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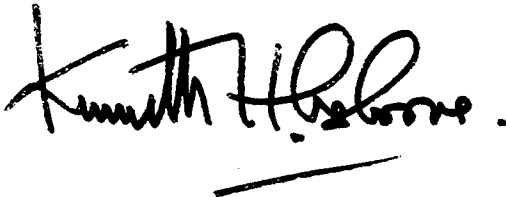
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We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements for Aberdeenshire Council area resulting from our Third Statutory Review of all Scottish local authorities.

In accordance with the provisions of section 18(3) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, copies of our report, together with illustrative maps, are being sent to Aberdeenshire Council with a request that the report and maps should be made available for public inspection at its offices. In addition, copies of our report, without maps, are being sent to those who received a copy of our consultation letter or who have subsequently expressed an interest by making detailed representations in respect of our provisional proposals which were published on 16 July 1998.

Notice is also being given in newspapers circulating in the Council area of the fact that the report has been made so that interested persons may inspect the report and maps at the Council's Offices.



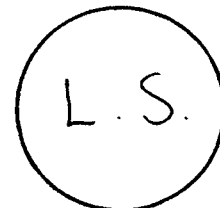
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Introduction

1. The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 determined that on and after 1 April 1996, Scotland should be divided into local government areas as named and described in Schedule 1 to the Act and that, for each area, there should be a council consisting of a convener and councillors. It further determined that each council should have all the functions exercised immediately before 1 April in relation to their area by any existing regional, islands or district council.
2. On 1 April 1996 all local government areas existing immediately before that date which were regions and districts and all regional and district councils ceased to exist.
3. Schedule 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 also established that every local government area (other than areas of the old islands councils) should be divided into such electoral wards as may be specified in a direction made by the Secretary of State after carrying out such consultations as he considered appropriate. Those wards were to apply for the purpose of any election of councillors held before 'the relevant year of election' (defined as meaning the first year of ordinary election of councillors for the area in question occurring after the making of an order constituting the new electoral wards of that local government area in consequence of the review currently being undertaken by the Commission). In accordance with procedures that applied prior to the reorganisation in 1975, the views of councils were invited. Thereafter, the Secretary of State determined that, for the purpose of any election of councillors before the relevant year of election, 47 electoral wards were appropriate for Aberdeenshire local government area. Additionally, the proposed wards should be as described in the report of the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland to the Secretary of State for Scotland on its second statutory review of electoral arrangements for Banff and Buchan District dated 14 March 1994 (18 wards), Gordon District dated 3 March 1994 - (16 wards), and Kincardine and Deeside District dated 22 July 1994 - (13 wards).

Origin and Commencement of the Review

4. The Commission has a statutory duty under section 14 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to undertake periodic reviews of local authority electoral arrangements. The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 amended section 20 and schedule 5 of the 1973 Act, directing that:

as soon as practicable after 1 April 1996, the Boundary Commission shall-

review the electoral arrangements for all local government areas for the purpose of considering the future electoral arrangements for those areas; and

formulate proposals for those arrangements.

5. This, therefore, is one of the statutory reviews required in terms of section 16(2) and Schedule 5 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended.
6. On 22 March 1996, the Scottish Office Development Department gave local authorities advance notice of the intention of the Commission to carry out a third statutory review of electoral arrangements. On 29 March 1996, we wrote to all councils to announce the commencement of the third statutory review of electoral arrangements and to explain the procedures to be followed. We also gave notice of the commencement of the review to all Community Councils, Electoral Registration Officers, Members of Parliament with a constituency interest and the Scottish headquarters of the political parties. In addition, public notice of the commencement of the review, which included an invitation to interested parties to apply to us for a copy of our consultation letter to councils, was given in newspapers.

