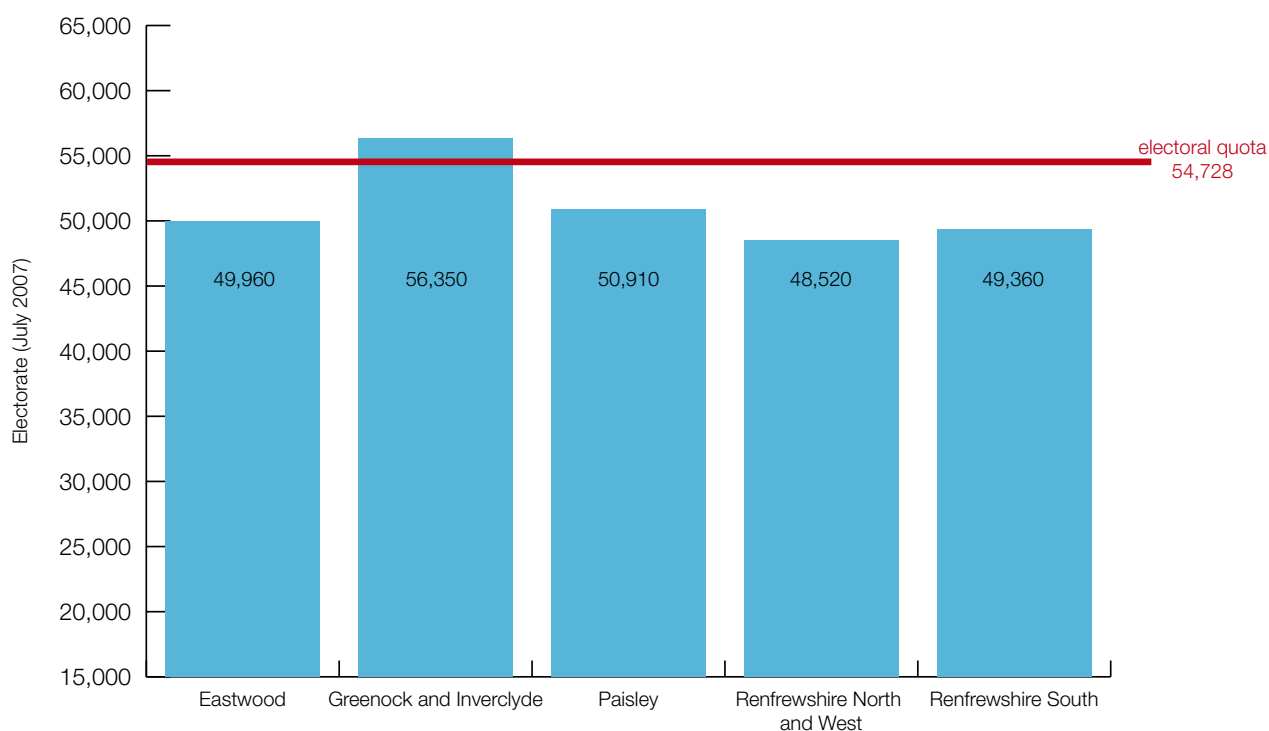
40. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

41. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde and Renfrewshire council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.8.1, E.8.2 and E.8.3.

42. Figure E.8.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.8.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.9

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: City of Edinburgh

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 6 recommended constituencies for City of Edinburgh council area are in Figures E.9.1 and E.9.2.

Figure E.9.1 - Final Recommendations

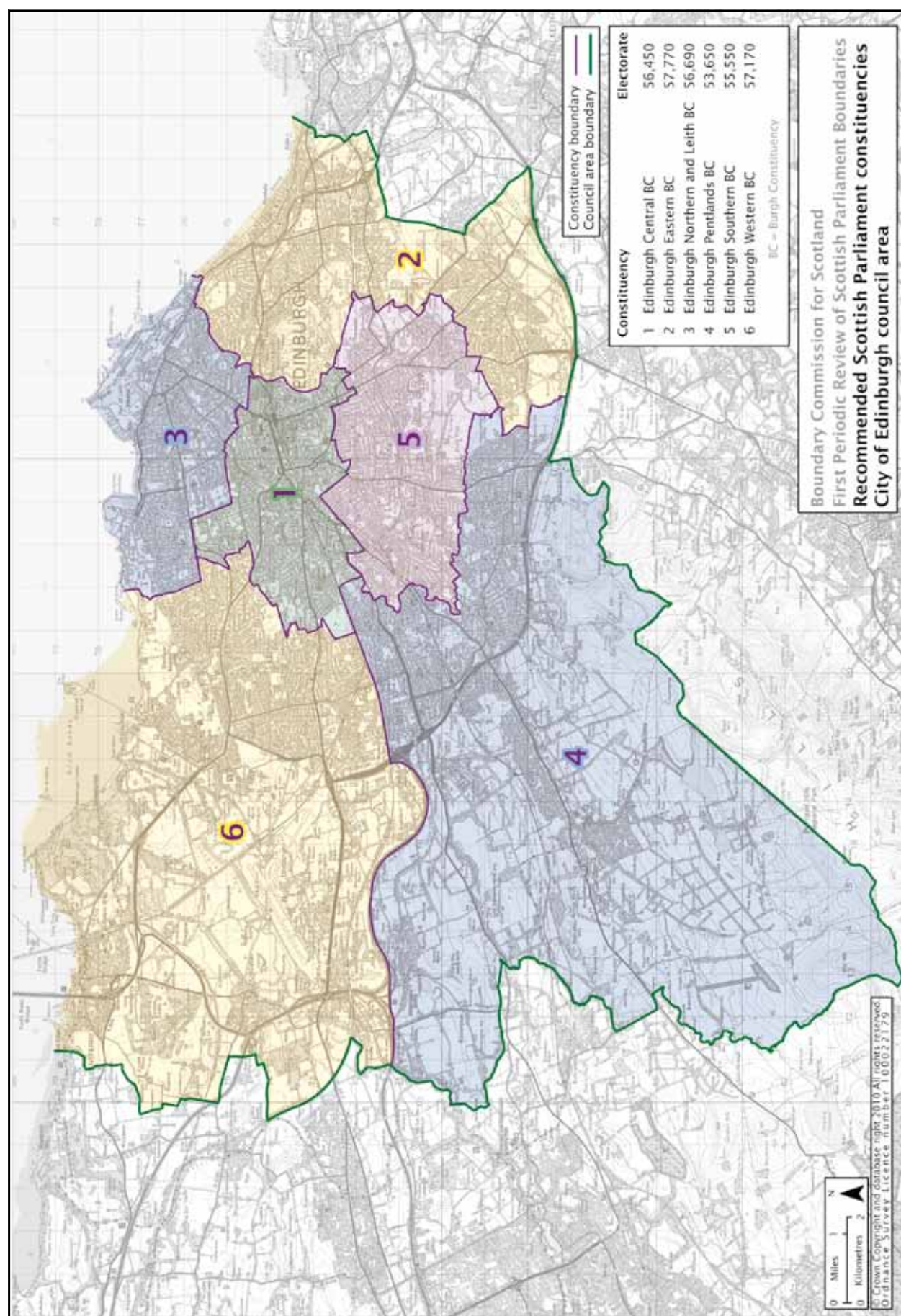
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	56,450
Edinburgh Eastern	Burgh	57,770
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Burgh	56,690
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh	53,650
Edinburgh Southern	Burgh	55,550
Edinburgh Western	Burgh	57,170
Total		337,280

Figure E.9.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Edinburgh Central	5 (part)	Inverleith	12,810
	6 (part)	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	7,390
	7 (part)	Sighthill / Gorgie	7,550
	9 (part)	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	1,210
	10 (part)	Meadows / Morningside	4,060
	11 (part)	City Centre	14,200
	15 (part)	Southside / Newington	9,230
Edinburgh Eastern	11 (part)	City Centre	1,580
	13 (part)	Leith	1,080
	14	Craigmillar / Duddingston	19,730
	16 (part)	Liberton / Gilmerton	17,990
	17 (part)	Portobello / Craigmillar	17,390
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	4 (part)	Forth	17,550
	5 (part)	Inverleith	2,630
	12	Leith Walk	21,450
	13 (part)	Leith	15,060
Edinburgh Pentlands	2	Pentland Hills	18,050
	7 (part)	Sighthill / Gorgie	17,100
	8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	18,500
Edinburgh Southern	7 (part)	Sighthill / Gorgie	50
	9 (part)	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	15,610
	10 (part)	Meadows / Morningside	19,230
	15 (part)	Southside / Newington	14,380
	16 (part)	Liberton / Gilmerton	6,180
	17 (part)	Portobello / Craigmillar	100
Edinburgh Western	1	Almond	18,860
	3	Drum Brae / Gyle	17,370
	4 (part)	Forth	3,270
	5 (part)	Inverleith	7,470
	6 (part)	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	10,200

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for City of Edinburgh council area appears as Figure E.9.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.9.3 - Final recommendations – City of Edinburgh council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, City of Edinburgh council area was divided between 6 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.9.4.

Figure E.9.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency Name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Edinburgh Central	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	65,320	55,860
Edinburgh East and Musselburgh	City of Edinburgh East Lothian	Burgh	60,640	56,700
Edinburgh North and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	62,670	60,320
Edinburgh Pentlands	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	61,150	58,210
Edinburgh South	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	64,740	57,640
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh West Lothian ¹	Burgh	62,230	59,930
Total			376,750	348,660

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for City of Edinburgh council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/06, Paper 2007/06A, Paper 2007/06B and Paper 2007/06C. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of City of Edinburgh council area was 337,280, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 6.16 constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, we concluded that it was unacceptable to leave the existing constituencies unchanged;
 - there appeared to be no added benefit in combining City of Edinburgh council area with any of the surrounding council areas to configure constituencies suitable for the Scottish Parliament;
 - it was possible to design 6 constituencies that exactly covered City of Edinburgh council area, which satisfied the statutory rules; and
 - configuring 6 constituencies exactly covering City of Edinburgh council area required significant change to existing arrangements.
5. We agreed that a configuration comprising a central constituency with 5 surrounding constituencies produced better compliance with the statutory rules than other configurations.
6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007, the minutes of our meeting of 10 August 2007, the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 3 December 2007.
7. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.

¹ In 2002, a minor amendment to the council area boundary between City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas resulted in a small part of Edinburgh West constituency (which was previously in City of Edinburgh council area) being in West Lothian council area.

8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for City of Edinburgh council area which were as shown in Figure E.9.5.

Figure E.9.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Central Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	55,320
East Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	55,350
North Edinburgh and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	57,240
South Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,450
South West Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,420
West Edinburgh	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,500
Total			337,280

9. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

10. We considered the 300 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/07. The main issues raised were:
- whether Colinton and Fairmilehead should be in the same constituency as each other;
 - whether South Morningside should be included in the proposed South West Edinburgh constituency;
 - whether the existing Edinburgh Pentlands constituency should be retained;
 - whether the proposed South West Edinburgh constituency should be re-named Pentlands;
 - support for greater alignment with local government electoral wards;
 - whether Gorgie and Dalry should be included in the proposed South West Edinburgh constituency;
 - whether Moredun and Gilmerton should be included in the proposed South Edinburgh constituency; and
 - whether The Inch should be included in its entirety in the proposed South Edinburgh constituency.
11. We noted that no objection was received from City of Edinburgh Council, only some suggestions for minor boundary amendments. Based on the number of representations received, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held and that the scope of that inquiry would focus on the proposed South West Edinburgh constituency and the proposed South Edinburgh constituency and on any consequential changes required for alternative suggestions to meet the statutory rules.
12. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 4 April 2008.

Local Inquiry

13. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed E F Bowen QC, Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for City of Edinburgh council area. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Edinburgh on 9 September 2008.
14. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
 - the minor amendments suggested by City of Edinburgh Council should be accepted; and
 - reconsideration should be given to the proposed South West Edinburgh constituency and the proposed South Edinburgh constituency, taking into account:
 - the unity of The Inch and its affinity to South Edinburgh;
 - local ties that link Moredun and Gilmerton to Kaimes and Alnwickhill; and
 - the link between Fairmilehead, Colinton, Firrhill and South Morningside.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

15. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/06.
16. We noted that the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals had not resulted in objections to the proposed arrangements for the north, west and centre of the city, and that the City of Edinburgh Council's suggested minor amendments would not have a significant effect in terms of electorate numbers. We agreed to amend our Provisional Proposals for these areas to reflect the Council's amendments, as part of our Revised Recommendations.
17. We also considered different options for arrangements in the south and east of the city, which complied, as far as possible, with the Assistant Commissioner's conclusions. We concluded that the option that reinstated the existing Scottish Parliament constituency boundary between Fairmilehead and Liberton, and made other changes in the southern part of the city, while not fully complying with the Assistant Commissioner's conclusions, addressed many of the issues surrounding community ties in the southern and eastern parts of the city. We agreed, therefore, that this option should form part of our Revised Recommendations.
18. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
19. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. For City of Edinburgh council area, this included using locality names rather than compass-points, in order to clearly distinguish names of Scottish Parliament constituencies from names of Westminster constituencies. Thus we chose the names Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth in place of West Edinburgh, and Edinburgh Trinity and Leith in place of North Edinburgh and Leith. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.

20. We adopted the 6 revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 16, 17 and 19 as our Revised Recommendations for City of Edinburgh council area.

Revised Recommendations

21. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in City of Edinburgh council area, which were as shown in Figure E.9.6.

Figure E.9.6 - Revised Recommendations

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Edinburgh Central	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,450
Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	57,170
Edinburgh East and South	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	57,770
Edinburgh Pentlands	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,050
Edinburgh Southside	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	53,150
Edinburgh Trinity and Leith	City of Edinburgh	Burgh	56,690
Total			337,280

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

22. We considered the 120 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/33.
23. The representations raised a number of issues including:
- suggestions for alternative names from City of Edinburgh Council and others;
 - requests for Craiglockhart not to be divided between 2 constituencies;
 - requests for Liberton not to be divided between 2 constituencies;
 - support for the Revised Recommendations; and
 - requests for Abbeyhill to be included in the proposed Edinburgh Central constituency.
24. In light of the representations received, we agreed to amend the southern boundary between the proposed Edinburgh Southside constituency and the proposed Edinburgh Pentlands constituency by aligning it, in part, with the boundary of ward 9 (Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart). This amendment resulted in ward 9 being divided between 2 constituencies rather than 3, resulted in the whole of Craiglockhart being located in a single constituency, and complied well with the statutory rules.
25. We were not persuaded that the suggested amendments to the Abbeyhill and Liberton areas improved upon our Revised Recommendations.
26. After considering the representations concerning constituency names, we agreed to adopt the amended constituency names suggested by the City of Edinburgh Council, namely, Edinburgh Southern in place of Edinburgh Southside; Edinburgh Western in place of Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth; Edinburgh Northern and Leith in place of Edinburgh Trinity and Leith; and Edinburgh Eastern in place of Edinburgh East and South.

27. We agreed that these were the only changes that needed to be made to our Revised Recommendations for City of Edinburgh council area.
28. We adopted these revised constituencies as our Further Recommendations for City of Edinburgh council area.
29. Our discussions and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Further Recommendations

30. On 3 September 2009 we published for consultation our Further Recommendations for City of Edinburgh council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.9.1, E.9.2 and E.9.3.

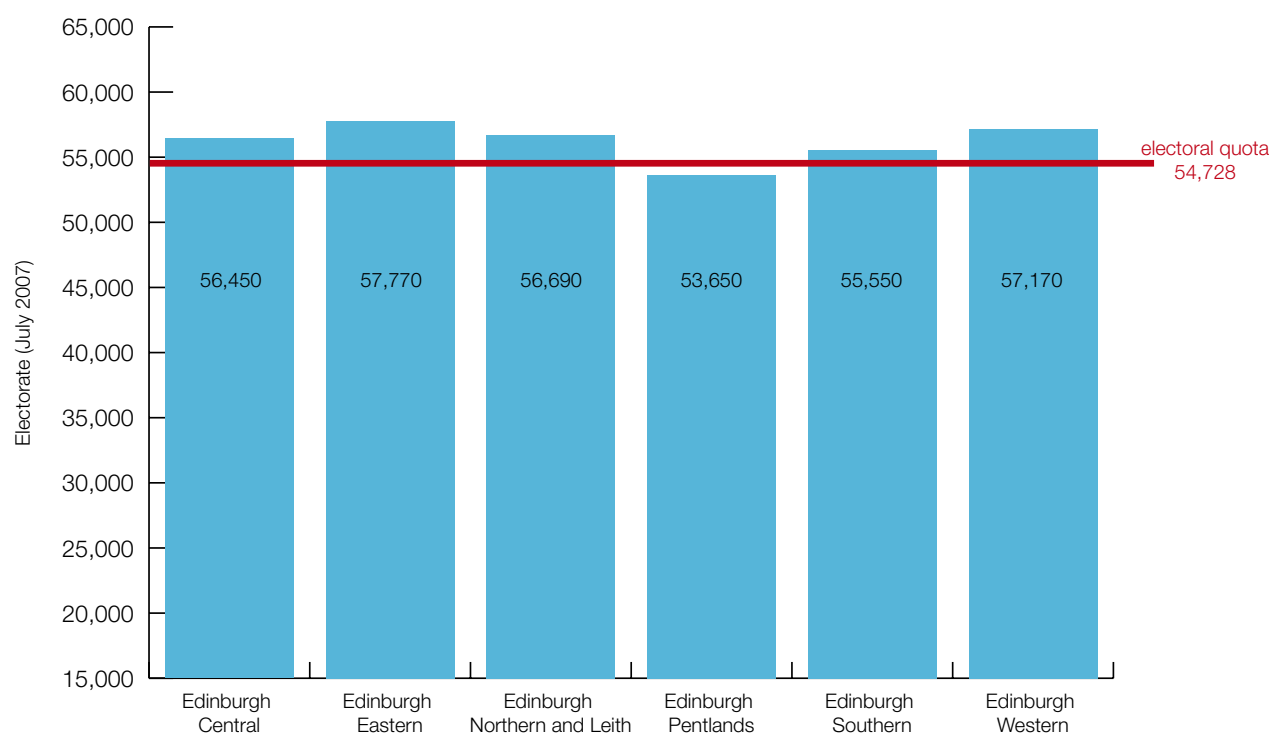
Consideration of Further Recommendations

31. We considered the 2 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Further Recommendations in Paper 2009/46. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 19 October 2009.
32. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Further Recommendations.

Final Recommendations

33. We adopted our Further Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for City of Edinburgh council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.9.1, E.9.2 and E.9.3.
34. Figure E.9.7 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.9.7 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.10

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Na h-Eileanan an Iar

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 1 recommended constituency for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area are in Figures E.10.1 and E.10.2.

Figure E.10.1 - Final Recommendations

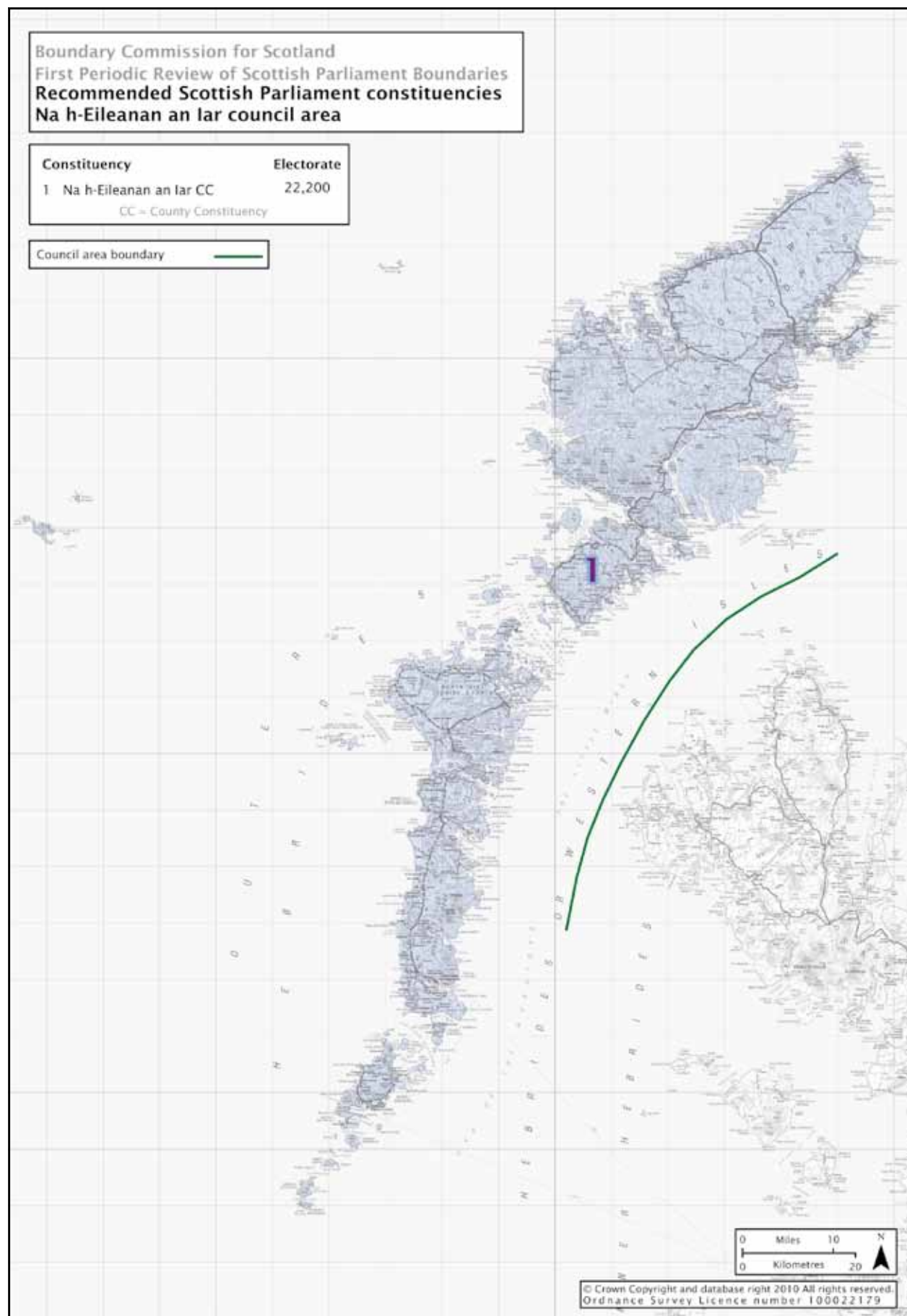
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	County	22,200
Total		22,200

Figure E.10.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	1	Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eirisgeigh agus Uibhist a Deas	2,580
	2	Beinn na Foghla agus Uibhist a Tuath	2,370
	3	Na Hearadh agus Ceann a Deas nan Loch	1,990
	4	Sgir'Uige agus Ceann a Tuath nan Loch	2,460
	5	Sgìre an Rubha	1,970
	6	Steòrnabhaigh a Deas	3,040
	7	Steòrnabhaigh a Tuath	3,060
	8	Loch a Tuath	2,060
	9	An Taobh Siar agus Nis	2,670

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for the constituency for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area appears as Figure E.10.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.10.3 - Final Recommendations – Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area comprised 1 constituency, as shown in Figure E.10.4.

Figure E.10.4 - Constituency at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Western Isles	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	County	22,570	22,200
Total			22,570	22,200

Provisional Proposals

4. In forming our Provisional Proposals we had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area was 22,200, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 0.41 constituencies; and
 - the arguments, which had influenced earlier reviews to conclude that Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area should not be combined with Highland council area to configure constituencies, still had validity for the current review.
5. Within the terms of the statutory rules, we concluded that special geographic circumstances applied to Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area due to the community and communication issues that exist and, under these circumstances, the area should form a single constituency.
6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 10 August 2007 under the paragraphs headed Highland Council Area (BCS 2007/10).
7. We decided on the constituency name after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area which were as shown in Figure E.10.5.

Figure E.10.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	County	22,200
Total			22,200

9. Details of the wards contained within the constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, are included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

10. We considered the 4 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/21. The representations were from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Scottish Conservatives, Scottish Labour Party and Scottish Liberal Democrats. All conveyed support for our Provisional Proposals.
11. In light of the representations received, we agreed that there was no need to hold a Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

12. We noted that a small number of representations regarding our Provisional Proposals for Highland council area suggested that a constituency should be formed which combined Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area with part of Highland council area. These representations were to be considered by the Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals for Highland council area.
13. Subject to consideration of the findings of the Local Inquiries into our proposals for the Highland council area and elsewhere, we concluded that no changes were required to our Provisional Proposals for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area.
14. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 October 2008.
15. We reviewed the constituency name in the light of our revised approach described in Chapter 2.5, and decided that no changes were required as a result of that revised approach.
16. As noted above, the Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals for Highland council area considered representations which suggested combining Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area with part of Highland council area. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals for Highland council area in Paper 2009/05. Our proposals for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area were unaltered by our conclusions following the findings of the Local Inquiry. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.

Revised Recommendations

17. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.10.1, E.10.2, and E.10.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

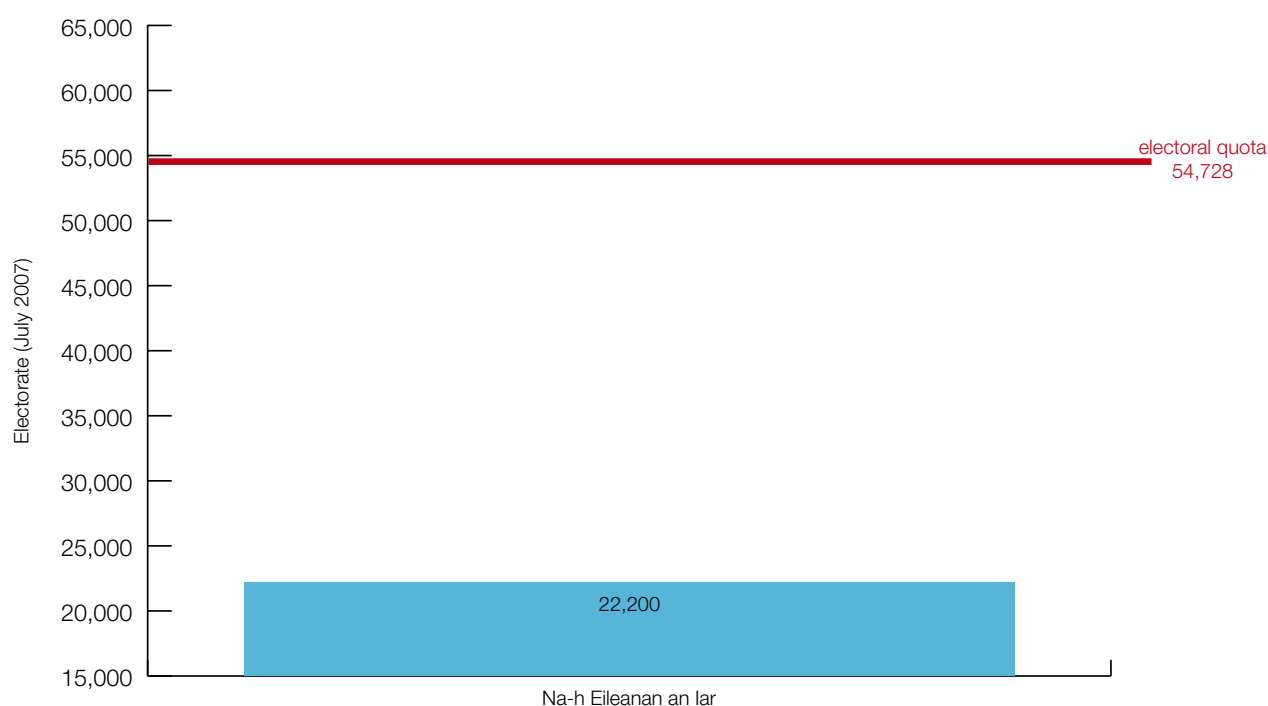
18. We considered the 5 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/25.

19. The representations were from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, Scottish Conservatives, Scottish Labour Party, Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish National Party. All conveyed support for our Revised Recommendations.
20. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
21. Our discussions and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

22. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Na h-Eileanan an Iar council area. Details of the recommended constituency are in Figures E.10.1, E.10.2 and E.10.3.
23. Figure E.10.6 shows the electorate of the recommended constituency relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.10.6 - Electorate of Final Recommendations



Appendix E.11

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Falkirk

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for Falkirk council area are in Figures E.11.1 and E.11.2.

Figure E.11.1 - Final Recommendations

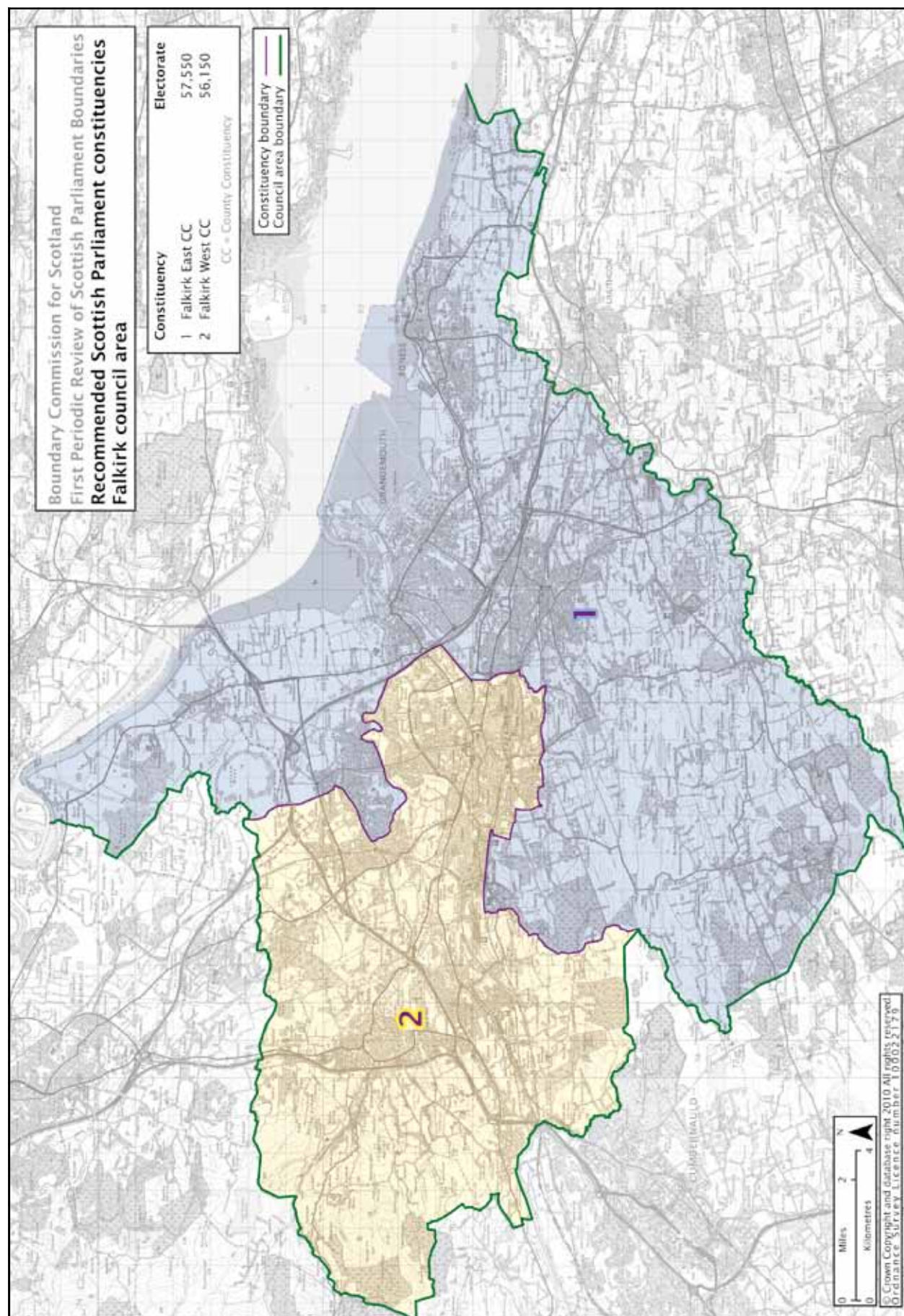
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Falkirk East	County	57,550
Falkirk West	County	56,150
Total		113,700

Figure E.11.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Falkirk East	1	Bo'ness and Blackness	11,580
	2	Grangemouth	13,180
	4 (part)	Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst	11,360
	7 (part)	Falkirk South	90
	8	Lower Braes	10,030
	9	Upper Braes	11,310
Falkirk West	3	Denny and Banknock	13,950
	4 (part)	Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst	2,450
	5	Bonnybridge and Larbert	11,600
	6	Falkirk North	14,090
	7 (part)	Falkirk South	14,060

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Falkirk council area appears as Figure E.11.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.11.3 - Final recommendations – Falkirk council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Falkirk council area was divided between 2 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.11.4.

Figure E.11.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Falkirk East	Falkirk	County	57,650	57,620
Falkirk West	Falkirk	County	53,460	56,080
Total			111,110	113,700

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for this area after considering the options in Paper 2007/08 and Paper 2007/08A. We had in mind the following considerations:
 - the July 2007 electorate of Falkirk council area was 113,700, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 2.08 constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, it was possible to leave the 2 existing constituencies unchanged;
 - we saw no added benefit in combining Falkirk council area with any of the surrounding council areas to configure Scottish Parliament constituencies;
 - minor changes could be made to the current arrangements in order to produce a stronger and more identifiable boundary between the existing constituencies; and
 - the distribution of electorate in the council area did not lend itself to having constituency boundaries that were coterminous with local government ward boundaries.
5. Having considered the wider area, we concluded that Falkirk council area should be divided into 2 constituencies exactly covering the extent of the council area. We noted that the existing arrangements would continue to provide 2 constituencies with balanced electorates that conformed to the statutory rules. However, we concluded that minor changes should be made to the existing constituency boundary in the areas of West Mains and Carronvale House, in the interests of producing a better defined boundary in these areas. These revisions had no material effect in terms of the overall constituency electorates and produced a stronger and better-defined constituency boundary.
6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007.
7. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for Falkirk council area which were as shown in Figure E.11.5.

Figure E.11.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Falkirk	Falkirk	County	57,550
West Falkirk	Falkirk	County	56,150
Total			113,700

Representations on Provisional Proposals

9. We considered the 5 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/23 and in Paper 2008/25.
10. Based on representations received, which included support from Falkirk Council (subject to a small number of minor amendments), the Scottish Labour Party and the Scottish Liberal Democrats, we agreed that there was no requirement to hold a Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals.
11. Representations received included a submission from the Scottish Conservatives suggesting an alternative configuration, which combined Falkirk council area with the council areas of Clackmannanshire, Stirling and West Lothian to form 6 constituencies. We were not persuaded by the Scottish Conservatives' submission to amend our Provisional Proposals but noted that their alternative would be subject to scrutiny and consideration at Local Inquiries held into our Provisional Proposals for those other areas and therefore we might need to revisit the issue once the relevant Assistant Commissioners' reports were received.
12. We agreed to a number of Falkirk Council's suggested amendments and adopted the resulting constituencies as our Revised Recommendations, subject to the outcome of the Local Inquiries involving Clackmannanshire, Stirling and West Lothian council areas.
13. When we subsequently received the reports from those Local Inquiries, neither of them suggested adoption of the Scottish Conservatives' alternative configuration for the council areas of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Stirling and West Lothian, and therefore we did not make any further alterations to our Provisional Proposals for Falkirk council area.
14. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 October 2008 and the minutes of our meeting of 1 December 2008.
15. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. As a result, we agreed to amend our proposed constituency names to Falkirk East and Falkirk West. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
16. We adopted the 2 constituencies arising from paragraphs 12 and 15 as our Revised Recommendations for Falkirk council area.

Revised Recommendations

17. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Falkirk council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.11.1, E.11.2 and E.11.3.

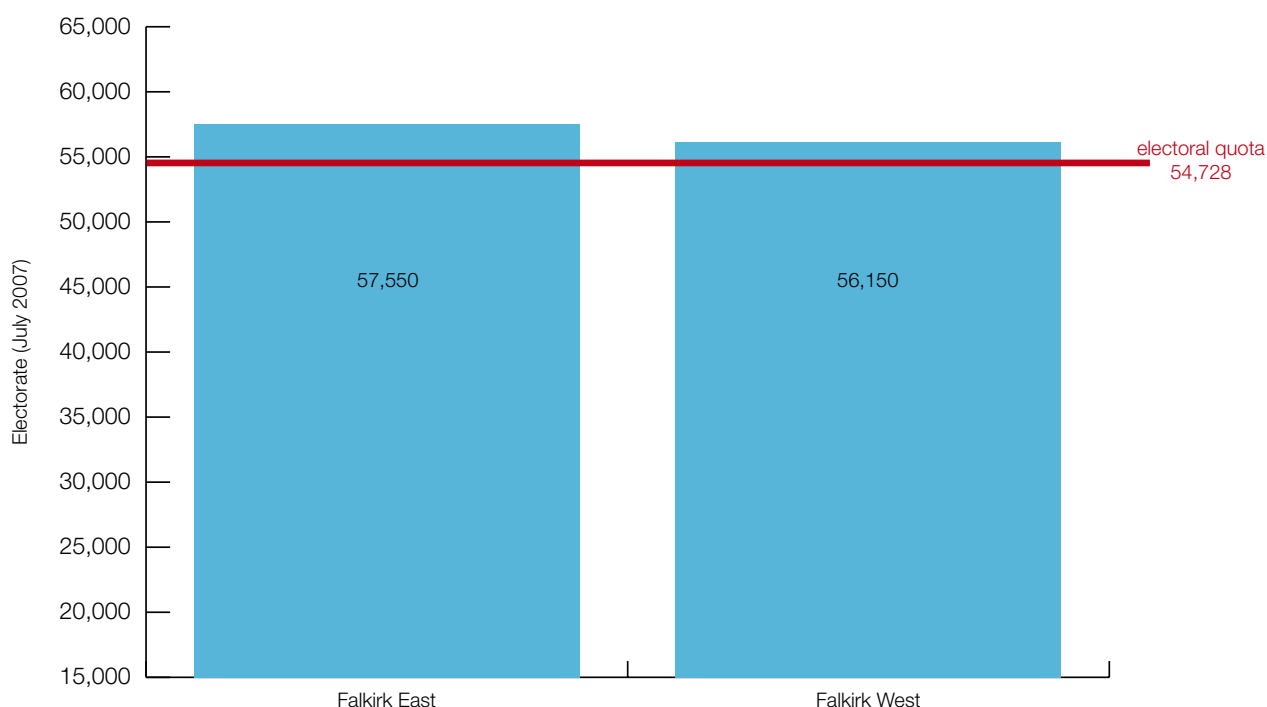
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

18. We considered the 5 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/21.
19. Among the representations, Falkirk Council and the Scottish Liberal Democrats supported our Revised Recommendations. The Scottish Conservatives continued to endorse their alternative configuration for 6 constituencies covering the combined council areas of Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Stirling and West Lothian. The Scottish Labour Party and Scottish National Party made no comment.
20. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
21. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

22. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Falkirk council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.11.1, E.11.2 and E.11.3.
23. Figure E.11.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.11.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.12

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Fife

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 5 recommended constituencies for Fife council area are in Figures E.12.1 and E.12.2.

Figure E.12.1 - Final Recommendations

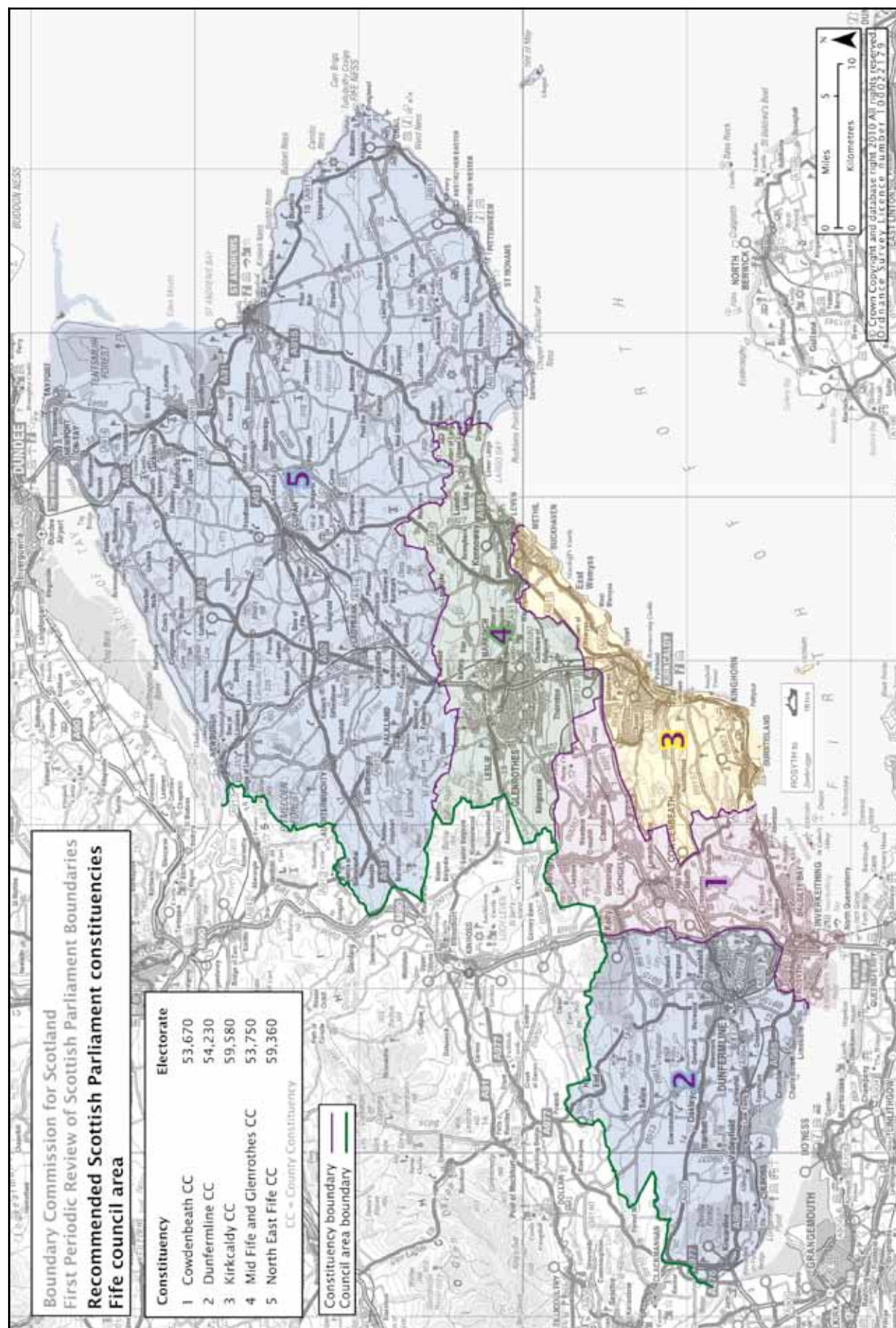
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Cowdenbeath	County	53,670
Dunfermline	County	54,230
Kirkcaldy	County	59,580
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	County	53,750
North East Fife	County	59,360
Total		280,590

Figure E.12.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Cowdenbeath	5	Rosyth	10,770
	6	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	13,510
	7 (part)	The Lochs	9,020
	8	Cowdenbeath	10,750
	9	Lochgelly and Cardenden	9,620
Dunfermline	1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	14,350
	2	Dunfermline North	10,210
	3	Dunfermline Central	14,750
	4	Dunfermline South	14,100
	7 (part)	The Lochs	820
Kirkcaldy	10	Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	11,060
	11	Kirkcaldy North	11,840
	12	Kirkcaldy Central	11,840
	13	Kirkcaldy East	10,600
	23	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	14,240
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	14	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	13,980
	15	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	14,210
	16	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	10,750
	22	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	14,810
North East Fife	17	Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	12,000
	18	Tay Bridgehead	11,090
	19	St Andrews	14,450
	20	East Neuk and Landward	10,520
	21	Cupar	11,300

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Fife council area appears as Figure E.12.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.12.3 - Final Recommendations - Fife council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Fife council area was divided into 5 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.12.4.

Figure E.12.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Central Fife	Fife	County	59,200	58,740
Dunfermline East	Fife	County	52,250	51,590
Dunfermline West	Fife	County	53,420	57,470
Kirkcaldy	Fife	County	52,140	51,190
North East Fife	Fife	County	60,310	61,600
Total			277,320	280,590

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Fife council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/05 and Paper 2007/05A. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the electorate of Fife council area was 280,590, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 5.13 constituencies;
 - there appeared to be no added benefit in combining Fife council area with any of the surrounding council areas to configure Scottish Parliament constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, it was unacceptable to leave the 5 existing constituencies unchanged;
 - it was possible to design 5 constituencies which would satisfy the statutory rules while having regard to local government electoral ward boundaries;
 - the proposals for revised constituencies could retain the core electorates of the existing constituencies; and
 - the proposals should not divide the contiguous built-up areas of Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy or Glenrothes.
5. We concluded that Fife council area should continue to be divided into 5 constituencies but noted that the distribution of electorate within Fife had changed. In view of changes to the distribution of electorate, and the lack of circumstances to justify retention of the existing arrangements, we agreed that it was necessary to make revisions. Further, we agreed that the disparity of electorates, which was particularly evident in the North East Fife constituency, should be addressed.
6. In considering different options for our Provisional Proposals, it became evident that it was possible to design 5 constituencies based on aggregations of complete local government electoral wards. We recognised that such a design would be attractive from an administrative viewpoint, would address the disparity of electorate, and would produce a configuration of constituencies that complied with the statutory rules.

7. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
8. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
9. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for Fife council area which were as shown in Figure E.12.5.

Figure E.12.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Cowdenbeath	Fife	County	54,490
Dunfermline	Fife	County	53,410
Kirkcaldy	Fife	County	59,580
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	Fife	County	53,750
North and East Fife	Fife	County	59,360
Total			280,590

10. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

11. We considered the 110 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/08. The main issues raised were:
 - objections to the inclusion of Largo and Lundin Links in the proposed Mid Fife and Glenrothes constituency;
 - support for the proposals from Fife Council, with suggestions for alternative constituency names; and
 - suggestions for alternative constituency names.
12. Based on the representations received, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
13. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 4 April 2008.