Background

7. During the passage through Parliament of the 1994 Act, there was cross-Party understanding that we would review the number of councillors and boundaries of electoral wards for each council in time for changes to be implemented for the 1999 local elections. This was seen to be important because at the time of reorganisation, as mentioned above, the Secretary of State defined the electoral wards for the new councils and to a great extent based these on existing district wards. It was, however, recognised that using the existing district wards led to some councils being significantly over-represented in relation to other areas. Further, it also led to councillors within the same local authority areas representing wards with significantly different numbers of electors. Accordingly, our review was seen as important to ensure equity in representation across and within all local authorities. Further, the new authorities were now responsible for the provision of the full range of all services and, accordingly, consideration had to be given to determining an appropriate number of councillors for service provision to be effectively managed.
8. This review is, therefore, the first conducted by us which sets out to determine the appropriate number of councillors required for councils to operate efficiently and to establish the boundaries of electoral wards. To achieve both objectives our review was conducted in 2 main stages:

identification of a suitable methodology for determining numbers of councillors which, applied across all local authority areas, would be seen to be equitable and consistent; and

the division of each local authority area into the appropriate number of electoral wards in accordance with the statutory rules.

9. A copy of the statutory rules to be employed by us and the Secretary of State in considering proposals for electoral arrangements is provided at Appendix A.

Number of Councillors

10. In formulating proposals for the number of councillors we have been guided by two main principles:

effective management of councils; and

equity amongst electors.

11. We recognised that the number of councillors is crucial because there is, undoubtedly, some number below which it would be impossible for a council to discharge its duty to deliver services to its population and, conversely, there is also some number above which a council becomes unwieldy and cumbersome. We were influenced in this respect by the prior considerations of two other bodies.
12. The Royal Commission on Local Government In Scotland 1966-69, under the Chairmanship of the Rt. Hon. Lord Wheatley, provided a basis by which the number of regional councillors and the size of constituency to be represented might be determined by taking into account the fact that population density varies widely in Scotland as a whole and within regions. The then accepted view was that council size should not generally exceed 75 members. In England and Wales the Redcliffe-Maude Commission, which reported to Parliament in 1969, also drew attention to the management problems of large councils and endorsed the recommendation of The Committee on the Management of Local Government that a maximum number of 75 councillors should be set.
13. After careful consideration we concluded that, in the Scottish context and to provide additional flexibility, an upper limit of 80 councillors should be set. We also concluded that a minimum number of councillors should be set, recognising that even the smallest local government areas are now responsible for a wide range of functions. Accordingly, we decided that the minimum number of councillors should be 18. Further, these limits should apply to all councils.
14. Regarding equity as between voters, we considered that ideally each elector's vote should possess the same weight and significance in local government elections throughout the country; furthermore, ideally, there should be similar mutual

accessibility between electors and councillors. However, since Scotland is a country of great diversity, both geographically and demographically, a fact reflected in the areas for which councils created by the Act of 1994 are responsible, and since we are satisfied that, in the interests of good local government, the number of councillors in any council must fall within certain limits, we concluded that these ideals are unattainable in practice. In this situation, recognising that a fair degree of homogeneity exists within certain groups of councils, which exhibit broadly similar geographic and demographic characteristics, we resolved to strive for equity in the senses mentioned within these groups, so far as that is possible within the constraints of the legislation under which we operate.

15. We, therefore, proposed a methodology which initially categorised council areas by density and distribution of population using data available from the 1991 Census of Population. Having classified council areas according to these criteria and adjusted the ratio of electors to each councillor to take account of similar characteristics, we have been able to achieve a broad equity of electorate across and within all council areas.
16. In our letter of 29 March 1996, all councils were informed of the proposed methodology and future pattern of representation for their council area. Councils were requested to make any representations they wished on numbers of councillors by 29 April 1996 so that a meeting could be arranged with the Deputy Chairman and Secretary to discuss the pattern of representation and any matters regarding our review that the Council wished to raise. Following visits to all councils by the Deputy Chairman and Secretary to discuss the proposed methodology and to consider alternatives which could be applied across Scotland, no alternative methodologies were offered but a number of councils suggested that the underlying classification should be amended to include an additional category.
17. At our meeting of 17 June 1996, we re-examined the criteria to be used to categorise mainland councils with similar characteristics in light of the representations made by a number of councils. We concluded that there should be 6 rather than 5 categories. The final categorisation of similar mainland councils was then agreed as follows:
 - Category 1 Large Cities Glasgow and Edinburgh.
 - Category 2 Cities Aberdeen and Dundee.
 - Category 3 Authorities with less than 60% of the population living outwith settlements of 10,000 or more persons **AND** an overall population density of one person or more per hectare.
 - Category 4 Authorities with **EITHER** 60% or more of the population living outwith settlements of 10,000 or more persons **OR** an overall population density of less than one person per hectare.

- Category 5 Authorities with 60% or more of the population living outwith settlements of 10,000 or more persons **AND** an overall population density of less than one person per hectare.
- Category 6 Authorities with 60% or more of the population living outwith settlements of 10,000 or more persons **AND** an overall population density of less than 0.2 persons per hectare.

18. In addition to the 6 categories we then determined the ratio of councillors to electorate for mainland councils that would allow for efficient management and appropriate representation, as set out in paragraphs 11 - 14 above, and considered that the following would be appropriate:

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| • Category 1 | 1:6,000 |
| • Category 2 | 1:4,000 |
| • Category 3 | 1:3,500 |
| • Category 4 | 1:3,000 |
| • Category 5 | 1:2,500 |
| • Category 6 | 1:2,000 |

19. On 20 June 1996 we wrote to all mainland councils informing them of the revised criteria for determining councillor numbers and inviting them to prepare a draft scheme of electoral arrangements for their Council area. Following upon that, Aberdeen City Council brought a petition for Judicial Review of the decision taken by us at our meeting of 17 June, 1996 in the Court of Session. In it they sought a decree of declarator that that decision in relation to them was unlawful, ultra vires and null and void; they also sought a decree of reduction of the decision in relation to them and certain ancillary remedies. We resisted this petition, which was dismissed by the Court on 20 December 1996 after a hearing.

20. We considered the ratio of councillors to electors for the 3 islands councils at our meeting of 26 August 1996 and concluded that the appropriate ratio would be 1:750. On 28 August 1996 we wrote to these councils informing them of our decision.

Aberdeenshire Council's Proposals

21. Aberdeenshire Council submitted a scheme of electoral arrangements for 68 wards on 3 December 1996. The Council had conducted a public consultation exercise during the summer by press advertisement and direct contact with Community Councils. In determining ward sizes, the Council believed that the informal guidelines did not suit Aberdeenshire and it agreed that its proposals would breach the guideline in order to avoid splitting communities.

22. The Council, whilst completing a draft scheme for 68 wards, continued to oppose the review. It believed that the Commission's proposal for 68 wards was

unnecessary and unwelcome. Further, it would lead to considerable disruption and confusion in the minds of the electorate and also to additional expenditure. Financial resources would be better spent on services to the community which were already under severe financial restraint. The Council asked that the Commission limit the third statutory review to the minimum change necessary to meet the needs of the community and, in any event, delay any general review, if such a review was deemed necessary, for a period of three years. The Council considered that its objections to the review were a matter of substance and asked that a public hearing be held into the proposals at an appropriate time.

23. The Council advertised its scheme in local newspapers and displayed copies of its report and maps at Council offices throughout its area. Community Councils were informed of the arrangements. Interested parties were asked to make comments to the Council and Commission by 31 January 1997.
24. The Council wrote on 14 May 1997 to say that, in light of the Government's stated intention to review the operation of Local Government in Scotland, it seemed premature to effect an alteration in councillor numbers. There was no support in Aberdeenshire for the proposed move to 68 councillors. The Council had also had the benefit of working the new system for a full year. There had been no call for an increased councillor representation and this practical consideration should be taken into account.
25. Twenty-nine representations were received.
26. Aberdour and Tyrie Community Council wrote to say that in view of the poor response at the most recent local elections it felt that the present structure and number of councillors was sufficient.
27. Banff and Buchan Constituency Labour Party opposed the proposed changes which it considered had been carried out on a numbers basis, did not take local communities into consideration and such an approach was not conducive to good representative government.
28. Meldrum and Bourtie Community Council considered that the proposed changes were illogical, irrelevant and untimely. It believed that no account had been taken of future growth in its area. The proposals were entirely arbitrary, would only be temporary and would be costly.
29. Turriff and District Community Council stated that irritation had been expressed locally at the prospect of having to undergo change so soon after Local Government reorganisation. It believed that the thinking behind the review should have been considered before the new Council was set up. It objected to Turriff being split between three wards. If parity had to be applied it should be considered more sensitively. Turriff should have two councillors with the third representing the adjoining rural area.