Local Inquiry

14. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Glenrothes on 15 September and 16 September 2008.

15. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that he found the issues raised concerning the Largo and Lundin Links area difficult ones on which to make a recommendation.
16. He noted that the local ties, which would be broken by our Provisional Proposals in the Largo and Lundin Links area, are as strong as one is likely to encounter and there was undoubtedly substantial public opposition to the Commission's proposals. On the other hand, he expressed discomfort at the significant divergence from the electoral quota that would occur from placing Largo and Lundin Links in a North East Fife constituency. He was also conscious of our expressed wish to achieve consistency across the country and that making a concession to the claims of the Largo and Lundin Links residents may have an adverse impact on the realisation of that objective.
17. Noting that the electorate of 61,600 in the existing North East Fife constituency did not appear to fall outwith the limits which we seemed prepared to tolerate elsewhere, he was less confident than others at the Local Inquiry about limitations on the future growth of the electorate in North East Fife. He, therefore, concluded that, even if we were prepared to tolerate an electorate of 61,600 at the moment, the time would soon arrive when a division of North East Fife would be absolutely necessary. On that basis, he suggested that the Commission might think it preferable to grasp the nettle now, particularly having regard to the importance of statutory rule 2. In coming to a conclusion, the Assistant Commissioner considered that the matter was finely balanced and that it was for the Commission to decide on what side of the argument the balance fell.
18. The Assistant Commissioner reported that the evidence available on the issue of which constituency the community of Kingseat should be in was not particularly extensive, but he was inclined to agree that the ties between Kingseat and Dunfermline were probably stronger than Kingseat's ties with Cowdenbeath. He believed the only negative aspect of including Kingseat in the Dunfermline constituency would be the division of local government ward 7, The Lochs.
19. The Assistant Commissioner advised that there was not a great deal of evidence given on the question of constituency names, other than on the name for the proposed North and East Fife constituency. The Assistant Commissioner noted our desire to differentiate Scottish Parliament constituency names from Westminster constituency names but suspected that the existing name would continue to be used in practice, regardless of our decision.
20. The Assistant Commissioner reported that no evidence emerged at the Local Inquiry which cast light on the other alternative names suggested within written representations, and that therefore he had no recommendations to make on this matter.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

21. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report, and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/04.

22. We noted the strength of feeling that existed in the Largo and Lundin Links area and the Assistant Commissioner's advice that local ties would be broken by our Provisional Proposals in this area. However, after careful consideration of the matter, we concluded that the high electorate that would result from including the Largo and Lundin Links area in the proposed North and East Fife constituency could only be justified under the statutory rules by exceptional circumstances, and agreed that there were no such circumstances in this case.
23. It should be noted that no one at the Local Inquiry suggested a compensatory transfer of another area from within the existing North East Fife constituency to the proposed Mid Fife and Glenrothes constituency, which would have resulted in better compliance with statutory rule 2.
24. In coming to our conclusion, we noted the upward trend in the number of electors in the existing North East Fife constituency and concluded that the time had arrived to address this situation. We agreed, therefore, to retain the constituency boundaries in our Provisional Proposals in this area without amendment.
25. After consideration of the evidence and the Assistant Commissioner's conclusions regarding the village of Kingseat, we concluded that the village had stronger ties to Dunfermline and should therefore be transferred from the proposed Cowdenbeath constituency to the proposed Dunfermline constituency, resulting in the transfer of 820 electors. In doing so, we noted that the resulting amended constituencies continued to have a high compliance with the statutory rules. We agreed that the amended boundary between the proposed Dunfermline and Cowdenbeath constituencies should be aligned to the M90 motorway, noting that this provided a strong and easily identifiable feature for the boundary to follow.
26. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
27. We also reviewed the constituency names in the light of our revised approach described in Chapter 2.5, and decided that no changes were required as a result of that revised approach. However, having noted the large body of opinion favouring the constituency name of North East Fife, we agreed with the Assistant Commissioner that the proposed North and East Fife constituency name was not significantly different from its counterpart Westminster constituency and that the existing name was likely to continue to be used in practice. We, therefore, agreed that the proposed North and East Fife constituency should be renamed North East Fife constituency. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
28. We concluded that, other than amending the name of the proposed North and East Fife constituency, we were not persuaded to change any of the other constituency names under our Provisional Proposals.
29. We adopted the revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 25 and 27 as our Revised Recommendations for Fife council area.

Revised Recommendations

30. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Fife council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.12.1, E.12.2 and E.12.3.

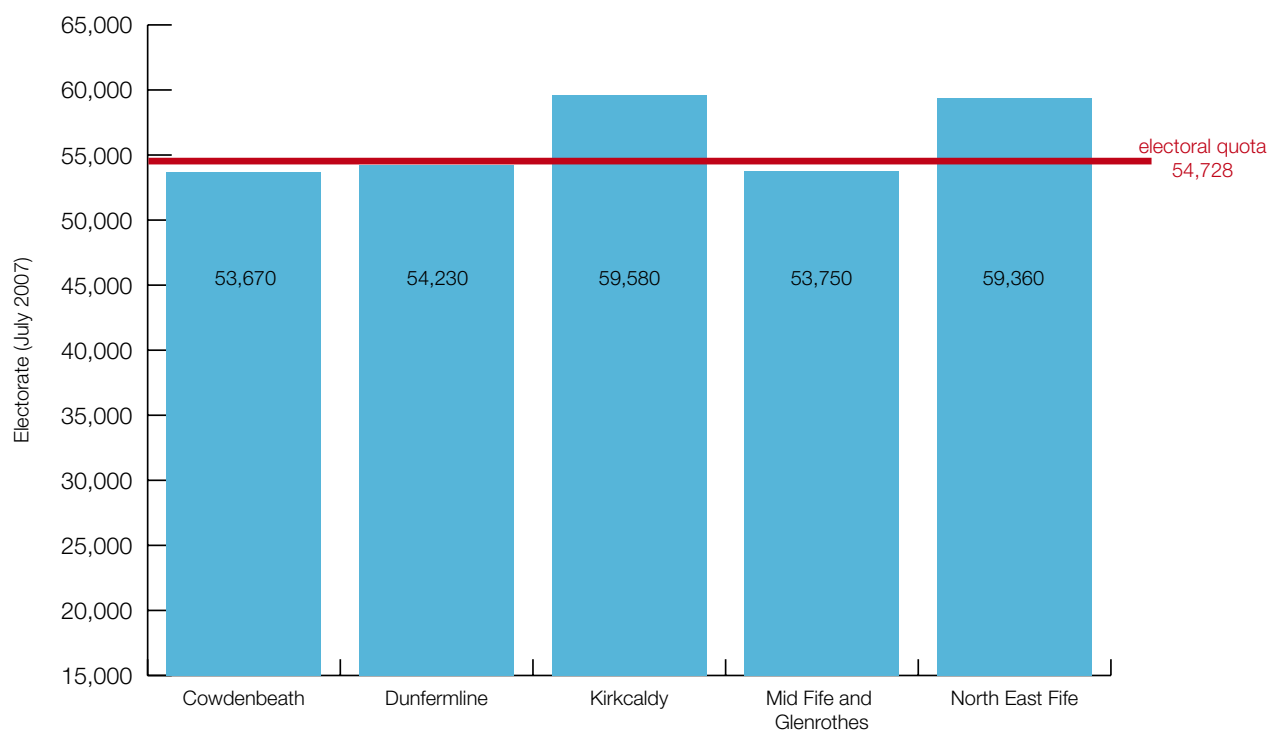
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

31. We considered the 99 representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/28.
32. The vast majority of the representations continued to oppose the proposed exclusion of the Largo and Lundin Links villages from the North East Fife constituency.
33. We considered that the issues relating to the Largo and Lundin Links villages had been given extensive consideration earlier in this review and had been fully discussed at the Local Inquiry. Having examined the further representations received, we noted that they did not advance any fresh evidence to persuade us to modify our proposals.
34. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
35. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

36. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Fife council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.12.1, E.12.2 and E.12.3.
37. Figure E.12.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.12.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.13

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Glasgow City

Recommended Constituencies

1. Details of the 8 recommended constituencies for Glasgow City council area are in Figures E.13.1 and E.13.2.

Figure E.13.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh	53,480
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	57,710
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh	58,330
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	Burgh	54,240
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	56,370
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	51,260
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	52,060
Glasgow Southside	Burgh	51,810
Total		435,260¹

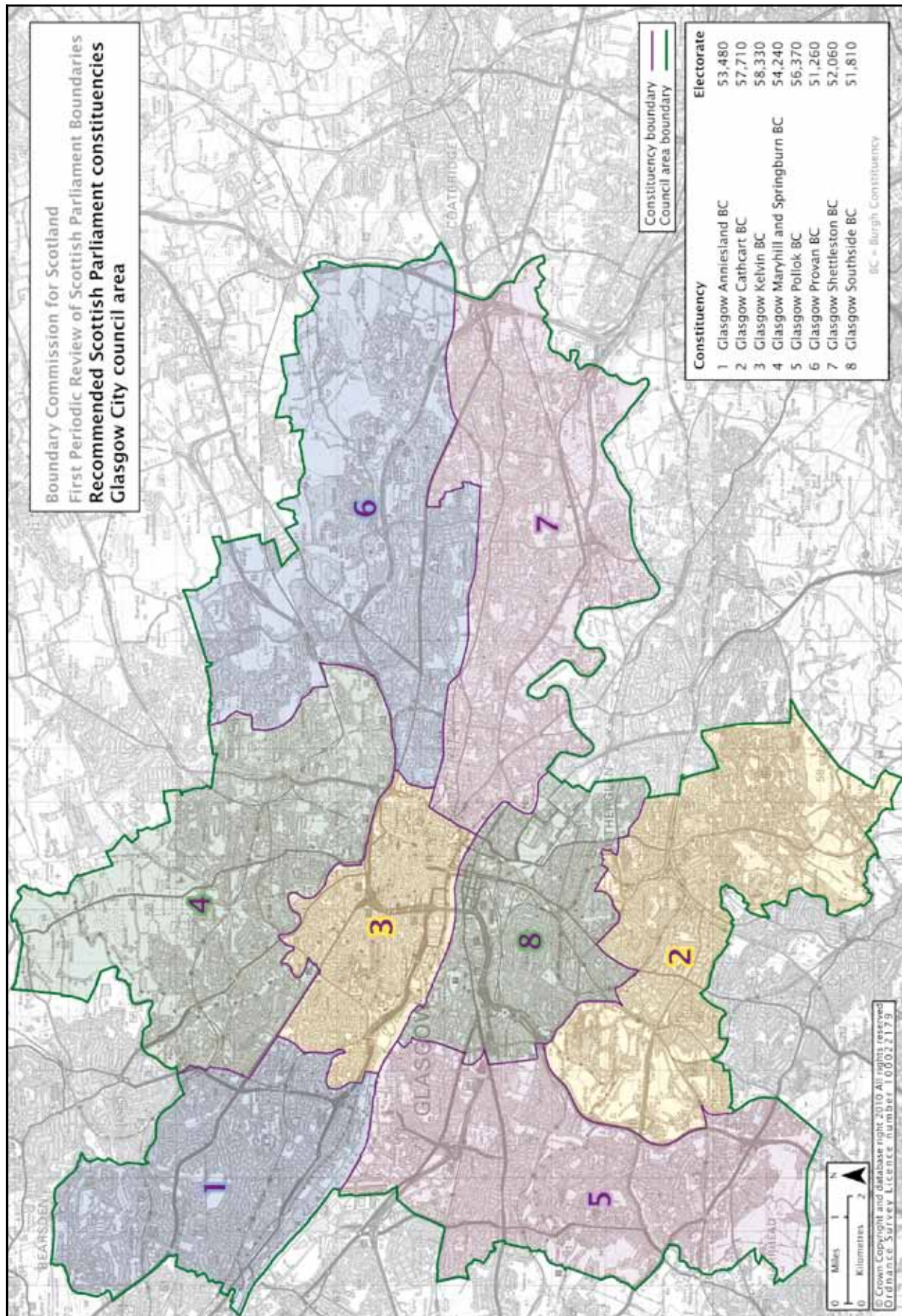
¹ After amendment by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

Figure E.13.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Glasgow Anniesland	12 (part)	Partick West	12,070
	13	Garscadden / Scotstounhill	20,990
	14	Drumchapel / Anniesland	20,420
Glasgow Cathcart	1	Linn	21,760
	2	Newlands / Auldburn	17,610
	7	Langside	18,340
Glasgow Kelvin	10	Anderston / City	20,530
	11	Hillhead	20,900
	12 (part)	Partick West	11,570
	16 (part)	Canal	5,330
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	15	Maryhill / Kelvin	21,710
	16 (part)	Canal	17,050
	17	Springburn	15,480
Glasgow Pollok	3	Greater Pollok	22,240
	4	Craigton	22,830
	5 (part)	Govan	11,300
Glasgow Provan	18	East Centre	21,100
	20 (part)	Baillieston	7,110
	21	North East	23,050
Glasgow Shettleston	9	Calton	15,190
	19	Shettleston	20,670
	20 (part)	Baillieston	16,200
Glasgow Southside	5 (part)	Govan	11,830
	6	Pollokshields	17,080
	8	Southside Central	22,900

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Glasgow City council area appears as Figure E.13.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.13.3 - Final Recommendations – Glasgow City council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Glasgow City council area was divided between 10 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.13.4.

Table E.13.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Glasgow Anniesland	Glasgow City	Burgh	53,580	48,540
Glasgow Baillieston	Glasgow City	Burgh	49,100	44,450
Glasgow Cathcart	Glasgow City	Burgh	50,540	48,030
Glasgow Govan	Glasgow City Renfrewshire ²	Burgh	51,040	47,550
Glasgow Kelvin	Glasgow City	Burgh	58,120	55,320
Glasgow Maryhill	Glasgow City	Burgh	53,850	46,200
Glasgow Pollok	Glasgow City	Burgh	48,330	47,460
Glasgow Rutherglen	Glasgow City South Lanarkshire	Burgh	51,090	51,350
Glasgow Shettleston	Glasgow City	Burgh	48,350	44,230
Glasgow Springburn	Glasgow City	Burgh	53,530	47,090
Total			517,530	480,220

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Glasgow City council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/07 and Paper 2007/07A. In forming our Provisional Proposals for the area we had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of Glasgow City council area was 435,600, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 7.96 constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, we concluded that it was unacceptable to leave the existing constituencies unchanged;
 - there was no longer a need to combine Glasgow City council area with other neighbouring council areas in order to configure constituencies suitable for the Scottish Parliament; and
 - it was possible to design 8 constituencies exactly covering Glasgow City council area, which satisfied the statutory rules.
5. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007.
6. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.

² In 2002, a minor amendment to the council area boundary between Glasgow City and Renfrewshire council areas resulted in a small part of Glasgow Govan constituency (which was previously in Glasgow City council area) being in Renfrewshire council area.

7. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Glasgow City council area which were as shown in Figure E.13.5.

Figure E.13.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	52,130
North Central Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	55,490
North Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	54,240
South Central Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	51,810
South Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	57,710
South East Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	51,530
South West Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	56,370
West Glasgow	Glasgow City	Burgh	56,320
Total			435,600

8. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

9. We considered the 22 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/24 and in Paper 2008/26. The main issues raised were:
- requests that the Broomhill Drive area should not be divided between the proposed constituencies of North Central Glasgow and West Glasgow;
 - requests that an area to the west of Queen Margaret Drive should be transferred from the proposed North Central Glasgow constituency to the proposed North Glasgow constituency;
 - suggestion of an alternative configuration for the proposed constituencies of North Glasgow, North Central Glasgow and East Glasgow for areas around Maryhill, Springburn and Dennistoun;
 - suggested amendments to the proposed constituencies of East Glasgow and South East Glasgow in the Barlanark, Easthall and Wellhouse areas;
 - suggestion of an alternative configuration for 3 constituencies south of the River Clyde;
 - suggestion of an alternative configuration for 5 constituencies north of the River Clyde;
 - support for the proposed boundaries; and
 - requests for the re-introduction of constituency names based on localities rather than compass-points.
10. We noted that no representation was received from Glasgow City Council. Based on the representations received, we agreed that there was no need to hold a Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals for Glasgow City council area.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

11. We considered the suggested realignment between North Central Glasgow constituency and West Glasgow constituency in the area of Broomhill Drive. We decided to amend the boundary alignment in this area to produce a well defined boundary which better respected community considerations.
12. We concluded that our Provisional Proposals around Queen Margaret Drive respected community considerations and found no reason to amend them.
13. We were not persuaded that the alternative suggestion for the areas around Maryhill, Springburn and Dennistoun improved upon our Provisional Proposals.
14. In the Barlanark, Easthall and Wellhouse areas, we concluded that a boundary which followed community council boundaries between the proposed East Glasgow and South East Glasgow constituencies produced an acceptable solution, which responded to the issues raised by the representations.
15. We were not persuaded that the alternative suggestion south of the River Clyde better respected community considerations. We noted that the suggestion produced constituencies with greater divergence from the electoral quota, and confirmed our Provisional Proposals in this area.
16. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 October 2008 and the minutes of our meeting of 1 December 2008.
17. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. This involved adopting locality-based names in place of compass-point names as follows: Glasgow Anniesland in place of West Glasgow; Glasgow Cathcart in place of South Glasgow; Glasgow Kelvin in place of North Central Glasgow; Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn in place of North Glasgow; Glasgow Pollok in place of South West Glasgow; Glasgow Provan in place of East Glasgow; Glasgow Shettleston in place of South East Glasgow; and Glasgow Southside in place of South Central Glasgow. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
18. We noted the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) of the council area boundary at Cardowan by Stepps between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas, as described in Chapter 2.6, in Paper 2009/13. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
19. We adopted the 8 constituencies arising from paragraphs 11, 14 and 17 as our Revised Recommendations for Glasgow City council area.

Revised Recommendations

20. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for 8 constituencies in Glasgow City council area, which were as shown in Figure E.13.6.

Figure E.13.6 - Revised Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh	53,480
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	57,710
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh	58,330
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	Burgh	54,240
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	56,370
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	51,600
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	52,060
Glasgow Southside	Burgh	51,810
Total		435,600

21. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Recommendations, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Revised Recommendations which are available on our website.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

22. We considered the 7 representations received in response to our public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/34.
23. We noted that Glasgow City Council was generally supportive of our Revised Recommendations. All other representations which commented on Glasgow City council area intimated support.
24. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
25. As a result of the LGBCS review referred to in paragraph 18, the council area boundary at Cardowan has been amended³, taking effect on 1 April 2010, decreasing the electorate of Glasgow Provan constituency by 340. We have incorporated that amendment into our Final Recommendations.
26. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

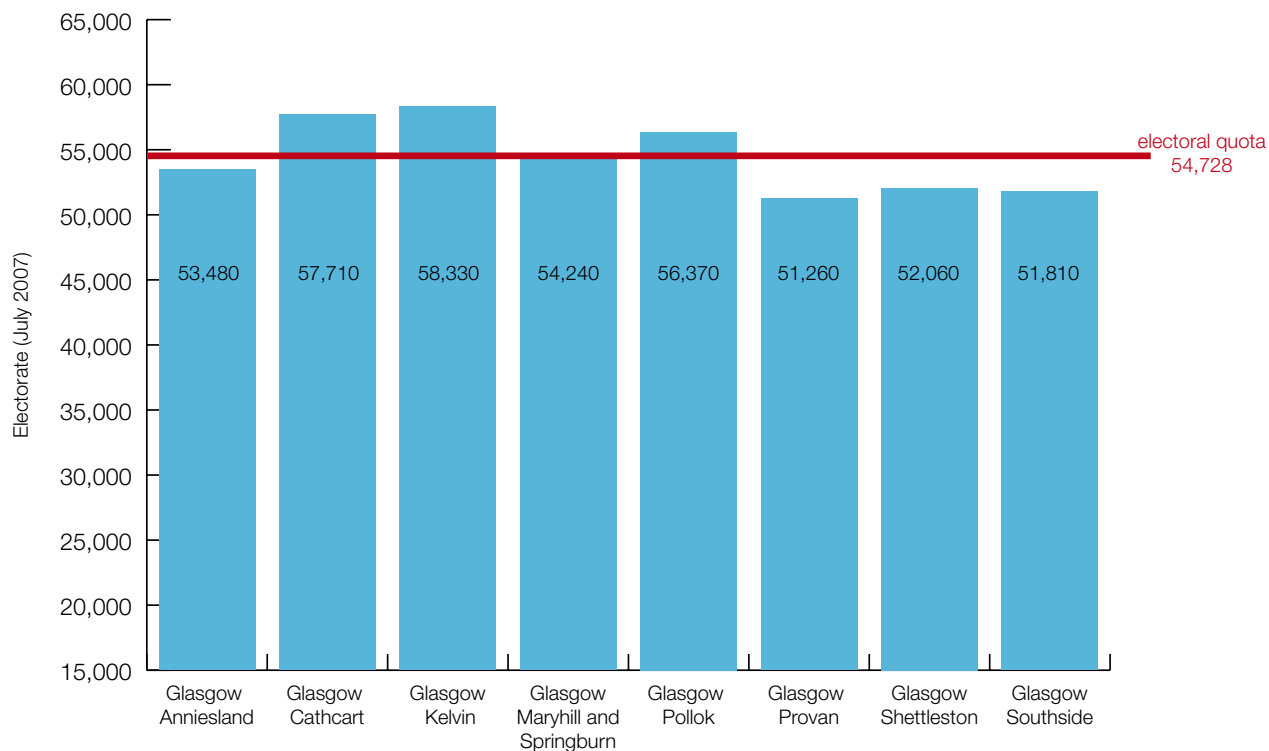
Final Recommendations

27. We adopted our Revised Recommendations, incorporating the minor amendment discussed in paragraph 25, as our Final Recommendations for Glasgow City council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.13.1, E.13.2 and E.13.3.

³ The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

28. Figure E.13.7 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.13.7 – Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.14

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Highland

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 3 recommended constituencies for Highland council area are in Figures E.14.1 and E.14.2.

Figure E.14.1 - Final Recommendations

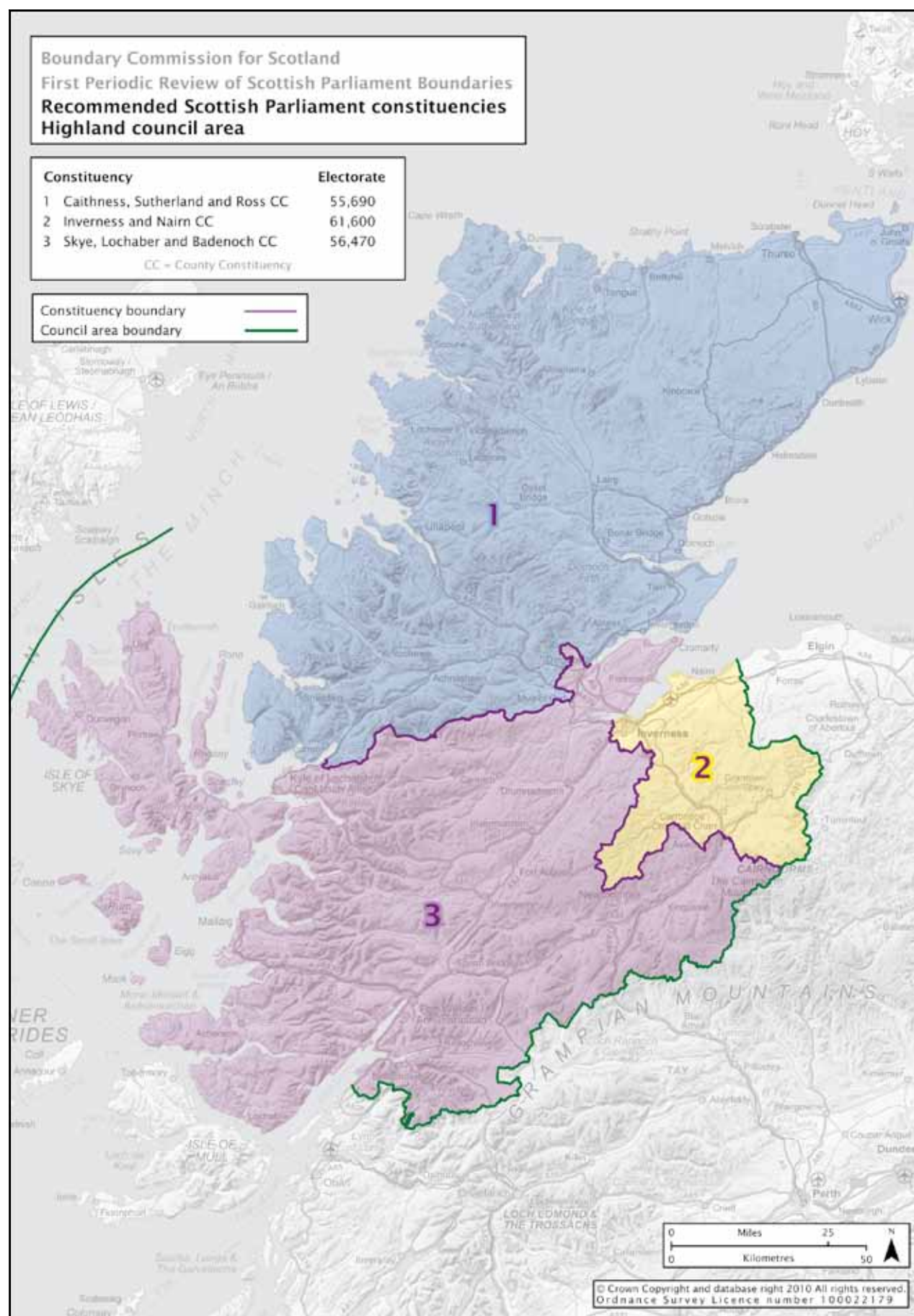
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	County	55,690
Inverness and Nairn	County	61,600
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	County	56,470
Total		173,760

Figure E.14.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	1	North, West and Central Sutherland	5,030
	2	Thurso	6,430
	3	Wick	5,860
	4	Landward Caithness	8,300
	5	East Sutherland and Edderton	6,150
	6 (part)	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	7,550
	7	Cromarty Firth	9,320
	8	Tain and Easter Ross	7,050
Inverness and Nairn	14	Inverness West	6,600
	15	Inverness Central	9,720
	16	Inverness Ness-Side	8,830
	17	Inverness Millburn	6,490
	18	Culloden and Ardersier	8,800
	19	Nairn	9,070
	20	Inverness South	7,390
	21 (part)	Badenoch and Strathspey	4,700
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	6 (part)	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	2,110
	9	Dingwall and Seaforth	9,070
	10	Black Isle	8,010
	11	Eilean a' Cheo	8,080
	12	Caol and Mallaig	6,680
	13	Aird and Loch Ness	8,490
	21 (part)	Badenoch and Strathspey	5,350
	22	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	8,680

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Highland council area appears as Figure E.14.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.14.3 - Final Recommendations – Highland council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Highland council area was divided between 3 county constituencies, as shown in Figure E.14.4.

Figure E.14.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross	Highland	County	41,980	42,090
Inverness East, Nairn and Lochaber	Highland	County	66,720	72,060
Ross, Skye and Inverness West	Highland	County	56,600	59,610
Total			165,300	173,760

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Highland council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/10. We had in mind the following considerations:
 - the July 2007 electorate of Highland council area was 173,760, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 3.17 constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, it was unacceptable to leave the existing constituencies unchanged;
 - there appeared to be no added benefit to combining Highland council area with any of the surrounding council areas to configure Scottish Parliament constituencies;
 - any departure from Rule 2 of the statutory rules (see Chapter 3.3) had an impact on the configuration of constituencies in all other areas of Scotland. Furthermore, having no discretion to vary the total number of constituencies for the Scottish Parliament, it followed that the more numerous the occasions that significant departures from Rule 2 are agreed, the greater the impact on constituency design for other areas;
 - the distribution of electorate within Highland council area presents particular challenges for the design of 3 constituencies: the large concentration of electorate in Inverness contrasts with the very sparsely populated areas outside Inverness; and
 - the feasibility of a single constituency which contained the whole of Inverness.
5. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 10 August 2007.
6. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
7. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for Highland council area which were as shown in Figure E.14.5.

Figure E.14.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Highland	Highland	County	61,690
North Highland	Highland	County	56,170
West Highland	Highland	County	55,900
Total			173,760

8. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

9. We considered the 37 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/09. The main issues raised were:
- whether sufficient account has been taken of the special geographical circumstances, including whether 4 constituencies should be allocated to Highland council area;
 - alternative suggestions, revising our 3 proposed constituencies, configuring 4 constituencies for Highland council area, and combining Highland council area with other council areas to configure constituencies;
 - objections to the Black Isle being included in the proposed North Highland constituency;
 - requests for Inverness to be contained within a single constituency;
 - suggestion that existing community ties are not recognised in the proposals;
 - support for the proposals; and
 - suggestions of alternative names for the constituencies.
10. Based on the representations received, which included an objection from Highland Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 4 April 2008.

Local Inquiry

12. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed Sir S S T Young QC, Sheriff Principal of Grampian, Highland and Islands, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our proposals for Highland council area. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Inverness on 19 November 2008.
13. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report of the Local Inquiry that:
- the Commission should reconsider its decision to allocate only three constituencies to Highland council area and allocate four constituencies;
 - should the above recommendation be unacceptable, the Commission should accept the Scottish Liberal Democrats' alternative suggestion which would see the creation of 5 constituencies spread across Highland council area and Argyll and Bute council area;

- should both the above recommendations be unacceptable, the Commission should accept Highland Council's alternative suggestion for a 3 constituency configuration exactly covering Highland council area; and
- the names given to constituencies relating to Highland council area should reflect the communities and areas covered by those constituencies.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

14. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/05.
15. We concluded that the Assistant Commissioner's first preference for 4 constituencies could not be adopted, taking account of the statutory provisions governing the review and the theoretical entitlement of the different areas across Scotland. We noted the differences between the legislation governing the current review and that governing the Fifth Periodical Review of Westminster constituencies. These include the fact that we have no power to alter the overall number of Scottish Parliament constituencies. As a result, any decision to allocate an additional constituency to one area would have the undesirable consequence of reducing the representation of other parts of Scotland. We concluded, therefore, that it would not be appropriate to allocate four constituencies exactly covering Highland council area, when its theoretical entitlement was 3.17 constituencies.
16. We noted that adoption of the Assistant Commissioner's second preference, linking Highland council area with Argyll and Bute council area, would require a major revision of the constituencies proposed under our Provisional Proposals for the West Scotland and South West and Central Scotland areas. We also noted that this would conflict with the conclusions and recommendations of the Assistant Commissioners' reports for those areas. Having considered the ramifications of such change, we were not persuaded that this alternative improved upon our Provisional Proposals in terms of the wider area.
17. Our attention therefore moved to the Assistant Commissioner's third preference of adopting Highland Council's alternative suggestion for 3 constituencies exactly covering the council area. We noted that this alternative addressed many of the concerns raised at the Local Inquiry, was compatible with decisions we had taken nationally in terms of theoretical entitlements to constituencies, and was in line with the statutory rules.
18. However, we were concerned at the large geographical area and sizeable electorate (61,160 electors) that was suggested by Highland Council for a Mid Ross, Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency. We agreed that, of the 3 constituencies suggested under this configuration, the Inverness and Nairn constituency should have the highest electorate since it was significantly smaller in terms of geographical extent and the majority of the electorate were concentrated in the city of Inverness and other towns.

19. We concluded that Highland Council's alternative should be amended by dividing ward 21 (Badenoch and Strathspey) along the southern boundaries of Nethy Bridge, Boat of Garten and Carrbridge Community Councils and transferring the northern part of the ward from the proposed Mid Ross, Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency to the proposed Inverness and Nairn constituency.
20. Subject to the above change, we agreed that Highland Council's alternative should form part of our Revised Recommendations.
21. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
22. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
23. We adopted the 3 revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 17, 19 and 22 as our Revised Recommendations for Highland council area.

Revised Recommendations

24. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Highland council area. Our Revised Recommendations were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.14.1, E.14.2 and E.14.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

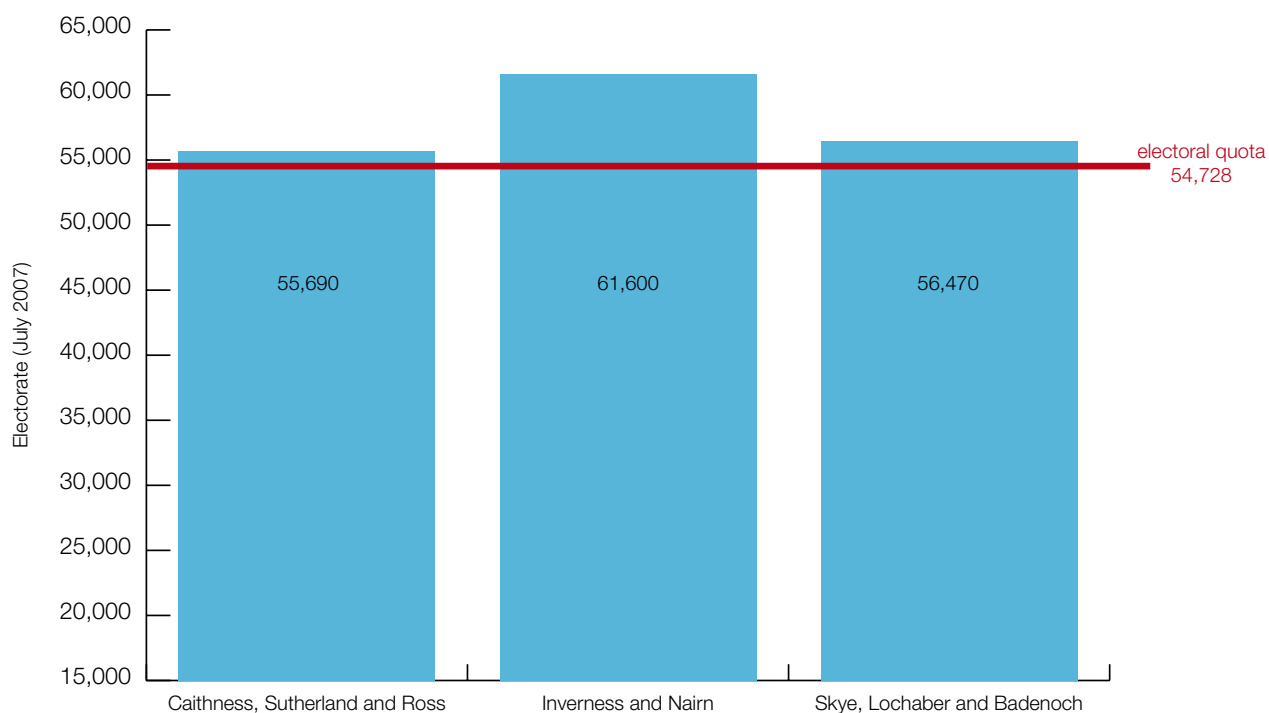
25. We considered the 48 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/26.
26. The representations raised a number of issues including:
 - suggestion that ward 21 (Badenoch and Strathspey) should not be divided between 2 constituencies;
 - suggestion that the geographic size of the proposed constituencies and lack of transport links, will present difficulties for MSPs in the effective representation of their electorate;
 - opposition to splitting the Black Isle and Dingwall from the rest of Ross-shire;
 - requests for 4 constituencies exactly covering Highland council area;
 - requests for a 3 constituency configuration mirroring the Westminster constituencies;
 - support for the 3 constituency alternative proposed by Highland Council;
 - requests for the status quo;
 - support for our Revised Recommendations; and
 - suggestions for alternative constituency names.

27. We considered again the number of constituencies and confirmed our earlier conclusions that it was not possible to allocate 4 constituencies exactly covering Highland council area when it has a theoretical entitlement to 3.17 constituencies. Further, we were not persuaded that combining Highland with one or more other council areas provided for a better solution over the wider area in terms of the statutory rules.
28. We confirmed our conclusion that there should be 3 constituencies exactly covering Highland council area. We were aware that this presented a number of challenges in terms of trying to balance the geographic extents of the constituencies with the number of electors contained within them. We noted that, on average, each constituency would have 57,920 electors.
29. We examined alternative suggestions that followed to varying degrees the current Westminster constituency boundaries and considered that these complied with certain statutory rules at the expense of others. Those that placed ward 21 (Badenoch and Strathspey) in either the proposed Inverness and Nairn constituency or the Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch constituency produced configurations that were unacceptable in terms of statutory rule 2 (on electoral parity). We noted that including all of ward 21 in the Inverness and Nairn constituency would result in a constituency with an electorate larger than any in our Revised Recommendations and that this electorate would contrast markedly with the electorate of the neighbouring Moray constituency.
30. We concluded that our Revised Recommendations produced an acceptable solution, within the circumstances prevailing in Highland council area, which conformed to the statutory rules. We also considered that this solution was more consistent with our decisions in other parts of Scotland. We agreed that no further changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
31. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

32. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Highland council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.14.1, E.14.2 and E.14.3.
33. Figure E.14.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.14.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.15

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: North Ayrshire

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for North Ayrshire council area are in Figures E.15.1 and E.15.2.

Figure E.15.1 - Final Recommendations

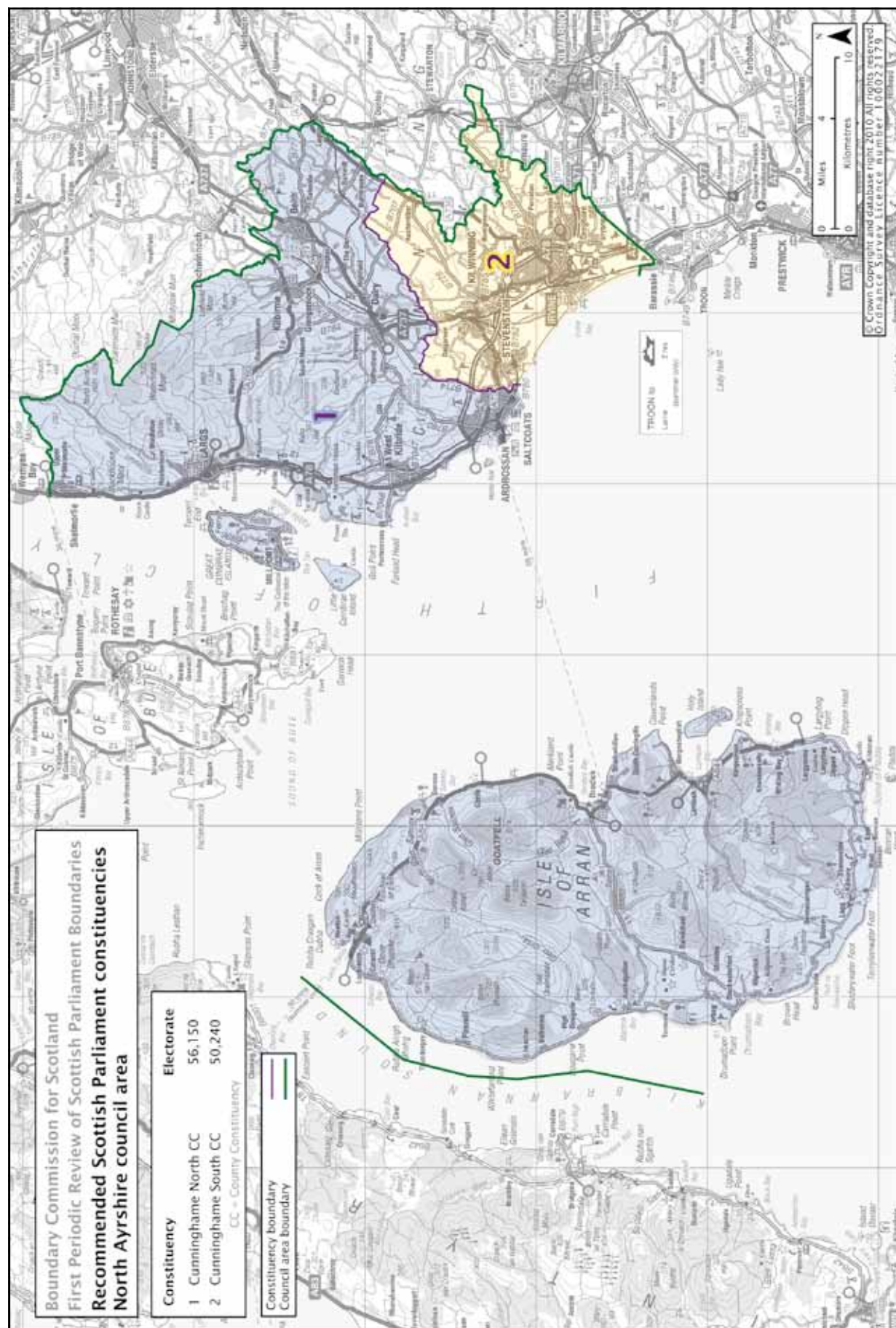
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Cunninghame North	County	56,150
Cunninghame South	County	50,240
Total		106,390

Figure E.15.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Cunninghame North	4 (part)	Saltcoats and Stevenston	8,100
	5	Ardrossan and Arran	13,510
	6	Dalry and West Kilbride	9,850
	7	Kilbirnie and Beith	11,100
	8	North Coast and Cumbraes	13,590
Cunninghame South	1	Irvine West	15,020
	2	Irvine East	14,940
	3	Kilwinning	13,260
	4 (part)	Saltcoats and Stevenston	7,020

- A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for North Ayrshire council area appears as Figure E.15.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.15.3 - Final Recommendations – North Ayrshire council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, North Ayrshire council area was divided between 2 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.15.4.

Figure E.15.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Cunninghame North	North Ayrshire	County	56,480	56,210
Cunninghame South	North Ayrshire	County	50,760	50,180
Total			107,240	106,390

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for North Ayrshire council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/03. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the July 2007 electorate of North Ayrshire council area was 106,390, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 1.94 constituencies;
 - it was not possible to design 2 constituencies which satisfied the statutory rules by aggregating complete local government electoral wards; and
 - the proposals should not divide the contiguous built-up area of Ardrossan and Saltcoats.
5. We concluded that it was preferable to make relatively minor adjustments to the boundaries of the existing constituencies rather than leave them unchanged in order to reduce the number of electoral wards divided between the 2 constituencies. This would result in electorates that were acceptable in terms of the electoral quota, and have the advantage of retaining constituencies wholly contained within a single council area.
6. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007.
7. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
8. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for North Ayrshire council area which were as shown in Figure E.15.5.

Figure E.15.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
North Cunninghame	North Ayrshire	County	56,150
South Cunninghame	North Ayrshire	County	50,240
Total			106,390

9. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

10. We considered the 7 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/08. The main issues raised were:
 - support from North Ayrshire Council for the Provisional Proposals;
 - a suggestion from Kenneth Gibson MSP for a slightly different division of ward 4 between the 2 constituencies; and
 - a suggestion from the Scottish Labour Party for a substantially different design of constituencies across Renfrewshire and Ayrshire.
11. Based on the representations received, we agreed that there was no requirement to hold a Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

12. We discussed North Ayrshire council area after having reached a conclusion on Paper 2009/03A which explored the possibility of creating constituencies that included parts of North Ayrshire with neighbouring council areas. We concluded that we were not persuaded of the benefits of designing a constituency which combined part of North Ayrshire with any other council area.
13. We examined Kenneth Gibson MSP's suggestion and noted that its adoption would divide Saltcoats between two constituencies. We were not persuaded by the evidence presented to change our Provisional Proposals.
14. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
15. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
16. We adopted the 2 constituencies from our Provisional Proposals with unchanged boundaries and amended names as our Revised Recommendations for North Ayrshire council area.

Revised Recommendations

17. On 21 May 2009 we published our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in North Ayrshire council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.15.1, E.15.2 and E.15.3.

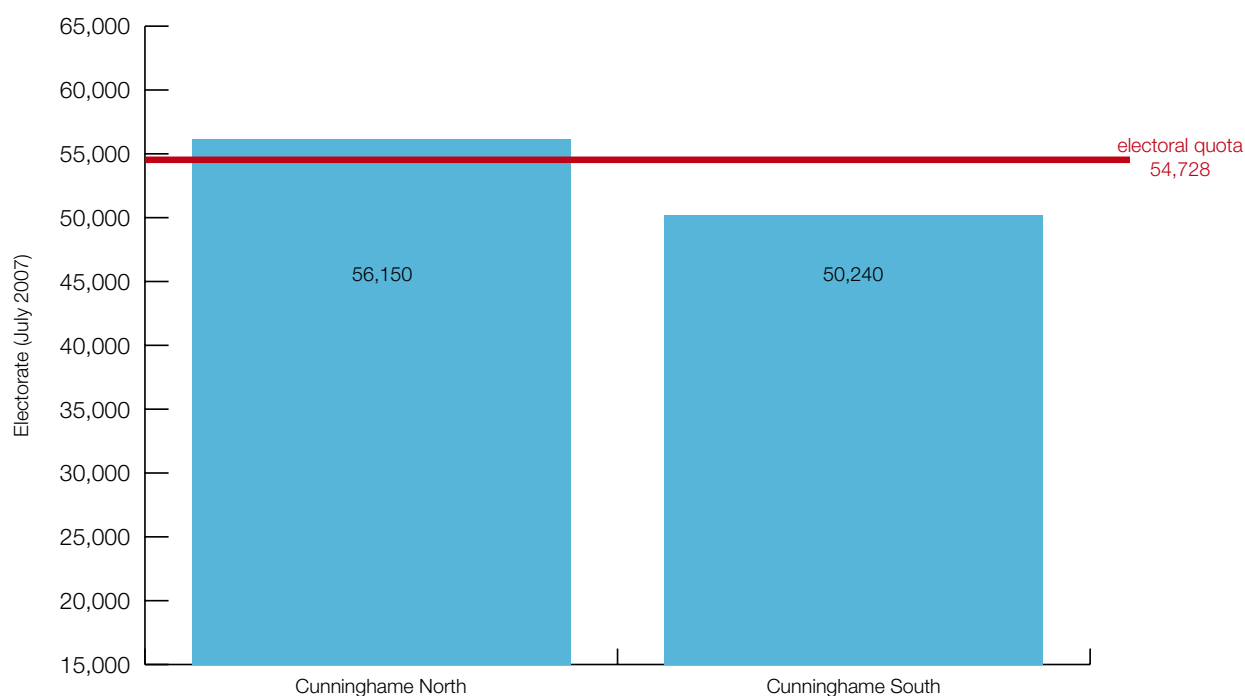
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

18. We considered the 4 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/22.
19. The representations were from 4 of the political parties. North Ayrshire Council did not submit a further representation.
20. The Scottish Liberal Democrats and Scottish Conservatives supported the Revised Recommendations. The Scottish Labour Party welcomed elements of the recommendations and the Scottish National Party representation offered no comment on this council area.
21. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
22. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

23. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for North Ayrshire council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.15.1, E.15.2 and E.15.3.
24. Figure E.15.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.15.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.16

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire

Recommended constituencies

- Details of the 9 recommended constituencies for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas are in Figures E.16.1 and E.16.2.