30. Fyvie - Rothie - Monquitter Community Council expressed concern at the increase in the number of councillors which it believed would considerably affect its area.
31. Keep Grampian Beautiful Campaign wrote to suggest that the former County of Banffshire should be recreated and if necessary linked with Morayshire to make the latter more viable as a Council area.
32. A letter was received which stated that review should be delayed until the Scottish Parliament was established which would allow the present system of Council administration, ward boundaries etc. to be reviewed in light of new situation.
33. A letter was received which stated that the proposals would mean Huntly being divided into two wards. Whilst it was appreciated that larger towns in other Council areas were better managed in this way, the proposals for Huntly would probably result in two councillors from different political parties which would do nothing to harmonise decisions made for Huntly as a whole. It was also stated that the new Council appeared to be 'strapped for cash' and increasing the number of councillors and all that went with it could only exacerbate the situation.
34. Banff and Macduff Community Council considered that the Commission had overlooked an important aspect in its attempt to standardise wards in Aberdeenshire. Communities with common interests had been ruthlessly divided. Under past arrangements, part of Macduff, a fishing area, was linked to Aberchirder, a farming area, but this had recently been resolved. The present review had once again cut off part of Macduff. In Banff, the present ward was to be divided in a piecemeal fashion. The outcome of the changes could lead to disenfranchisement of the people. Boundaries should be kept intact, regardless of numbers.
35. Strathbogie Community Council wrote to voice its opposition to the proposed increase in the number of councillors. It believed that reorganisation would simply add to the confusion felt by the local electorate and, at a time when Councils were facing an appalling lack of finance, it was a waste of money. Aberdeenshire Council with 68 councillors would be too large to be workable and too large to be able to meet in its entirety because there was no venue large enough. Locally, the formation of two wards at Huntly was forcing a marriage of two areas which were of a very different nature and, in such circumstances, the rural element of the partnership would lose out to the urban area.
36. Mintlaw and District Community Council wrote to express dismay at the proposal for 68 councillors. It believed that the present arrangements should be allowed sufficient time to settle in before any unnecessary changes were imposed. The question of finance had also to be addressed because the increase in numbers would not result in a proportional increase in government funding at a time when its own administration grant had been reduced to zero.
37. Inverurie Community Council wrote to say that the proposed changes were not appropriate for Inverurie and to endorse the comments from the Garioch Area

Committee which were submitted to the Electoral Registration Officer on 12 September 1996.

38. Westhill and District Residents Association wrote to say that it was totally opposed to the dramatic increase in the number of councillors. The timing was inappropriate so soon after the introduction of the new unitary authority and at a time of severe financial restraint. The proposals would place an even more intolerable burden on Council Tax payers. Westhill has had two councillors for some time and with the increase to around 10,000 population it seemed reasonable to retain two councillors for the area. It appreciated that 5,000 electors was a larger number than the guidelines for rural areas suggested but wished to point out that such numbers are acceptable in city areas. Councillors in Westhill could easily cope with these numbers and Westhill, with its high-density population/housing, should be considered in this light.
39. Belhelvie Community Council wrote to say that there should be no change to the existing boundaries so soon after the formation of the new Council.
40. A letter was received which stated that there was no need to increase the number of councillors so soon after local government reorganisation. It was realised that this was necessary to bring local government closer to the people but it queried whether or not the people actually wanted this, or were willing to pay for it. It asked where people of the right calibre could be found and thought that the end result would be poorer quality councillors. Local Government reorganisation was designed to reduce costs but increasing the number of councillors was reversing the process. Further, there would be duplication of effort which would also add to the costs and likely confusion. Some Community Councils would be attended by three councillors which, in some cases, would mean more councillors than Community representatives. The proposals were a recipe for disaster.
41. Fraserburgh Community Council indicated that it was totally opposed to the proposals which were happening at a time of great financial restraint. The changes should not be implemented without the essential funding to cover the extra expense of 21 more councillors.
42. Donside Community Council remained of the view that the exercise was not required by the public at large. With the almost daily reference to lack of funds for essential services, the costs of additional members was an unnecessary expense. The Community Council was concerned that the review only considered numbers and gave no attention to geographic and tribal concerns. The new wards were now afforded the dignity of proposed names illustrating the extent of the newly generated problems. The existing Community Council served broadly as the catchment area for Alford Academy with a single Councillor for Ward 21. It was difficult to envisage a Community Council attracting three councillors to its meetings. The Community Council had existed broadly in its present form since its creation and its replacement with three diversified Community Councils would not do. It would also not do to state that Community Councils need not change as this statement ignored the integrated nature of local communities. Moving