Figure E.16.1 - Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh	51,620
Clydesdale	County	56,500
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh	51,630
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	49,410
East Kilbride	Burgh	58,590
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Burgh	57,350
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh	54,660
Rutherglen	Burgh	58,350
Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh	56,380
Total		494,490¹

Figure E.16.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no ²	Ward name	Ward electorate
Airdrie and Shotts	N7	Airdrie North	13,980
	N8	Airdrie Central	11,170
	N11	Airdrie South	14,950
	N12	Fortissat	11,520
Clydesdale	S1	Clydesdale West	14,870
	S2	Clydesdale North	11,530
	S3	Clydesdale East	9,960
	S4	Clydesdale South	11,440
	S5 (part)	Avondale and Stonehouse	8,700

¹ After amendment by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

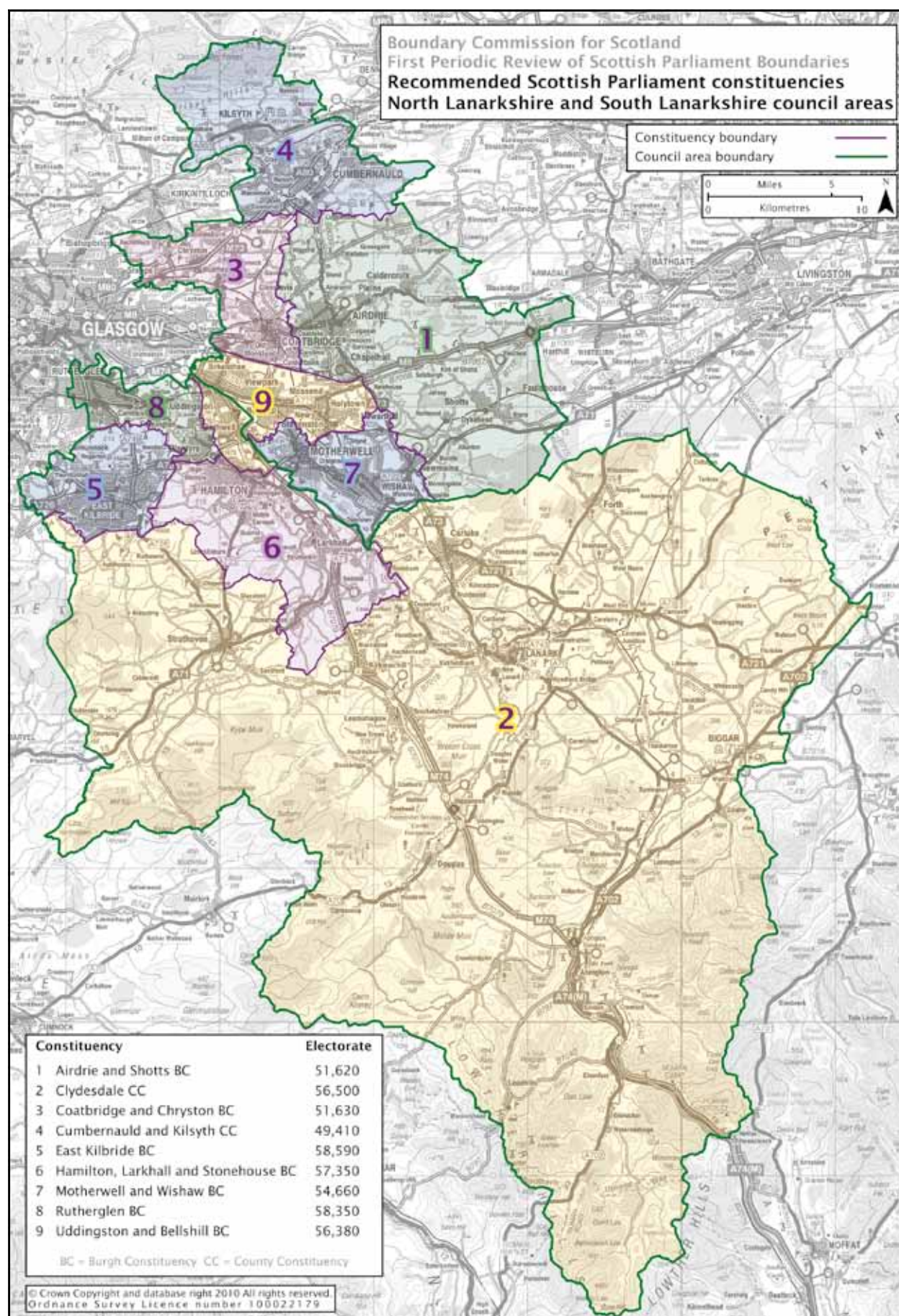
² N: North Lanarkshire; S: South Lanarkshire

Constituency name	Ward no ²	Ward name	Ward electorate
Coatbridge and Chryston	N5	Strathkelvin	15,050
	N6	Coatbridge North and Glenboig	14,290
	N9	Coatbridge West	11,200
	N10	Coatbridge South	11,090
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	N1	Kilsyth	9,390
	N2	Cumbernauld North	12,910
	N3	Cumbernauld South	15,310
	N4	Abronhill, Kildrum and The Village	11,800
East Kilbride	S6	East Kilbride South	11,780
	S7	East Kilbride Central South	11,590
	S8	East Kilbride Central North	14,340
	S9	East Kilbride West	11,070
	S10	East Kilbride East	9,810
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	S5 (part)	Avondale and Stonehouse	4,490
	S17 (part)	Hamilton North and East	8,900
	S18	Hamilton West and Earnock	13,840
	S19	Hamilton South	15,120
	S20	Larkhall	15,000
Motherwell and Wishaw	N16	Motherwell West	10,520
	N17 (part)	Motherwell North	2,740
	N18	Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig	12,440
	N19	Murdostoun	14,170
	N20	Wishaw	14,790
Rutherglen	S11	Rutherglen South	11,420
	S12	Rutherglen Central and North	10,900
	S13	Cambuslang West	11,680
	S14	Cambuslang East	10,470
	S15 (part)	Blantyre	13,880
Uddingston and Bellshill	N13	Thorniewood	11,720
	N14	Bellshill	10,950
	N15	Mossend and Holytown	9,300
	N17 (part)	Motherwell North	11,380
	S15 (part)	Blantyre	0
	S16	Bothwell and Uddingston	9,830
	S17 (part)	Hamilton North and East	3,200

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas appears as Figure E.16.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

² N: North Lanarkshire; S: South Lanarkshire

Figure E.16.3 - Final Recommendations – North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas were divided between 9 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.16.4.

Figure E.16.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Airdrie and Shotts	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	58,580	57,930
Clydesdale	South Lanarkshire	County	64,620	66,380
Coatbridge and Chryston	East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire	Burgh	52,540	54,780
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	North Lanarkshire	County	49,230	49,410
East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire	County	66,560	67,360
Glasgow Rutherglen	Glasgow City South Lanarkshire	Burgh	51,090	51,350
Hamilton North and Bellshill	North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire	Burgh	54,470	54,150
Hamilton South	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	47,220	49,100
Motherwell and Wishaw	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	53,040	54,180
Total			497,350	504,640

Provisional Proposals

4. At our meeting of 6 September 2007, we considered the complexities involved in providing for constituencies in West, Central and South West Scotland, which complied with the statutory rules. This large area involved the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian. The combined area had an electorate of 1,270,250, and a theoretical entitlement to 23.21 constituencies.
5. It was clear to us that it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged, or to make minor alterations to them, because of large imbalances of electorate between the existing constituencies in the area. Substantial change was necessary.
6. We concluded that we should deal with this large area by dividing it into 2 blocks. Block 1 combined the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to provide for 7 constituencies. We referred to this block as West Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Block 2 combined the council areas of East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian to provide for 16 constituencies. We referred to this block as South West and Central Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.

7. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas, as part of our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, after considering the options in Paper 2007/16 and Paper 2007/16A.
8. We considered at length the issues that would be raised by forming a large rural constituency covering parts of East Ayrshire and South Lanarkshire council areas and a substantial tract of the current Clydesdale constituency.
9. We agreed that our Provisional Proposals for the areas covered by the constituencies of Cumbernauld and East Airdrie, Coatbridge and Airdrie, Motherwell and Wishaw, South Hamilton and Larkhall, and Cumnock and Clydesdale produced acceptable constituencies which generally reflected community considerations, met the demands set by the electoral quota, provided for well-balanced electorates across the wider area and for most part offered strong, easily identifiable boundaries.
10. We considered in detail the proposed boundaries of the North Hamilton and Bellshill constituency, and decided to use the railway line as a significant part of the western boundary of the constituency. Within Hamilton, along the southern boundary of this constituency, we agreed a boundary which used major roads and which produced a better balance of electorate between the proposed constituencies.
11. Regarding the proposed constituency of Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn, we noted that it was necessary to include parts of 3 council area areas within the constituency in order to achieve an acceptable configuration of constituencies over the wider area which complied with the statutory rules.
12. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
13. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
14. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas. These were contained in our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland. The Provisional Proposals were as shown in Figure E.16.5.

Figure E.16.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Coatbridge and Central Airdrie	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	59,940
Cumbernauld and East Airdrie	North Lanarkshire	County	56,910
Cumnock and Clydesdale	East Ayrshire South Lanarkshire	County	51,630
East Kilbride	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	58,630
Kirkintilloch, Chryston and Kilsyth	East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire	County	52,990
Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn	North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire West Lothian	County	54,930
North Hamilton and Bellshill	North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire	Burgh	56,360
South Hamilton and Larkhall	South Lanarkshire	County	58,460
Motherwell and Wishaw	North Lanarkshire	Burgh	54,780
Rutherglen	South Lanarkshire	Burgh	57,070
Total			561,700

15. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

16. We considered the 1,290 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, of which some 780 related directly to North and South Lanarkshire council areas, in Paper 2008/15. The main issues raised relating to North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas were:
- the view that the proposals should closely follow the existing constituencies, expressed among others by both North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Councils;
 - opposition to a constituency crossing the boundary between West Lothian council area and either North Lanarkshire or South Lanarkshire council area;
 - opposition to a constituency crossing the boundary between South Lanarkshire council area and East Ayrshire council area; and
 - objection to the town of Airdrie being divided between 2 constituencies.
17. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of South West and Central Scotland, which included objections from East Ayrshire Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and West Lothian Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
18. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 June 2008.

Local Inquiry

19. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into 15 out of 16 of our proposed constituencies for South West and Central Scotland. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Airdrie on 23 September and 24 September 2008, Ayr on 26 September and 29 September 2008, and Lanark on 30 September and 1 October 2008.
20. The Assistant Commissioner made a number of recommendations in his report on the Local Inquiry, which directly or indirectly related to North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas:
 - the Commission should revisit its plans for the proposed constituency of Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn with a view to keeping intact the boundary between Lanarkshire and West Lothian;
 - in light of evidence that points essentially to the status quo, the Commission should consider allowing the existing constituencies of Airdrie and Shotts, Coatbridge and Chryston, and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth to remain largely unaltered; and
 - the Commission should revisit its proposals for a Clydesdale and Cumnock cross-council constituency and consider alternative arrangements that respect the boundary between South Lanarkshire and East Ayrshire.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

21. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/03. We gave further consideration to these matters while considering Paper 2009/03A.
22. We noted that the combined electorate of North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas was 494,150, giving a theoretical entitlement to 9.02 constituencies.
23. We examined revised constituency proposals prepared by our Secretariat, based on the recommendations of the Assistant Commissioner and the representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals. These constituency proposals comprised 9 constituencies exactly covering the combined extent of North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas. We concluded that these constituencies addressed the points raised by the Assistant Commissioner, and were acceptable under the statutory rules.
24. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
25. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.

26. We noted the review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) of the council area boundary at Cardowan by Stepps between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas, as described in Chapter 2.6, in Paper 2009/13. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
27. We adopted the revised constituencies arising from paragraphs 23 and 25 as our Revised Recommendations for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas.

Revised Recommendations

28. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas, which were as shown in Figure E.16.6.

Figure E.16.6 - Revised Recommendations

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh	51,620
Clydesdale	County	56,500
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh	51,290
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	49,410
East Kilbride	Burgh	58,590
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Burgh	57,350
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh	54,660
Rutherglen	Burgh	58,350
Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh	56,380
Total		494,150

29. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Recommendations, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Revised Recommendations which are available on our website.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

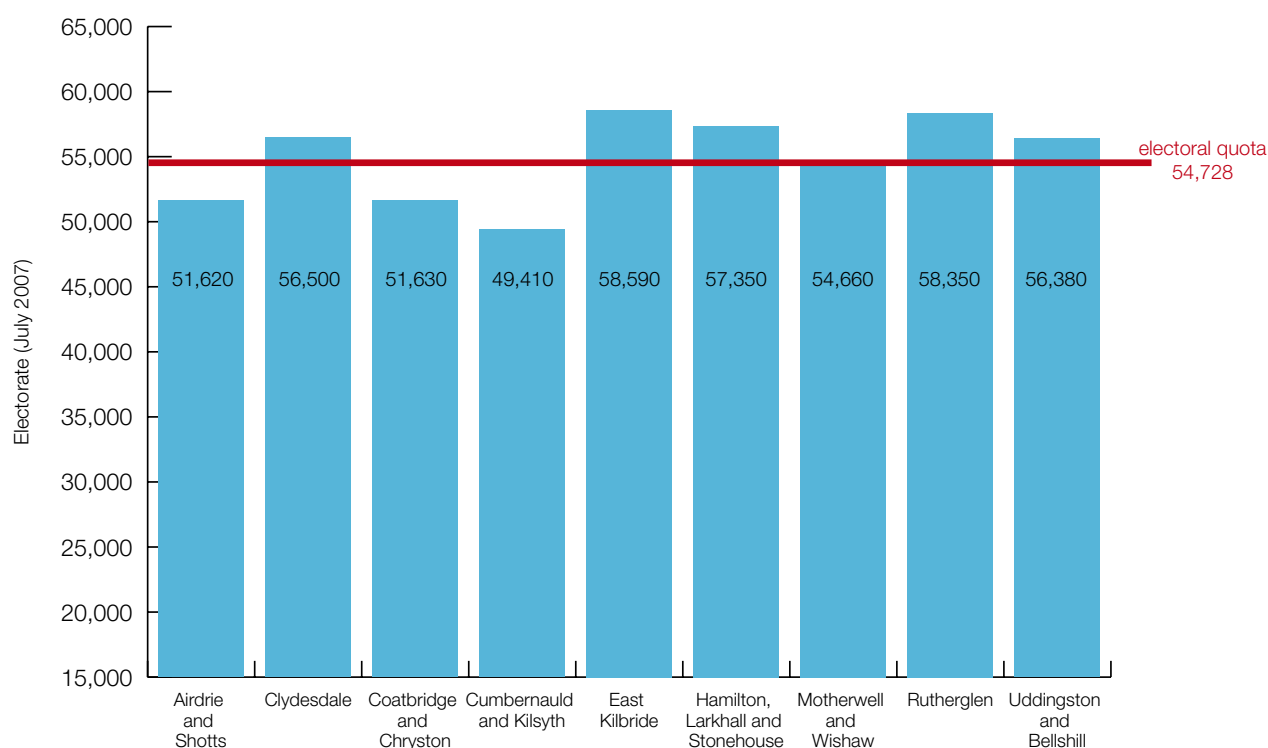
30. We considered the 8 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/36.
31. The representations were supportive of the Revised Recommendations, and included support from North Lanarkshire Council and the main political parties. South Lanarkshire Council did not make a representation.
32. Suggestions were made for amended names for 2 constituencies.
33. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.

34. As a result of the LGBCS review referred to in paragraph 26, the council area boundary at Cardowan has been amended³, taking effect on 1 April 2010, increasing the electorate of Coatbridge and Chryston constituency by 340. We have incorporated that amendment into our Final Recommendations.
35. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

36. We adopted our Revised Recommendations, incorporating the minor amendment discussed in paragraph 34, as our Final Recommendations for North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.16.1, E.16.2 and E.16.3.
37. Figure E.16.7 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.16.7 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



3 The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

Appendix E.17

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Orkney Islands

1. The legislation specifies that there will be a constituency comprising the Orkney Islands. Therefore, our review of constituencies did not consider Orkney Islands council area, and the constituency is unchanged from that existing at the start of this review.
2. Details of the constituency for Orkney Islands council area are in Figures E.17.1 and E.17.2.

Figure E.17.1 - Orkney Islands constituency

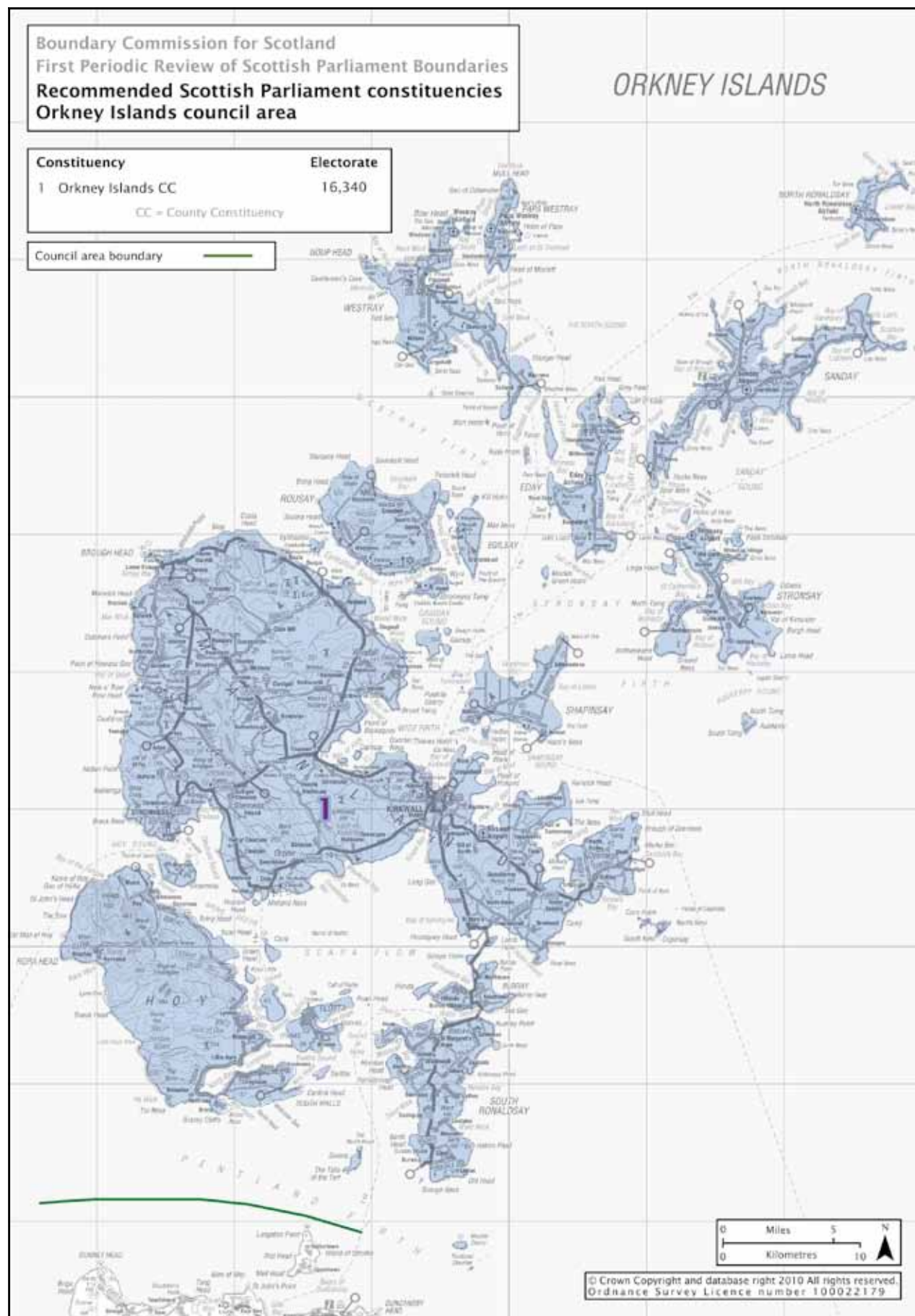
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Orkney Islands	County	16,340
Total		16,340

Figure E.17.2 - Wards within Orkney Islands constituency

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Orkney Islands	1	Kirkwall East	3,350
	2	Kirkwall West and Orphir	3,220
	3	Stromness and South Isles	2,240
	4	West Mainland	3,230
	5	East Mainland, South Ronaldsay and Burray	2,420
	6	North Isles	1,880

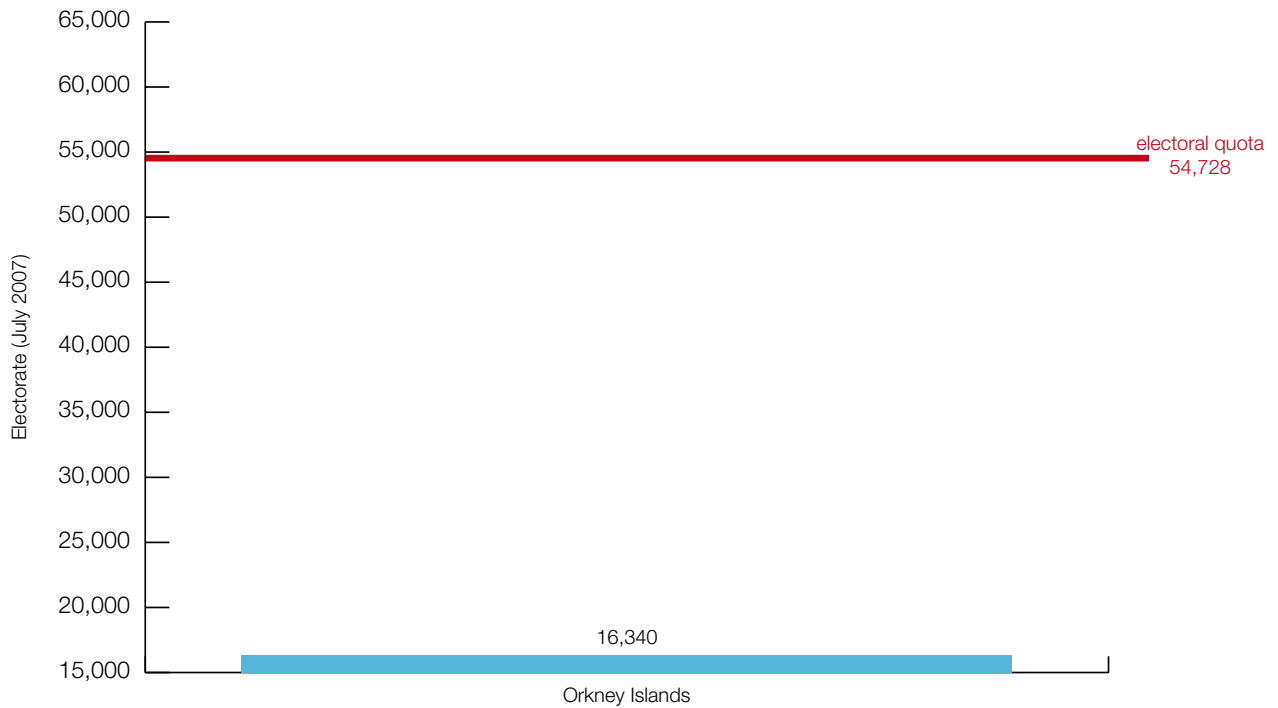
3. A map showing the Orkney Islands constituency appears as Figure E.17.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.17.3 - Orkney Islands council area



4. Figure E.17.4 shows the electorate of the constituency relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.17.4 - Constituency electorate



Appendix E.18

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Perth and Kinross

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for Perth and Kinross council area are in Figures E.18.1 and E.18.2.

Figure E.18.1 - Final Recommendations

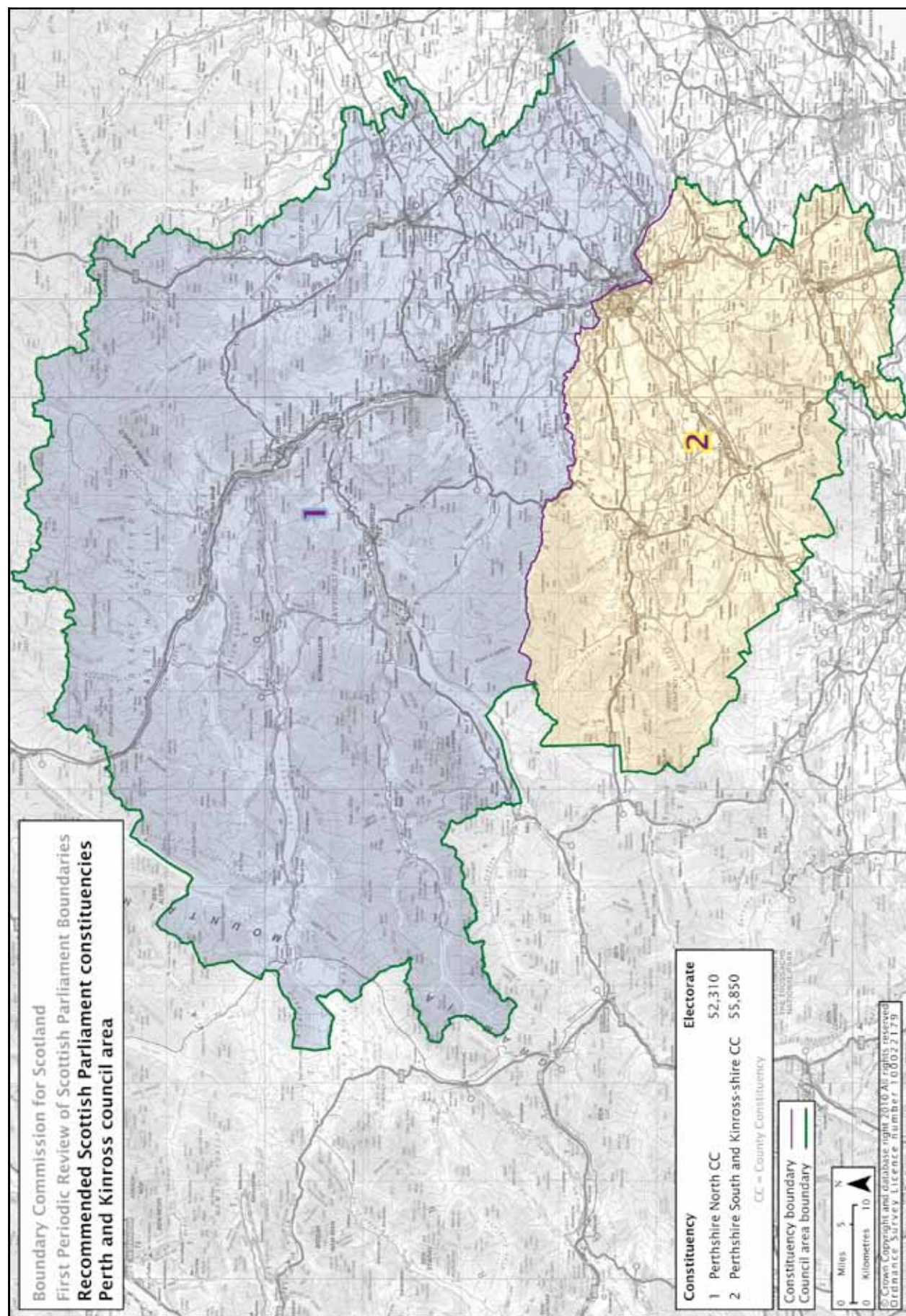
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Perthshire North	County	52,310
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	County	55,850
Total		108,160

Figure E.18.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Perthshire North	1	Carse of Gowrie	6,840
	2	Strathmore	11,570
	3	Blairstown and Glens	8,360
	4	Highland	7,340
	5	Strathmore	7,040
	12	Perth City Centre	11,160
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	6	Strathmore	8,120
	7	Strathmore	7,650
	8	Kinross-shire	9,730
	9	Almond and Earn	8,080
	10	Perth City South	10,990
	11	Perth City North	11,280

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for Perth and Kinross council area appears as Figure E.18.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.18.3 - Final Recommendations - Perth and Kinross council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, Perth and Kinross council area was divided between 4 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.18.4.

Figure E.18.4 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Angus	Angus Dundee City Perth and Kinross	County	60,500	61,460
North Tayside	Angus Perth and Kinross	County	62,410	62,340
Ochil	Clackmannanshire Perth and Kinross Stirling	County	58,090	58,000
Perth	Perth and Kinross	County	61,620	62,650
Total			242,620	244,450

Provisional Proposals

4. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for Perth and Kinross council area after considering the options in Paper 2007/09 and Paper 2007/09A. We had in mind the following considerations:
- the electorate of Perth and Kinross council area was 108,160, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 1.98 constituencies;
 - within the terms of the statutory rules, we concluded that it was unacceptable to leave the 4 existing constituencies unchanged;
 - there was no need to combine Perth and Kinross council area with neighbouring council areas in order to configure constituencies suitable for the Scottish Parliament; and
 - it was possible to design 2 constituencies exactly covering Perth and Kinross council area which satisfied the statutory rules, and which fully aligned with local government electoral ward boundaries.
5. Having considered the wider area, we concluded that Perth and Kinross council area should be divided into 2 constituencies exactly covering the extent of the council area. In considering options for our Provisional Proposals, we examined different configurations for the two constituencies, including:
- the division of Perth between the constituencies using an aggregation of complete local government electoral wards;
 - the division of Perth between the constituencies with some wards divided; and
 - the inclusion of the whole of Perth within one of the constituencies.
6. After considering different options, we agreed that Perth provided a focus for the whole of the council area. With this in mind, we concluded that a configuration which included part of Perth in each of the 2 constituencies, and which respected electoral ward boundaries, produced a more acceptable solution than other configurations, in terms of the statutory rules.

7. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 11 June 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 10 August 2007.
8. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
9. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for Perth and Kinross council area which were as shown in Figure E.18.5.

Figure E.18.5 - Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
North Perthshire	Perth and Kinross	County	52,310
South Perthshire and Kinross	Perth and Kinross	County	55,850
Total			108,160

10. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

11. We considered the 11 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2008/12. The main issues raised were:
 - whether Perth should be divided between 2 constituencies, or placed in a single constituency; and
 - support for the Provisional Proposals.
12. Based on the representations received, which included an objection to the proposals from Perth and Kinross Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
13. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 22 May 2008.

Local Inquiry

14. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Perth on 20 August and 21 August 2008.
15. The Assistant Commissioner concluded in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
 - there was general acceptance that the Perth and Kinross council area justified two constituencies exactly covering its extent;
 - Perth and Kinross Council had made an alternative suggestion of placing ward 12 in the South Perthshire and Kinross constituency, thereby putting all of the city of Perth in that constituency,

and placing ward 6 in North Perthshire constituency. Under this suggestion, the deviation from the electoral quota and disparity between the electorate of the 2 constituencies were serious weaknesses;

- the Scottish Liberal Democrats supported Perth and Kinross Council's suggestion with the additional modification of transferring part of ward 9 into the North Perthshire constituency. There was an inadequate evidential basis upon which to conclude that the Scottish Liberal Democrats' suggestion would command support among the electorate;
- there was competition between the claims of Perth on the one hand and of ward 6 on the other for inclusion in the South Perthshire and Kinross constituency. The Assistant Commissioner considered that in either case an issue may arise under statutory rule 4 on local ties, but that there was no clear basis for preferring the Council's alternative suggestion to that of the Commission; and
- there was no dissent to the Council's suggestion that South Perthshire and Kinross constituency be renamed South Perthshire and Kinross-shire constituency.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

16. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/02.
17. We agreed with the Assistant Commissioner that there was no material advantage in amending our Provisional Proposals in favour of the alternative suggestions submitted by Perth and Kinross Council or the Scottish Liberal Democrats. We therefore agreed that no changes to constituency boundaries were needed.
18. We were persuaded to change the name of the South Perthshire and Kinross constituency to South Perthshire and Kinross-shire constituency, as suggested by Perth and Kinross Council.
19. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009.
20. In addition, we noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
21. We adopted the 2 constituencies from our Provisional Proposals with unchanged boundaries and amended names as our Revised Recommendations for Perth and Kinross council area.

Revised Recommendations

22. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in Perth and Kinross council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.18.1, E.18.2 and E.18.3.

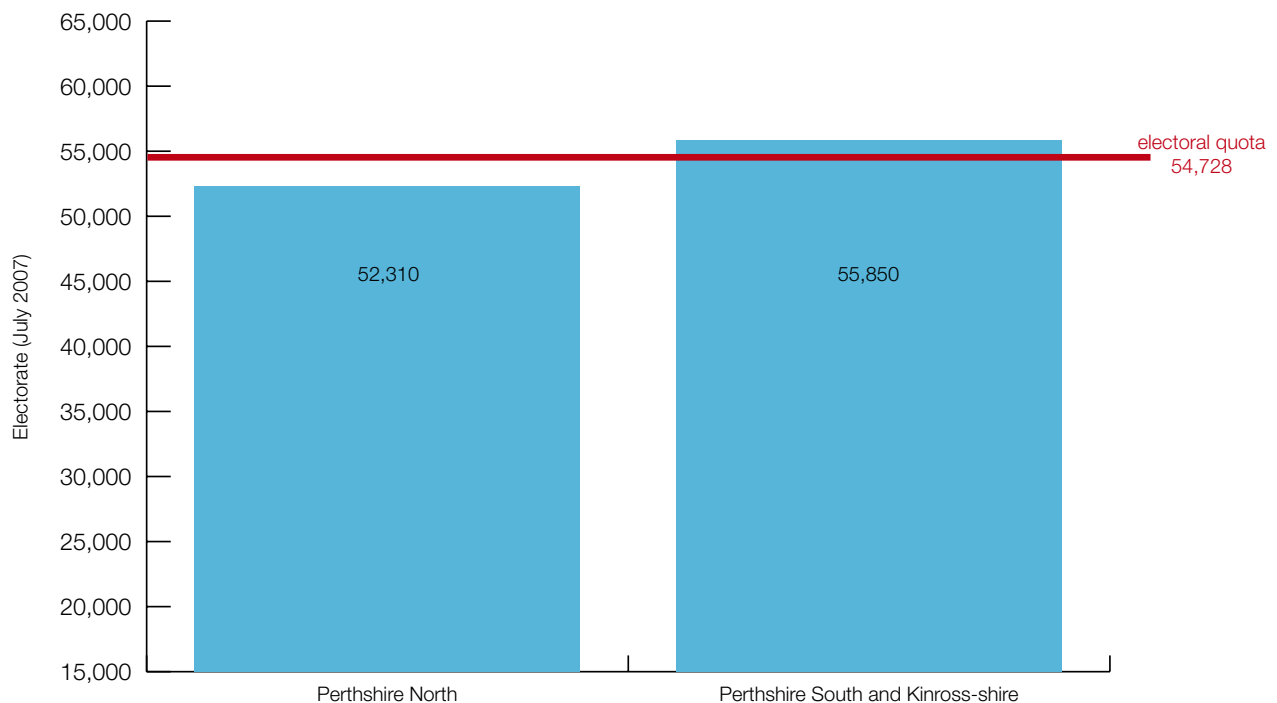
Consideration of Revised Recommendations

23. We considered the 5 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/24.
24. Only the representation from Perth and Kinross Council opposed the recommendations, restating their opposition to Perth being divided between two constituencies.
25. In light of all the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
26. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

27. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for Perth and Kinross council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.18.1, E.18.2 and E.18.3.
28. Figure E.18.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.18.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix E.19

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: Shetland Islands

1. The legislation specifies that there will be a constituency comprising the Shetland Islands. Therefore, our review of constituencies did not consider Shetland Islands council area, and the constituency is unchanged from that existing at the start of this review.
2. Details of the constituency for Shetland Islands council area are in Figures E.19.1 and E.19.2.

Figure E.19.1 - Shetland Islands constituency

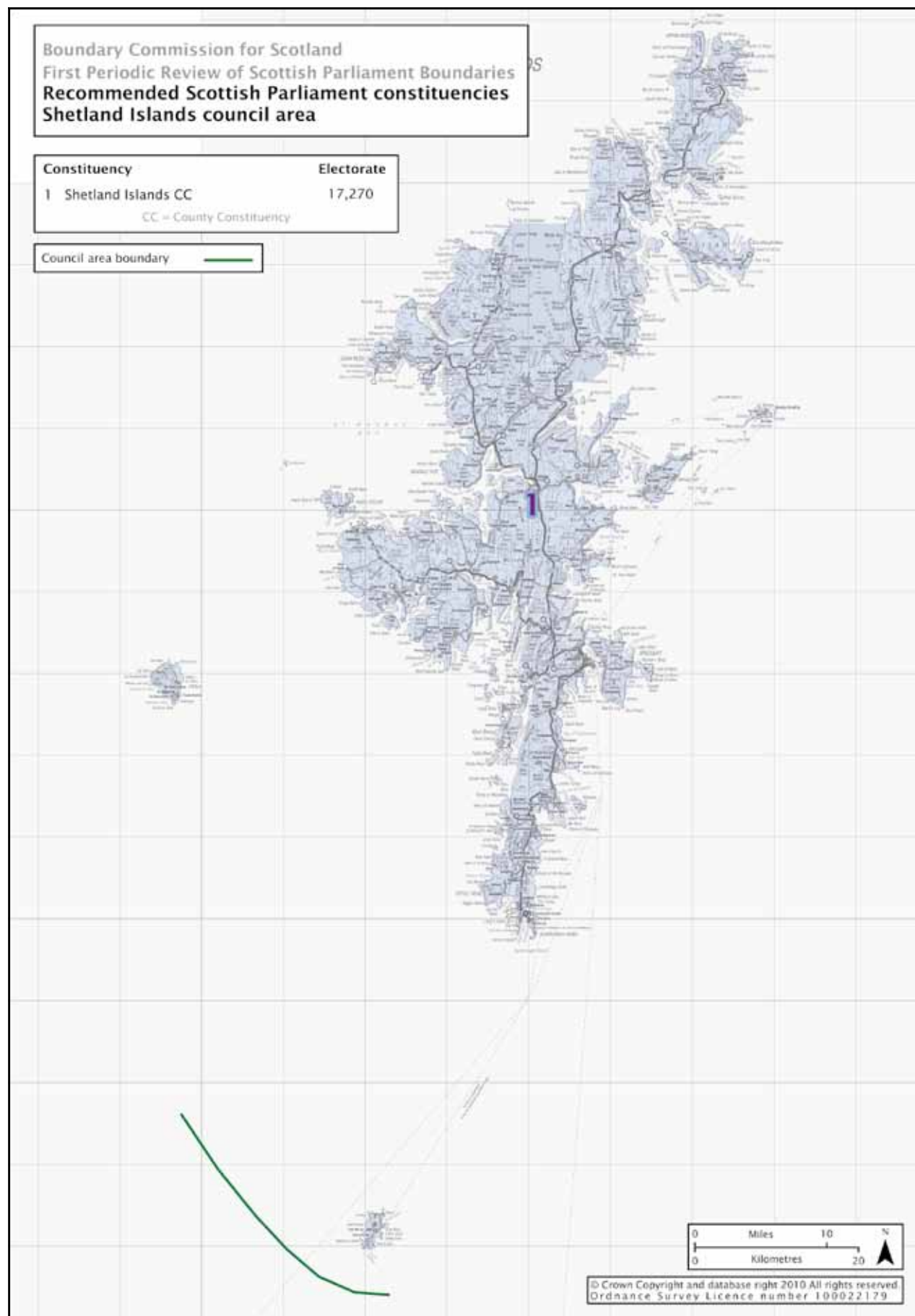
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Shetland Islands	County	17,270
Total		17,270

Figure E.19.2 - Wards within Shetland Islands constituency

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Shetland Islands	1	North Isles	2,250
	2	Shetland North	2,410
	3	Shetland West	1,930
	4	Shetland Central	2,210
	5	Shetland South	2,540
	6	Lerwick North	2,500
	7	Lerwick South	3,430

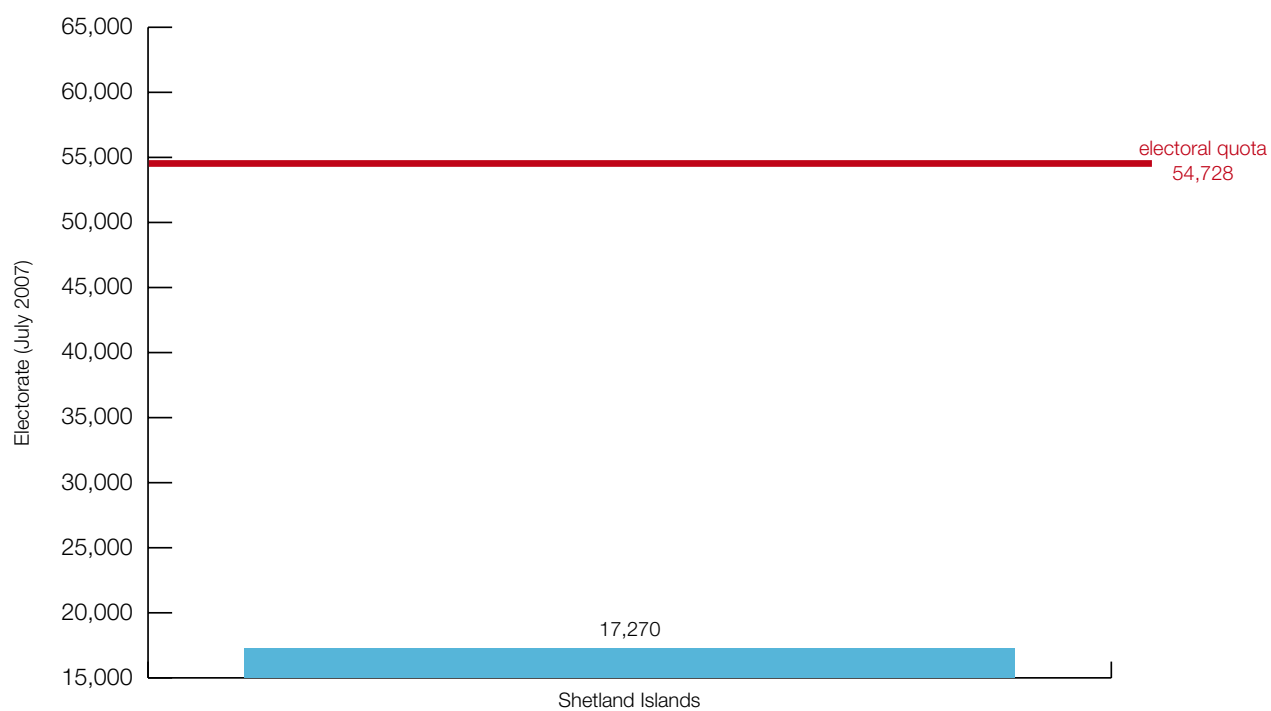
3. A map showing the Shetland Islands constituency appears as Figure E.19.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.19.3 - Shetland Islands council area



4. Figure E.19.4 shows the electorate of the constituency relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.19.4 - Constituency electorate



Appendix E.20

Description of Review of Constituencies by Council Area: West Lothian

Recommended constituencies

1. Details of the 2 recommended constituencies for West Lothian council area are in Figures E.20.1 and E.20.2.

Figure E.20.1 - Final Recommendations

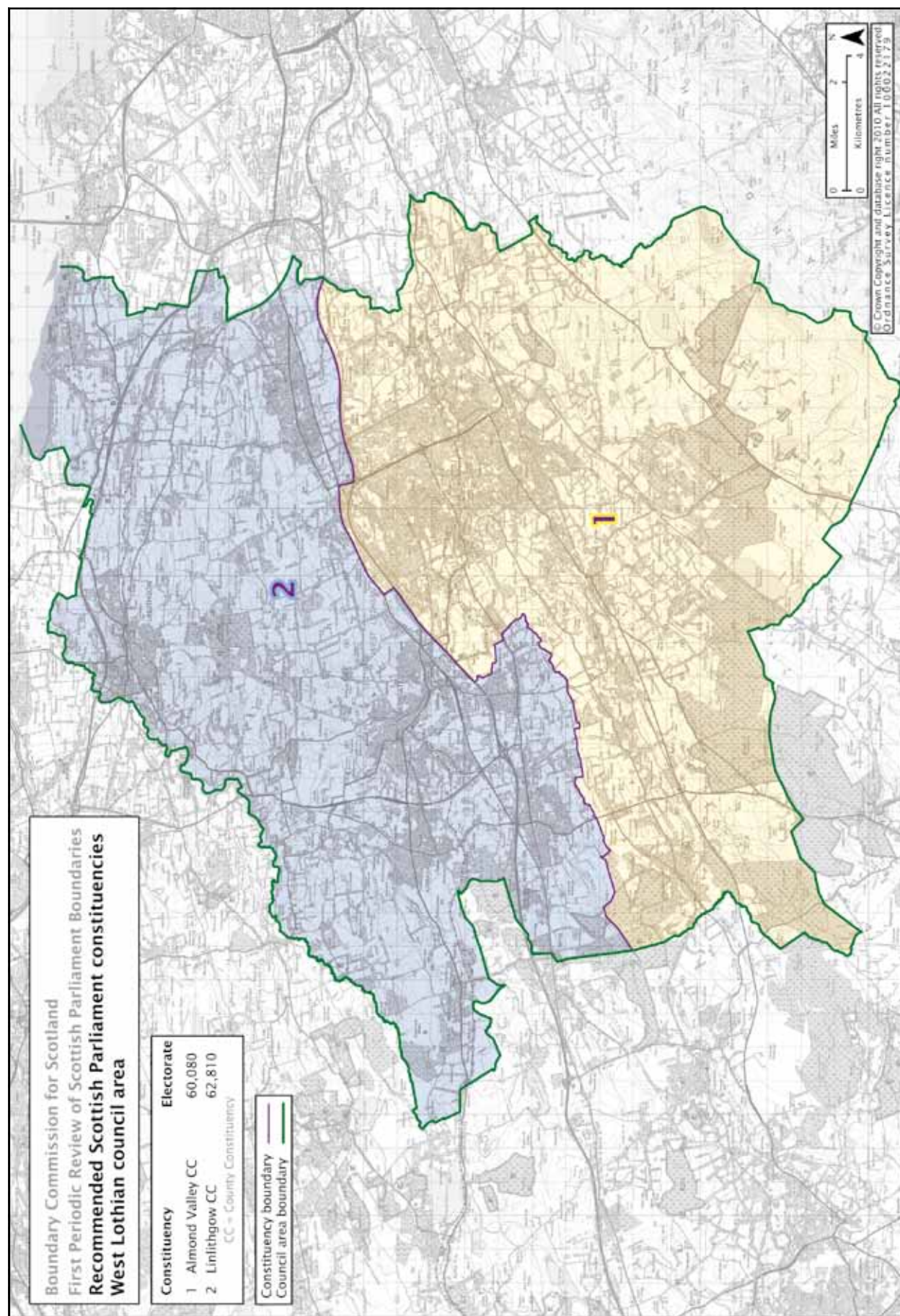
Constituency name	Designation	Electorate
Almond Valley	County	60,080
Linlithgow	County	62,810
Total		122,890

Figure E.20.2 - Wards within Final Recommendations

Constituency name	Ward no	Ward name	Ward electorate
Almond Valley	3	Livingston North	16,100
	4	Livingston South	16,690
	5	East Livingston and East Calder	14,700
	6	Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	11,400
	7 (part)	Whitburn and Blackburn	1,190
Linlithgow	1	Linlithgow	11,970
	2	Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	13,790
	7 (part)	Whitburn and Blackburn	13,230
	8	Bathgate	12,940
	9	Armadale and Blackridge	10,880

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for constituencies for West Lothian council area appears as Figure E.20.3. Constituency maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Figure E.20.3 - Final Recommendations – West Lothian council area



Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, West Lothian council area was divided between 2 constituencies. At the start of this review, as a result of a minor amendment to council area boundaries¹, West Lothian council area was divided between 3 constituencies, as shown in Figure E.20.4.