Aberdeenshire from category 5 to category 4 in the Commission's classification would obviate the need for additional seats in Aberdeenshire. Seats could then be reconsidered on the basis of population change alone. In the event of additional seats being forced upon the Council, the Commission should instruct the Council and ERO to pay heed to the geographic and tribal boundaries and acknowledged loyalties within the Community Council structure.

43. Donside Community Council further wrote to say that it seemed unlikely there would be a meeting of minds on the question of the number of councillors for Aberdeenshire. A local hearing was requested so that interested parties had the opportunity for better presentation of evidence.
44. Torphins Community Council wished to place on record its strong opposition to the proposed changes. The Council Tax payer would be picking up the bill for boundary changes it did not want or need. The Council did not want the changes. Why, therefore, should they go ahead when nobody thought they were necessary?
45. Malcolm Bruce MP wrote to say that he had received a number of representations regarding the proposals to alter boundaries and increase the number of councillors in Aberdeenshire. Mr Bruce believed that, if it was possible to define Aberdeenshire in category 4 of the Commission's classification, then many of the problems would be resolved. He noted that the Council sought to ensure that the new boundaries were rigidly contained within its existing area committees on the grounds that these areas had only recently been established and must not be altered. He noted that no account had been taken of Parliamentary boundaries and councillors could be representing wards which straddled constituencies. Re-designating Aberdeenshire into category 4 would be widely welcomed.
46. Councillor Smith wrote to say that the proposed increase in numbers of councillors was too large and that the revised boundaries did not take into account traditional community ties, particularly in the Donside area. The proposals should be subject of a public inquiry, which would allow all interested parties to put their case and convince the Commission of the local opposition to the increase in wards and proposed boundaries.
47. Six letters were received which stated that the correspondents wished to object to the increase in representation in Aberdeenshire Council area.
48. Turriff and District Community Council wrote to say that it was concerned at the proposed increase in councillors and that it had written to Malcolm Chisholm MP to ask if Aberdeenshire could be included in category 4 rather than category 5 of the Commission's classification.
49. We noted the position of the Council and others regarding the number of councillors. As we mention earlier in our report, this was very carefully considered at an early stage in the review process. Councils had been consulted and, as a consequence, the classification of Council areas had been amended to introduce an additional category. No Council had offered a different methodology

for classifying Councils across Scotland. We noted that Aberdeenshire had, at the 1991 Census, the highest percentage of population living outwith settlements of 10,000+ and the sixth lowest number of persons per hectare. Aberdeenshire Council clearly fell within category 5 of the Commission's classification. The majority of Councils had accepted the Commission's revised methodology and we concluded, therefore, that it would be inappropriate to reconsider the classification of Councils. We also considered that a public enquiry would not be an appropriate forum at which representations regarding the number of councillors could be considered.

50. We noted the Government's proposals to review aspects of Local Government in Scotland but concluded that the Commission had been directed by Parliament to conduct a review of electoral arrangements for every local authority area. In the absence of legislation altering that direction, the Commission was obliged to fulfil the statutory directive set out in the Local Government, etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.
51. We noted representations regarding the financial implications of a Council of 68 Members but concluded that we were concerned with considering the revision of electoral arrangements across the whole of Scotland. We further concluded that consideration of Local Government finance was for The Scottish Office and the Council, not for the Commission.
52. We noted representations which expressed concern about the changing relationship between electoral ward boundaries, Community Councils, Parliamentary Constituencies and the boundaries of other areas. We concluded that, in considering electoral arrangements, the Commission could not be constrained by boundaries which were determined for other purposes and were not subject to the statutory rules concerning local authority electoral arrangements. The determination of Community Council areas was a matter for Councils, in consultation with local communities. Similarly, the Boundary Commission for Scotland fixed Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries and we were aware that a review of these arrangements was planned for the near future.
53. We noted this review was not concerned with consideration of changes to the administrative boundaries of Council areas.
54. We examined the Council's draft scheme and noted that, in a considerable number of wards there were divergences from electoral parity which we did not consider appropriate. We, therefore, instructed our Secretariat to prepare, where it was possible and practicable to do so, alternative proposals for these wards. In considering the revised proposals prepared by our Secretariat, using data provided by the Council, we noted a significant improvement across the Council area and further noted that the boundaries of 50 wards had been revised.