Figure E.20.4 – Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Edinburgh West	City of Edinburgh West Lothian	Burgh	62,230	59,930
Linlithgow	West Lothian	County	54,780	56,310
Livingston	West Lothian	County	61,900	66,580
Total			178,910	182,820

Provisional Proposals

4. At our meeting of 6 September 2007, we considered the complexities involved in providing for constituencies in West, Central and South West Scotland, which complied with the statutory rules. This large area involved the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, Renfrewshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire, West Dunbartonshire and West Lothian. The combined area had an electorate of 1,270,250, and a theoretical entitlement to 23.21 constituencies.
5. It was clear to us that it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged, or to make minor alterations to them, because of large imbalances of electorate between the existing constituencies in the area. Substantial change was necessary.
6. We concluded that we should deal with this large area by dividing it into 2 blocks. Block 1 combined the council areas of Argyll and Bute, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire to provide for 7 constituencies. We referred to this block as West Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Block 2 combined the council areas of East Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Lanarkshire, South Ayrshire, South Lanarkshire and West Lothian to provide for 16 constituencies. We referred to this block as South West and Central Scotland when we published our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 6 September 2007.
7. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for West Lothian council area as part of our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland after considering the options in Paper 2007/16 and Paper 2007/16A. We had in mind the following considerations:

¹ In 2002, a minor amendment to the council area boundary between City of Edinburgh and West Lothian council areas resulted in a small part of Edinburgh West constituency (which was previously in City of Edinburgh council area) being in West Lothian council area.

- the July 2007 electorate of West Lothian council area was 122,890, giving it a theoretical entitlement to 2.25 constituencies; and
 - it was necessary to combine West Lothian council area with one or more other council areas if we were to avoid a significant disparity from the electoral quota.
8. We agreed that it was not possible to combine West Lothian council area with certain neighbouring council areas: City of Edinburgh and Falkirk council areas both had sufficient electorates to produce good constituency designs wholly contained within their boundaries, while the geography along the boundary with Midlothian council area did not provide for an acceptable solution.
 9. We concluded that it was necessary to include part of West Lothian council area in a constituency with parts of North Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire council areas in order to achieve an acceptable configuration of constituencies over the wider area, which complied with the statutory rules.
 10. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 3 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
 11. We decided on constituency names after considering Paper 2007/17 and Paper 2007/17A. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 October 2007 and the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2007.
 12. On 14 February 2008 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for constituencies for West Lothian council area. These were contained in our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland. The Provisional Proposals were as shown in Figure E.20.5.

Figure E.20.5 - Provisional Proposals

Name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn	North Lanarkshire South Lanarkshire West Lothian	County	54,930
Linlithgow and Bathgate	West Lothian	County	54,230
Livingston	West Lothian	County	54,840
Total			164,000

13. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals, and their electorates, were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

14. We considered the 1,290 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals for South West and Central Scotland, of which some 430 related directly to West Lothian council area, in Paper 2008/15. The main issues raised relating to West Lothian council area were:

- opposition to the creation of a constituency crossing the boundary between West Lothian council area and North and South Lanarkshire council areas; and
 - an alternative suggestion for constituencies including a constituency crossing from West Lothian council area into Falkirk council area.
15. Based on the representations received in response to our Provisional Proposals for the area of South West and Central Scotland, which included objections from East Ayrshire Council, North Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Council and West Lothian Council, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held.
16. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 June 2008.

Local Inquiry

17. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into 15 out of 16 of our proposed constituencies for South West and Central Scotland. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Airdrie on 23 September and 24 September 2008, Ayr on 26 September and 29 September 2008, and Lanark on 30 September and 1 October 2008.
18. The Assistant Commissioner made a number of recommendations in his report on the Local Inquiry which directly or indirectly related to West Lothian council area:
- the Commission should revisit its plans for the proposed constituency of Lanark, Shotts and Whitburn with a view to keeping intact the boundary between Lanarkshire and West Lothian;
 - in light of evidence that points essentially to the status quo, the Commission should consider allowing the existing constituencies of Airdrie and Shotts, Coatbridge and Chryston, and Cumbernauld and Kilsyth to remain largely unaltered; and
 - the Commission should revisit its proposals for a Clydesdale and Cumnock cross-council constituency and consider alternative arrangements that respect the Ayrshire/Lanarkshire boundary.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

19. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's Report and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/03. We gave further consideration to these matters while considering Paper 2009/03A.
20. At these meetings, we considered the consequences of creating 2 constituencies which exactly covered West Lothian council area. We noted that the electorates of such constituencies would be significantly above the electoral quota. We were reluctant to accept divergences of such magnitude in an area that had experienced one of the highest growths of population in recent years. We noted that, if this configuration was adopted and the electorates of the respective constituencies continue to grow, there would be a need for us to design revised constituencies more in line with statutory rule 2 at a future review.

21. Mindful of this, we re-examined the prevailing circumstances, including:
 - proposals for constituencies in neighbouring council areas;
 - the geographical circumstances along the boundaries of West Lothian council area; and
 - the recommendation contained in the report by the Assistant Commissioner that the boundary between Lanarkshire and West Lothian should be respected.
22. We noted that neither the report from the Local Inquiry covering this area nor the report from the Local Inquiry in Clackmannanshire and Stirling council areas supported the suggestion of a constituency combining parts of Falkirk and West Lothian council areas.
23. We concluded that, in order to achieve a satisfactory configuration of constituencies over the wider area, it was necessary to design two constituencies exactly covering the West Lothian council area. This decision was reached exceptionally because of the broader context affecting the West Lothian council area, which prevented an acceptable alternative being developed.
24. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 February 2009 and the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
25. We noted the representations received concerning our approach to constituency names in our Provisional Proposals, and amended the constituency names in line with our revised approach, as described in Chapter 2.5, after considering Paper 2009/11. We decided on the constituency name of Almond Valley since it provided an acceptable description of the area covered by the constituency, and had the advantage of being different from the name of its Westminster counterpart (Livingston) which has a different extent. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
26. We adopted the 2 constituencies arising from paragraphs 23 and 25 as our Revised Recommendations for West Lothian council area.

Revised Recommendations

27. On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for constituencies in West Lothian council area, which were the same as our Final Recommendations detailed in Figures E.20.1, E.20.2 and E.20.3.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

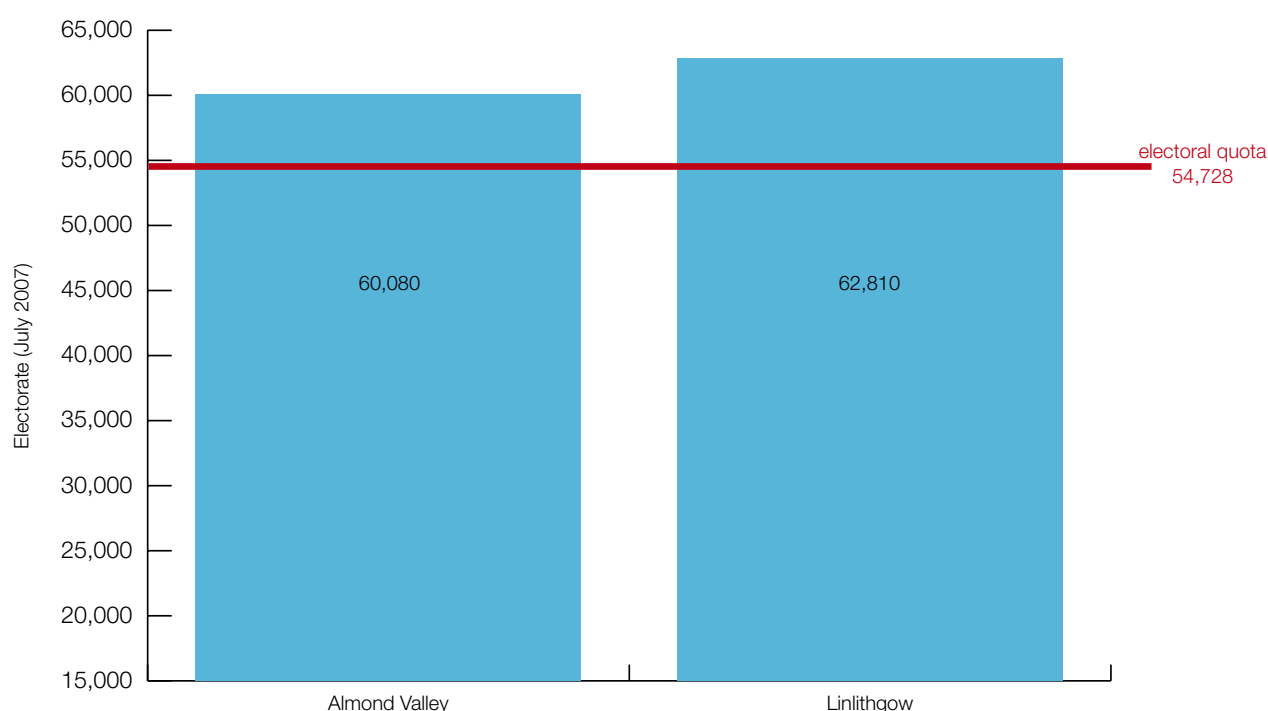
28. We considered the 11 representations received concerning our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2009/30.

29. Among the representations, West Lothian Council and the Scottish Liberal Democrats supported the boundaries of our Revised Recommendations. The Scottish Labour Party suggested an alternative division of West Lothian council area into 2 constituencies, and the Scottish Conservatives continued to suggest a constituency combining parts of West Lothian and Falkirk council areas. Various alternatives to the constituency name of Almond Valley were suggested.
30. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
31. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Final Recommendations

32. We adopted our Revised Recommendations as our Final Recommendations for West Lothian council area. Details of the recommended constituencies are in Figures E.20.1, E.20.2 and E.20.3.
33. Figure E.20.6 shows the electorates of the recommended constituencies relative to the electoral quota.

Figure E.20.6 - Constituency electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix F – Description of review of regions

Recommended regions

1. Details of the 8 recommended regions are in Figures F.1 and F.2.

Figure F.1 - Final Recommendations for regions

Region name	Electorate
Central Scotland	493,340
Glasgow	493,610
Highlands and Islands	334,720
Lothian	517,110
Mid Scotland and Fife	490,700
North East Scotland	540,310
South Scotland	520,840
West Scotland	528,680
Total	3,919,310

Figure F.2 - Constituencies within Final Recommendations for regions

Region name	Constituency name	Constituency electorate
Central Scotland	Airdrie and Shotts	51,620
	Coatbridge and Chryston	51,630
	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	49,410
	East Kilbride	58,590
	Falkirk East	57,550
	Falkirk West	56,150
	Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	57,350
	Motherwell and Wishaw	54,660
	Uddingston and Bellshill	56,380
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland	53,480
	Glasgow Cathcart	57,680
	Glasgow Kelvin	58,330
	Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	54,240
	Glasgow Pollok	56,370
	Glasgow Provan	51,260
	Glasgow Shettleston	51,960
	Glasgow Southside	51,940
	Rutherglen	58,350
Highlands and Islands	Argyll and Bute	49,040
	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	55,690
	Inverness and Nairn	61,600
	Moray	56,110
	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	22,200
	Orkney Islands	16,340
	Shetland Islands	17,270
	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	56,470
Lothian	Almond Valley	60,080
	Edinburgh Central	56,450
	Edinburgh Eastern	57,770
	Edinburgh Northern and Leith	56,690
	Edinburgh Pentlands	53,650
	Edinburgh Southern	55,550
	Edinburgh Western	57,170
	Linlithgow	62,810
	Midlothian North and Musselburgh	56,940

Region name	Constituency name	Constituency electorate
Mid Scotland and Fife	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	49,470
	Cowdenbeath	53,670
	Dunfermline	54,230
	Kirkcaldy	59,580
	Mid Fife and Glenrothes	53,750
	North East Fife	59,360
	Perthshire North	52,310
	Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	55,850
	Stirling	52,480
North East Scotland	Aberdeen Central	55,810
	Aberdeen Donside	55,530
	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	54,240
	Aberdeenshire East	54,690
	Aberdeenshire West	53,060
	Angus North and Mearns	51,340
	Angus South	54,340
	Banffshire and Buchan Coast	56,140
	Dundee City East	53,550
	Dundee City West	51,610
South Scotland	Ayr	61,250
	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	59,580
	Clydesdale	56,500
	Dumfriesshire	59,100
	East Lothian	55,070
	Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	54,140
	Galloway and West Dumfries	56,700
	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	61,070
	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	57,430
West Scotland	Clydebank and Milngavie	53,340
	Cunninghame North	56,150
	Cunninghame South	50,240
	Dumbarton	54,270
	Eastwood	49,960
	Greenock and Inverclyde	56,350
	Paisley	50,910
	Renfrewshire North and West	48,520
	Renfrewshire South	49,360
	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	59,580

2. A map showing the Final Recommendations for regions appears as Figure F.3. Region maps of all of the Final Recommendations are available on our website. Analysis of all constituency and region electorates in the Final Recommendations appears in Chapter 6.

Regions at the start of this review

3. At the establishment of the modern Scottish Parliament in 1999, the 8 regions were as shown in Figure F.4.

Figure F.4 - Regions at the start of this review

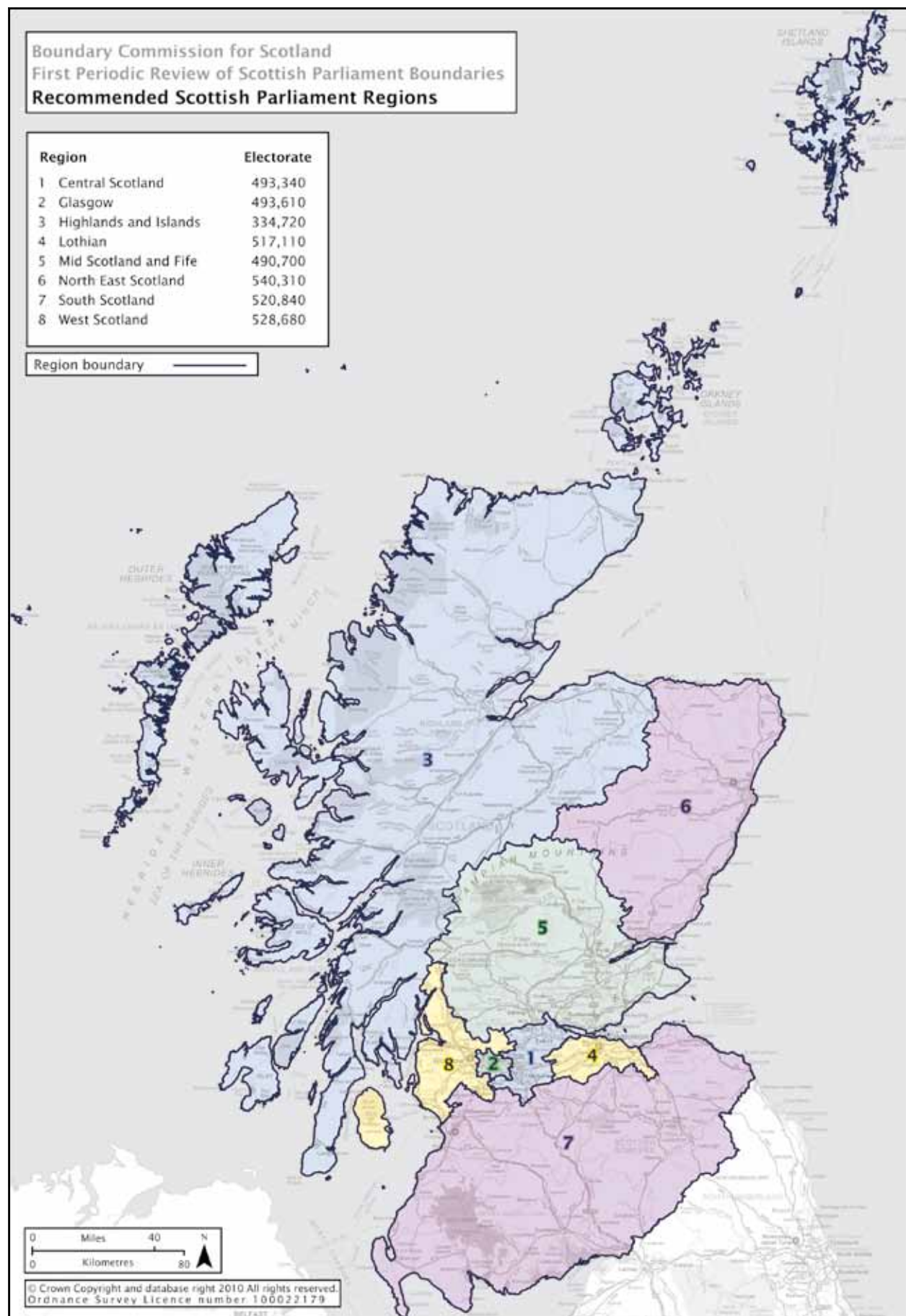
Region name	1999 electorate	July 2007 electorate
Central Scotland	555,000	561,680
Glasgow	517,530	480,220
Highlands and Islands	330,150	339,490
Lothians	542,280	520,080
Mid Scotland and Fife	513,080	516,250
North East Scotland	527,220	509,970
South of Scotland	514,970	516,860
West of Scotland	506,030	474,760
Total	4,006,260	3,919,310

4. A map of Scotland showing the regions at the start of this review is available on our website.

Provisional Proposals

5. We decided on our Provisional Proposals for regions after considering the options in Paper 2009/12. We had in mind the following considerations:
 - it was not possible to leave the existing arrangements unchanged in view of our proposed changes to constituency boundaries arising from this review;
 - the importance that the statutory rules for regions attach to electoral parity;
 - with the requirement for regions to comprise whole constituencies and the electorate of a single constituency being around 10% of the electorate of a region, it would not be possible to adjust the electorate of regions with precision; and
 - although the regional rules do not make mention of boundaries of council areas, local ties, or inconveniences attendant on alterations, we considered that it was reasonable, within the terms of the statutory rules, to take account of such matters where it was possible to do so.
6. We considered 6 possible configurations for regions. The option that we adopted as our Provisional Proposals for regions was selected for reasons that included the following:
 - in most cases, the arrangement produced compact geographic areas;
 - the main cities of Scotland were not divided between regions;
 - the option resembled the existing regions;

Figure F.3 - Final Recommendations for regions



- the electorate and extent of the proposed Highlands and Islands region reflected the special geographical considerations in that area;
- Dundee City's links with Angus and the north were respected; and
- Stirling and Clackmannanshire's links with Perth and Kinross and Fife were respected.

- Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
- We noted the reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS) of council area boundaries, as described in Chapter 2.6, in Paper 2009/13. Our discussion and conclusions on this matter are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 March 2009.
- On 21 May 2009 we published for consultation our Provisional Proposals for regions which were as shown in Figures F.5 and F.6.

Figure F.5 - Provisional Proposals for regions

Region name	Electorate
East Central Scotland	552,790
Glasgow	493,950
Highlands and Islands	388,990
Lothian	509,370
Mid Scotland and Fife	490,700
North East Scotland	540,310
South Scotland	465,770
West Central Scotland	477,430
Total	3,919,310

Figure F.6 - Constituencies within Provisional Proposals for regions

Region name	Constituency name
East Central Scotland	Airdrie and Shotts; Clydebank and Milngavie; Coatbridge and Chryston; Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Falkirk East; Falkirk West; Linlithgow; Motherwell and Wishaw; Strathkelvin and Bearsden; Uddingston and Bellshill
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland; Glasgow Cathcart; Glasgow Kelvin; Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn; Glasgow Pollok; Glasgow Provan; Glasgow Shettleston; Glasgow Southside; Rutherglen
Highlands and Islands	Argyllshire and Bute; Caithness, Sutherland and Ross; Dumbarton; Inverness and Nairn; Moray; Na h-Eileanan an Iar; Orkney Islands; Shetland Islands; Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Lothian	Almond Valley; East Lothian; Edinburgh Central; Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth; Edinburgh East and South; Edinburgh Pentlands; Edinburgh Southside; Edinburgh Trinity and Leith; Midlothian North and Musselburgh
Mid Scotland and Fife	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane; Cowdenbeath; Dunfermline; Kirkcaldy; Mid Fife and Glenrothes; North East Fife; Perthshire North; Perthshire South and Kinross-shire; Stirling
North East Scotland	Aberdeen Central; Aberdeen Donside; Aberdeen South and North Kincardine; Aberdeenshire East; Aberdeenshire West; Angus North and Mearns; Angus South; Banffshire and Buchan Coast; Dundee City East; Dundee City West
South Scotland	Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Clydesdale; Dumfriesshire; Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Galloway and West Dumfries; Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley; Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale
West Central Scotland	Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; East Kilbride; Eastwood; Greenock and Inverclyde; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Paisley; Renfrewshire North and West; Renfrewshire South

- Maps of our Provisional Proposals for regions are available on our website.