Publication of Commission's Provisional Proposals

55. Public notice was given of the publication of our provisional proposals on 16 July 1998. Aberdeenshire Council was asked to make available for inspection at its offices copies of the electoral ward boundary descriptions, electoral statistics and illustrative maps. Additionally, copies of our proposals were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had expressed an interest. We asked that any comments should be made to us by 13 August 1998. In light of an early representation from the Council our Secretariat agreed to informally extend the period for consultation to 5 September 1998.

Consideration of Representations

56. One hundred and two representations were received within the extended consultation period.

- **Auchterless/Inverkeithny Community Council** considered that the period for consultation was insufficient. It opposed changes to the wards and the increase in councillors which would cost an additional £250,000. The present councillors were carrying out their duties and did not require extra help to run the present wards. Changes in boundaries would split communities, which had great affinities for each other, and the numbers game did not work in rural areas. The issue should be left until the new Scottish Parliament was up and running.
- **Benholm - Johnshaven Community Council** wrote to say that information which would allow it to make comments on the provisional proposals had not been received until 1 September 1998 and that comments would be forwarded. No further correspondence had been received by the time of our meeting to consider representations made in response to our provisional proposals.
- **Catterline, Kinneff and Dunnottar Community Council** wished to retain existing boundaries which they considered best served community ties.
- **The Community Council of Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk** expressed displeasure at the proposed changes at a time when financial considerations were paramount. Existing councillors in its area served ably and additional councillors would not provide additional benefits.
- **Hatton of Fintry and Kinellar Community Council** wrote to say that it was happy with the existing arrangements and the services of the present councillor and saw no need for change. It would make more sense to postpone any changes until after the election of the Scottish

Parliament thus allowing time for proper public consultation rather than bulldozing through proposals as appeared to be the case. The proposed changes were based on electoral parity and involved no consideration of established affiliations between settlements which must be taken into account before any changes were proposed. The maps used were not the most up-to-date and did not show recent additions to towns. The increase in Ward 51 was stated as being 51 electors, whereas new build in the area would add some 300 houses before 2001. Proper research had not been carried out. At a time of cutbacks, the electorate would question any increase in the number of councillors.

- **Inverurie Community Council** stated that it remained of the view that the boundary changes were not appropriate.
- **Kemnay Community Council** opposed the proposals because there had been several changes of boundaries since 1974 and the new arrangements would again cause confusion, especially because of the arrangements for the elections to the Scottish Parliament. Parity had been set at 2,600 electors but, if the population increased, it wondered if there would need to be a further review. People should be close geographically to ward centres to promote a sense of community spirit, which was more important than electoral parity. Under the revised arrangements neighbours could have different councillors and MPs; there was no obvious improvement in democratic representation and more councillors would make decision making a more lengthy and difficult task. The proposals would mean additional expense that could be better spent on improving facilities. Quality rather than quantity of councillors was more important and it would be difficult to find more councillors.

The Community Council considered that it would be more sensible to link the area north of Kemnay and the Bogbeth Road with Kintore or Inverurie because, under the provisional proposals, electors would have to drive through Kemnay to reach the Echt Ward.

- **Lumphanan Community Council** stated that it did not support the changes which meant that Lumphanan was included in Upper Donside for the only reason of ensuring electoral parity.
- **Mearns Community Council** wrote to oppose the proposal for 68 councillors which it considered unnecessary in the current economic climate. However, if the proposal was to proceed, it believed that the provisional proposals cut across traditional boundaries formed over many years and it considered that care should be taken to link traditional communities. The Community Council strongly recommended the draft scheme submitted by Aberdeenshire Council.

- **Mid Deeside Community Council** objected to the proposals because the increase in the number of wards would increase administrative costs to the detriment of electors who ultimately bore that cost. Further, there were groupings of disparate communities which had few common interests and a Councillor elected to these areas would be handicapped and would not be seen as properly representing local interests. The existing wards should be retained.
- **New Pitsligo Community Council** was against the proposals which were considered to ignore historical or geographical and social background considerations. Further, there would be an increase in Council Tax.
- **Newtonhill Muchalls and Cammachmore Community Council** was largely in agreement with the proposals in its area but objected to the increase in the number of councillors which was a waste of public money.
- **North Kincardine Rural Community Council** acknowledged receipt of the provisional proposals and noted that the Council had asked for an extension of the period for consultation until 11 September 1998. The Community Council was not scheduled to meet until 24 August 1998. No further comments were received from the Community Council during the extended consultation period.
- **Portlethen and District Community Council** stated that it would have been more sensible to send each Community Council a set of maps showing existing boundaries and proposed changes. It was concerned that account had not been taken of planning applications for new housing and wondered why outlying farms etc. had been associated with lower Deeside. It wondered if there was a hidden agenda to extend the boundaries of Aberdeen City. It wondered if the Commission had any local connections who could identify with areas in Aberdeenshire. It thought that the Community Council should have been consulted earlier rather than rush proposals through now. The main concern, however, was the additional financial burden the changes would mean in terms of councillor's meals, allowances and expenses claims. The only positive outcome was that three councillors would now attend Community Council meetings, thereby increasing the helpful advice available.
- **Stonehaven and District Community Council** wrote to say that it was concerned about the timescale for consultation. It objected to the number of councillors proposed for the Council area at a time when finances were tight. It believed that it was unfortunate that boundaries were drawn to what it considered mathematical needs which split communities and disregarded the people whom local government was intended to serve. Ward 65 should be called 'Stonehaven South West

and Mearns North' and the name 'Stonehaven' should be included in the names of the 4 wards which covered the town.

- **Strathbogie Community Council** wrote to say that the increase in councillors would result in extra Council Tax and that those living in rural areas paid heavily for a limited range of services. It believed that the Council had operated successfully with 47 members and that the increase would be too large to be workable and would create problems of accommodation for meetings. The Community Council believed that the Government policy was to reduce the size of Councils and there was no point in increasing numbers at this point in time. To impose the changes would also cause confusion, particularly if they were in place before the 1999 elections. It believed that the proposals for Huntly were flawed because the maps did not show significant new housing developments and it could be assumed that if the maps were out of date then the same could be said for the statistics. The boundaries in Huntly seemed illogical, following rear curtilages in places, rather than streets. In some areas the boundaries crossed Parliamentary Constituency boundaries which would cause confusion. It was thought that the proposals undermined the strengths of Community Councils. There was no justification for the changes proposed which represented an unhealthy obsession with electoral parity. The issue should be deferred until the Scottish Parliament was established.
- **Turriff and District Community Council** was opposed to the increase in the number of councillors and considered that its previous comments had been ignored. Public consultation was a waste of time as the Commission would not be dissuaded from its original course. The Community Council also opposed the increase in the number of councillors and supported Aberdeenshire Council's view. When Council budgets were being cut it was a complete waste of tax payers' money to have extra representatives.
- **Tarves Community Council** considered that it would be wrong for the revised electoral arrangements to be made in advance of the election of the Scottish Parliament which would be the appropriate institution to consider alterations to the present system. The number of councillors proposed for Aberdeenshire would simply add to the costs of Local Government and would also present a problem in finding sufficient people of the appropriate calibre who had the time and inclination to stand as councillors. Concern was also expressed about the limited time for consultation and the non-availability of maps. There was, however, some merit in the proposals for the area, although Aberdeenshire Council would suggest some minor changes.
- **Udny Community Council** objected to the proposals. The increase in Councillor numbers would cost an additional £300,000, which was

regarded as unacceptable. The proposals separated villages and, in particular, Udney Castle and Post Office from the village of Udney Green, which would inevitably lead to confusion regarding which councillor had responsibility for issues arising in the local area. The Community Council was concerned over the location and frequency of polling stations. While the Community Council understood the reasons for the changes, it did not agree that they would bring benefits and, in any event, benefits which accrued would be outweighed by the disruption caused in the change of a councillor who operated effectively.