Representations on Provisional Proposals

11. We considered more than 200 representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/19. The main issues raised were:
 - opposition to the inclusion of Clydebank and Milngavie constituency and Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency in East Central Scotland region, expressed in 135 representations;
 - opposition to the inclusion of Dumbarton constituency in Highlands and Islands region;
 - opposition to the division of West Lothian council area between the proposed East Central Scotland and Lothian regions, with a preference for the entire council area to be placed within Lothian region;
 - support for the proposed North East Scotland region; and
 - suggestions for alternative configurations.
12. Based on the representations received, which included representations from Highland Council, West Dunbartonshire Council and the Scottish Labour Party, we agreed that a Local Inquiry should be held into our Provisional Proposals for the regions of East Central Scotland, Highlands and Islands, Lothian, South Scotland, and West Central Scotland. We concluded that the scope of the Local Inquiry should not include the regions of Glasgow, Mid Scotland and Fife, and North East Scotland as no adverse representations had been received for these regions.
13. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 13 July 2009.

Local Inquiry

14. At our request, the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde, as Assistant Commissioner to conduct the Local Inquiry into our Provisional Proposals for the regions of East Central Scotland, Highlands and Islands, Lothian, South Scotland and West Central Scotland. We arranged for a transcript to be made of the Local Inquiry proceedings at Glasgow on 22 October 2009.
15. The Assistant Commissioner recommended in his report on the Local Inquiry that:
 - Dumbarton constituency should be removed from the proposed Highlands and Islands region;
 - there should be a region named West of Scotland comprising the following ten constituencies:
 - Clydebank and Milngavie
 - Cunninghame North
 - Cunninghame South
 - Dumbarton
 - Eastwood
 - Greenock and Inverclyde
 - Paisley
 - Renfrewshire North and West
 - Renfrewshire South
 - Strathkelvin and Bearsden

- there should be a region named Central Scotland comprising the following nine constituencies:

Airdrie and Shotts
 Coatbridge and Chryston
 Cumbernauld and Kilsyth
 East Kilbride
 Falkirk East
 Falkirk West
 Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse
 Motherwell and Wishaw
 Uddingston and Bellshill

- Linlithgow constituency should be moved from the proposed East Central Scotland region to the proposed Lothian region; and
- East Lothian constituency should be moved from the proposed Lothian region to the proposed South Scotland region.

Consideration of Provisional Proposals

16. We considered the Assistant Commissioner's report, and the representations received concerning our Provisional Proposals in Paper 2009/48.
17. Having fully examined the different options that were possible by adopting, to varying degrees, the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations, we concluded that his recommendations produced a balanced solution. We agreed, therefore, to adopt his recommendations concerning the boundaries of regions in full.
18. Turning our attention to names, we agreed that the proposed West Central Scotland region should be renamed West Scotland region and that the proposed East Central Scotland region should be renamed Central Scotland region.
19. We noted the amended constituency names arising from our Further Recommendations for constituencies, and incorporated them into our descriptions of the regions. These were Argyll and Bute in place of Argyllshire and Bute; Edinburgh Western in place of Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth; Edinburgh Eastern in place of Edinburgh East and South, Edinburgh Southern in place of Edinburgh Southside; and Edinburgh Northern and Leith in place of Edinburgh Trinity and Leith.
20. In light of the representations received in response to the public consultation on our Provisional Proposals and the evidence presented at the Local Inquiry, we agreed that no changes were required to our Provisional Proposals for Glasgow, Mid Scotland and Fife, and North East Scotland regions.
21. We adopted the revised regions arising from paragraphs 18 and 19 as our Revised Recommendations for regions.

22. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 16 November 2009.

Revised Recommendations

23. On 7 January 2010 we published for consultation our Revised Recommendations for Scottish Parliament regions for the regions of Central Scotland, Highlands and Islands, Lothian, South Scotland, and West Scotland. Our Revised Recommendations were as shown in Figure F.7.

Figure F.7 - Revised Recommendations

Region name	Electorate
Central Scotland	493,000
Glasgow	493,950
Highlands and Islands	334,720
Lothian	517,110
Mid Scotland and Fife	490,700
North East Scotland	540,310
South Scotland	520,840
West Scotland	528,680
Total	3,919,310

24. The constituencies in each region in the Revised Recommendations were the same as in our Final Recommendations, as shown in Figure F.2.

Consideration of Revised Recommendations

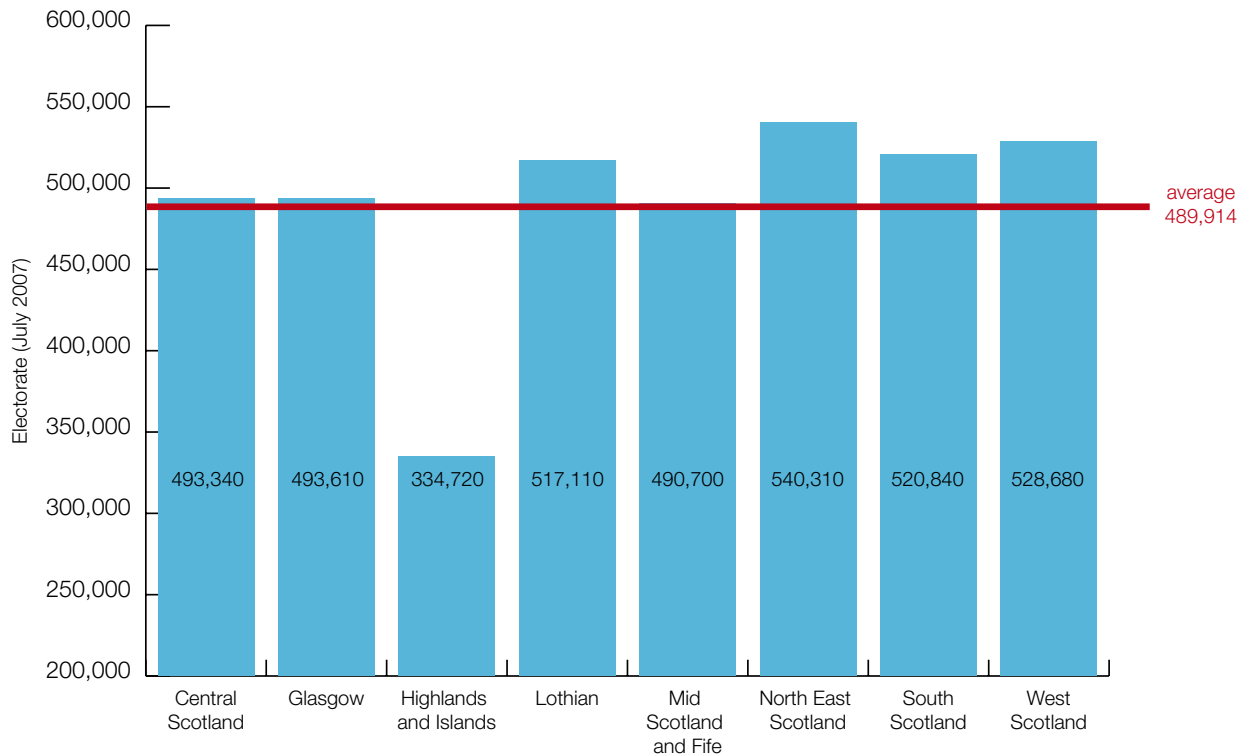
25. We considered the 13 representations received in response to our consultation on our Revised Recommendations in Paper 2010/06.
26. The representations included 7 from Councils and 1 from an MSP which were either in favour of the Revised Recommendations or indicated that they had no comment. 1 member of the public objected to Moray constituency being included in the Highlands and Islands region. The remaining 4 representations related to the Commission's proposals for constituencies, and did not concern the regions.
27. In light of the representations received, we agreed that no changes were required to our Revised Recommendations.
28. As a result of the LGBCS reviews referred to in paragraph 8, the council area boundary at Cardowan has been amended¹, taking effect on 1 April 2010, moving 340 electors from Glasgow Provan constituency in Glasgow region to Coatbridge and Chryston constituency in Central Scotland region. We have incorporated that amendment into our Final Recommendations.
29. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 15 February 2010.

¹ The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

Final Recommendations

30. We adopted our Revised Recommendations, incorporating the minor amendment discussed in paragraph 28, as our Final Recommendations for regions. Details of the recommended regions are in Figures F.1, F.2 and F.3.
31. Figure F.8 shows the electorates of the recommended regions relative to the average electorate of the 8 regions.

Figure F.8 - Region electorates: Final Recommendations



Appendix G– Local Inquiries

Constituency Local Inquiries

Documentation on all of the constituency Local Inquiries is available on our website.

Council areas	Assistant Commissioner	Dates and Venues
Perth and Kinross	R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife	20, 21 August 2008 AK Bell Library, Perth
Argyll and Bute East Renfrewshire Inverclyde Renfrewshire West Dunbartonshire	B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde	26, 27, 28 August 2008 Paisley Sheriff Court, Paisley 1, 2 September 2008 Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank
City of Edinburgh	E F Bowen QC, Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders	9 September 2008 Lothian Chambers, Edinburgh
Fife	R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife	15, 16 September 2008 Fife House, Glenrothes
East Ayrshire East Dunbartonshire North Lanarkshire South Ayrshire South Lanarkshire West Lothian	B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway	23, 24 September 2008 Sir John Wilson Town Hall, Airdrie 26, 29 September 2008 County Buildings, Ayr 30 September, 1 October 2008 Council Chamber, Lanark
East Lothian Midlothian Scottish Borders	E F Bowen QC, Sheriff Principal of Lothian and Borders	7 October 2008 Loanhead Miners' Club, Loanhead 14 October 2008 Eastgate Theatre, Peebles 16 October 2008 Brunton Hall, Musselburgh
Dumfries and Galloway	B A Lockhart, Sheriff Principal of South Strathclyde, Dumfries and Galloway	21, 22 October 2008 DG One, Dumfries
Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire Angus Moray	Sir S S T Young QC, Sheriff Principal of Grampian, Highland and Islands	27 October 2008 Town House, Aberdeen 3 November 2008 Fisherman's Hall, Buckie
Clackmannanshire Stirling	R A Dunlop QC, Sheriff Principal of Tayside, Central and Fife	11 November 2008 Municipal Buildings, Stirling
Highland	Sir S S T Young QC, Sheriff Principal of Grampian, Highland and Islands	19 November 2008 Town House, Inverness

Region Local Inquiry

Documentation on the region Local Inquiry is available on our website.

Regions	Assistant Commissioner	Date and Venue
East Central Scotland Highlands and Islands Lothian South Scotland West Central Scotland	B A Kerr QC, Sheriff Principal of North Strathclyde	22 October 2009 Parish Halls, George Street, Glasgow

Appendix H– Coverage of council areas

Figure H.1 shows the wards and parts of wards which form each recommended constituency.

Figure H.1 Wards for each recommended constituency

Constituency	Designation	Council area	Wards
Aberdeen Central	Burgh	Aberdeen City	5(part), 6, 7, 8, 10(part), 11(part), 12(part)
Aberdeen Donside	Burgh	Aberdeen City	1, 2, 3, 4, 5(part)
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	County	Aberdeen City	9, 10(part), 11(part), 12(part), 13
		Aberdeenshire	17
Aberdeenshire East	County	Aberdeenshire	4, 6(part), 7, 8, 9, 11, 12(part)
Aberdeenshire West	County	Aberdeenshire	10, 12 (part), 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 (part)
Airdrie and Shotts	Burgh	North Lanarkshire	7, 8, 11, 12
Almond Valley	County	West Lothian	3, 4, 5, 6, 7(part)
Angus North and Mearns	County	Aberdeenshire	18(part), 19
		Angus	2, 3, 8
Angus South	County	Angus	1, 4, 5, 6, 7
Argyll and Bute	County	Argyll and Bute	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Ayr	Burgh	South Ayrshire	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County	Aberdeenshire	1, 2, 3, 5, 6(part)
		Moray	2(part), 3
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	County	Highland	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6(part), 7, 8
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County	East Ayrshire	7, 8, 9
		South Ayrshire	6, 7, 8
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	County	Clackmannanshire	all
		Stirling	3
Clydebank and Milngavie	County	East Dunbartonshire	1, 2
		West Dunbartonshire	4, 5, 6
Clydesdale	County	South Lanarkshire	1, 2, 3, 4, 5(part)
Coatbridge and Chryston	Burgh	North Lanarkshire	5, 6, 9, 10
Cowdenbeath	County	Fife	5, 6, 7(part), 8, 9
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	County	North Lanarkshire	1, 2, 3, 4
Cunninghame North	County	North Ayrshire	4(part), 5, 6, 7, 8
Cunninghame South	County	North Ayrshire	1, 2, 3, 4(part)
Dumbarton	County	Argyll and Bute	9, 10, 11
		West Dunbartonshire	1, 2, 3
Dumfriesshire	County	Dumfries and Galloway	8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Dundee City East	Burgh	Dundee City	4(part), 5(part), 6(part), 7, 8
Dundee City West	Burgh	Dundee City	1, 2, 3, 4(part), 5(part), 6(part)
Dunfermline	County	Fife	1, 2, 3, 4, 7(part)
East Kilbride	Burgh	South Lanarkshire	6, 7, 8, 9, 10
East Lothian	County	East Lothian	3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Eastwood	County	East Renfrewshire	1(part), 3, 4, 5, 6
Edinburgh Central	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	5(part), 6(part), 7(part), 9(part), 10(part), 11(part), 15(part)
Edinburgh Eastern	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	11(part), 13(part), 14, 16(part), 17(part)
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	4(part), 5(part), 12, 13(part)
Edinburgh Pentlands	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	2, 7(part), 8

Constituency	Designation	Council area	Wards
Edinburgh Southern	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	7(part), 9(part), 10(part), 15(part), 16(part), 17(part)
Edinburgh Western	Burgh	City of Edinburgh	1, 3, 4(part), 5(part), 6(part)
Eileanan an Iar, Na h-	County	Na h-Eileanan an Iar	all
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	County	Scottish Borders	4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Falkirk East	County	Falkirk	1, 2, 4(part), 7(part), 8, 9
Falkirk West	County	Falkirk	3, 4(part), 5, 6, 7(part)
Galloway and West Dumfries	County	Dumfries and Galloway	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
Glasgow Anniesland	Burgh	Glasgow City	12(part), 13, 14
Glasgow Cathcart	Burgh	Glasgow City	1, 2, 7
Glasgow Kelvin	Burgh	Glasgow City	10, 11, 12(part), 16(part)
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	Burgh	Glasgow City	15, 16(part), 17
Glasgow Pollok	Burgh	Glasgow City	3, 4, 5(part)
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	Glasgow City	18, 20(part), 21
Glasgow Shettleston	Burgh	Glasgow City	9, 19, 20(part)
Glasgow Southside	Burgh	Glasgow City	5(part), 6, 8
Greenock and Inverclyde	County	Inverclyde	1(part), 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	Burgh	South Lanarkshire	5(part), 17(part), 18, 19, 20
Inverness and Nairn	County	Highland	14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21(part)
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	County	East Ayrshire	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Kirkcaldy	County	Fife	10, 11, 12, 13, 23
Linlithgow	County	West Lothian	1, 2, 7(part), 8, 9
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	County	Fife	14, 15, 16, 22
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	County	East Lothian	1, 2
		Midlothian	2, 3, 4(part), 5
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County	Midlothian	1, 4(part), 6
		Scottish Borders	1, 2, 3, 5
Moray	County	Moray	1, 2 (part), 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Motherwell and Wishaw	Burgh	North Lanarkshire	16, 17(part), 18, 19, 20
North East Fife	County	Fife	17, 18, 19, 20, 21
Orkney Islands	County	Orkney Islands	all
Paisley	Burgh	Renfrewshire	3, 4(part), 5, 6
Perthshire North	County	Perth and Kinross	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	County	Perth and Kinross	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
Renfrewshire North and West	County	Inverclyde	1(part)
		Renfrewshire	1, 2, 4(part), 9(part), 10, 11
Renfrewshire South	County	East Renfrewshire	1(part), 2
		Renfrewshire	7, 8, 9(part)
Rutherglen	Burgh	South Lanarkshire	11, 12, 13, 14, 15(part)
Shetland Islands	County	Shetland Islands	all
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	County	Highland	6(part), 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 21(part), 22
Stirling	County	Stirling	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County	East Dunbartonshire	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8
Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh	North Lanarkshire	13, 14, 15, 17(part)
		South Lanarkshire	15(part), 16, 17(part)

Figure H.2 shows the recommended constituencies and regions which are wholly contained or partly contained within each council area. No Scottish Parliament regions are wholly contained within a single council area.

Figure H.2 Coverage of council areas by recommended constituencies and regions

Council area	Whole constituencies	Part constituencies	Regions
Aberdeen City	Aberdeen Central Aberdeen Donside	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	North East Scotland
Aberdeenshire	Aberdeenshire East Aberdeenshire West	Aberdeen South and North Kincardine Angus North and Mearns Banffshire and Buchan Coast	North East Scotland
Angus ¹	Angus South	Angus North and Mearns	North East Scotland
Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Bute	Dumbarton	Highlands and Islands West Scotland
Clackmannanshire		Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	Mid Scotland and Fife
Dumfries and Galloway	Dumfriesshire Galloway and West Dumfries		South Scotland
Dundee City ¹	Dundee City East Dundee City West		North East Scotland
East Ayrshire	Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	South Scotland
East Dunbartonshire	Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Clydebank and Milngavie	West Scotland
East Lothian	East Lothian	Midlothian North and Musselburgh	Lothian South Scotland
East Renfrewshire	Eastwood	Renfrewshire South	West Scotland
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Eastern Edinburgh Northern and Leith Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh Southern Edinburgh Western		Lothian
Eileanan an Iar, Na h-	Na h-Eileanan an Iar		Highlands and Islands
Falkirk	Falkirk East Falkirk West		Central Scotland
Fife	Cowdenbeath Dunfermline Kirkcaldy Mid Fife and Glenrothes North East Fife		Mid Scotland and Fife
Glasgow City ²	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Provan Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside		Glasgow
Highland	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross Inverness and Nairn Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch		Highlands and Islands
Inverclyde	Greenock and Inverclyde	Renfrewshire North and West	West Scotland
Midlothian		Midlothian North and Musselburgh Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	Lothian South Scotland
Moray	Moray	Banffshire and Buchan Coast	Highlands and Islands North East Scotland
North Ayrshire	Cunninghame North Cunninghame South		West Scotland

1 As amended by The Angus Council Area and Dundee City Council Area (Fithiebank) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/442)

2 As amended by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

Council area	Whole constituencies	Part constituencies	Regions
North Lanarkshire ²	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Chryston Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Motherwell and Wishaw	Uddingston and Bellshill	Central Scotland
Orkney Islands	Orkney Islands		Highlands and Islands
Perth and Kinross	Perthshire North Perthshire South and Kinross-shire		Mid Scotland and Fife
Renfrewshire	Paisley	Renfrewshire North and West Renfrewshire South	West Scotland
Scottish Borders	Ettrick, Roxburgh, and Berwickshire	Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	South Scotland
Shetland Islands	Shetland Islands		Highlands and Islands
South Ayrshire	Ayr	Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	South Scotland
South Lanarkshire	Clydesdale East Kilbride Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Rutherglen	Uddingston and Bellshill	Central Scotland Glasgow South Scotland
Stirling	Stirling	Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	Mid Scotland and Fife
West Dunbartonshire		Clydebank and Milngavie Dumbarton	West Scotland
West Lothian	Almond Valley Linlithgow		Lothian

The number of recommended constituencies contained within a single council area, and those in two council areas, are summarised in Figure H.3. No recommended constituency spans more than 2 council areas.

Figure H.3 Count of recommended constituencies by council area

Constituencies	Count	%
within 1 council area	61	83.6
across 2 council areas	12	16.4

The number of council areas contained within a single recommended Scottish Parliament region, and those divided across multiple recommended Scottish Parliament regions, are summarised in Figure H.4.

Figure H.4 Count of council areas by recommended region

Council areas	Count	%
within 1 region	27	84.4
across 2 regions	4	12.5
across 3 regions	1	3.1

² As amended by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2009 (SSI 2009/368)

Appendix I – ONS codes for recommended constituencies and regions

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a Coding and Naming Policy for UK Statistical Geographies in June 2009 after consultation. In accordance with the policy, we suggest that the recommended constituencies and regions are assigned the following codes.

Figure I.1 lists each recommended Scottish Parliament constituency with its suggested ONS code.

Figure I.1 ONS codes of recommended constituencies

Constituency	ONS code
Aberdeen Central	S16000074
Aberdeen Donside	S16000075
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	S16000076
Aberdeenshire East	S16000077
Aberdeenshire West	S16000078
Airdrie and Shotts	S16000079
Almond Valley	S16000080
Angus North and Mearns	S16000081
Angus South	S16000082
Argyll and Bute	S16000083
Ayr	S16000084
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	S16000085
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	S16000086
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	S16000087
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	S16000088
Clydebank and Milngavie	S16000089
Clydesdale	S16000090
Coatbridge and Chryston	S16000091
Cowdenbeath	S16000092
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	S16000093
Cunninghame North	S16000094
Cunninghame South	S16000095
Dumbarton	S16000096
Dumfriesshire	S16000097
Dundee City East	S16000098
Dundee City West	S16000099
Dunfermline	S16000100
East Kilbride	S16000101
East Lothian	S16000102

Constituency	ONS code
Eastwood	S16000103
Edinburgh Central	S16000104
Edinburgh Eastern	S16000105
Edinburgh Northern and Leith	S16000106
Edinburgh Pentlands	S16000107
Edinburgh Southern	S16000108
Edinburgh Western	S16000109
Eileanan an Iar, Na h-	S16000110
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	S16000111
Falkirk East	S16000112
Falkirk West	S16000113
Galloway and West Dumfries	S16000114
Glasgow Anniesland	S16000115
Glasgow Cathcart	S16000116
Glasgow Kelvin	S16000117
Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn	S16000118
Glasgow Pollok	S16000119
Glasgow Provan	S16000120
Glasgow Shettleston	S16000121
Glasgow Southside	S16000122
Greenock and Inverclyde	S16000123
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	S16000124
Inverness and Nairn	S16000125
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	S16000126
Kirkcaldy	S16000127
Linlithgow	S16000128
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	S16000129
Midlothian North and Musselburgh	S16000130
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	S16000131
Moray	S16000132
Motherwell and Wishaw	S16000133
North East Fife	S16000134
Orkney Islands	S16000135
Paisley	S16000136
Perthshire North	S16000137
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	S16000138
Renfrewshire North and West	S16000139
Renfrewshire South	S16000140
Rutherglen	S16000141
Shetland Islands	S16000142
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	S16000143
Stirling	S16000144
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	S16000145
Uddingston and Bellshill	S16000146

Figure I.2 lists each recommended Scottish Parliament region with its suggested ONS code.

Figure I.2 ONS codes of recommended regions

Region	ONS code
Central Scotland	S17000009
Glasgow	S17000010
Highlands and Islands	S17000011
Lothian	S17000012
Mid Scotland and Fife	S17000013
North East Scotland	S17000014
South Scotland	S17000015
West Scotland	S17000016

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