- **West Garioch Community Council** considered that, after the recent reorganisation, another change would be extremely detrimental to its close knit community. It had worked hard during the past three years at developing a good working relationship with its elected member and the Commission's proposals would undo all the good work. It believed that the Commission did not realise the impact that the inaccurate, poorly delivered package with indecipherable maps would have on rural communities and that consultation had been limited, because the proposals had been published during the summer recess. It was diabolical to divide the area at the Back o' Bennachie where the many small villages had always related to each other. Under the proposals, the village of Oyne which would become a suburb of Inverurie some 12 miles away, which was nonsensical. Rural areas had no affinity with towns and would soon be swamped and suffocated. Old Rayne and Pitmacahie, separated by the A96, would be in two separate wards with electors residing at the latter having to travel to Inch to vote, which was ludicrous. Both Oyne and Rayne would be separated from the heart of Inch and District.

The Community Council understood that the majority of Councils in Scotland would benefit from a reduction in wards and financial gain. Aberdeenshire was uniquely rural and should be given special consideration. The additional 21 wards proposed would cost an estimated £250,000. Rural communities with hardships in farming, unemployment and infrequent expensive public transport could not afford to bear the brunt of such an increase in Council Tax charges, cuts in education and other services. The residents of the Back o' Bennachie were contented and happy and the boat should not be rocked.

- **Councillor Swapp** wrote to say that Ward 65 in the Council's scheme took full account of community ties and produced acceptable electoral parity compared with that in the Commission's proposals. It made more sense to keep Fettercairn intact and retain Mearns South where it belonged in community and geographic terms. Catterline had always been associated with Stonehaven and Dunnottar and it made no sense to divide Dunnottar and link a part with Inverbervie. The Councillor

considered that the A90 made a poorly defined boundary in community terms. The Councillor stated that the Commission's improvements to the wards south of Stonehaven were marginal and that in the Council's scheme the wards were within the 10% tolerance for rural wards. It was important to keep communities intact and respect community links rather than to improve what the Councillor believed was already acceptable electoral parity. He would be interested to know how the forecast electorate for Ward 66 was calculated, given that there was little new build planned in the area.

Councillor Swapp wrote further to say that the number of wards in Mearns should remain unchanged and that there should be 47 wards in Aberdeenshire Council area. If the number of wards had to increase, then the Council's proposals were preferred. If the Council's proposals were unacceptable, changes could be made to the Inverbervie, Gourdon and Johnshaven Ward where the electorate was too large. Other consequential changes could be made to produce acceptable parity in adjoining areas. He thought that Inverbervie and Gourdon should be in the same ward. Dunnottar should remain intact and retain its links with Stonehaven. Electorate data were provided to demonstrate how the issues could be addressed.

- **Malcolm Bruce MP** wrote to say that he objected to the consultation period beginning in July and ending on 12 August because it was ridiculous to ask a Council to respond to the document at a time when it was not in session. He noted that it was also a time of the year when most Community Councils and residents' associations took a break from convening. He believed that the provisional proposals could have been issued earlier.

Mr Bruce stated also that he was fundamentally opposed to the review and that a strict formula had been applied which took no account of the effect the proposals had on the communities in Aberdeenshire. He had written to the Minister of State to express his concerns.

Mr Bruce was sure that individual community associations would write to the Commission with regard to specific boundary issues and mentioned that Inverurie, the largest settlement in his constituency, would be carved up by the proposals which excluded new development at the north of the town. He believed that this was wholly unacceptable and resulted from the Commission dividing up wards using the number of houses irrespective of any existing geographical or physical boundaries.

Mr Bruce believed that democratic accountability would not be achieved by throwing more councillors at the electorate, which would lead to bureaucracy within the Council and resentment from the electorate who would see the increase in councillors as expensive and

unnecessary. He believed that continued objection from himself and the Council should leave the Commission in no doubt that the proposed changes were wanted by virtually no one. He had asked the Minister of State to allow the May 1999 elections to proceed on the basis of existing boundaries so that the Scottish Parliament could consider the case for a review.

- **Alex Salmond MP** wrote to say that he was strongly against the proposal to increase the number of councillors in Aberdeenshire Council area. Councillors, Community Councils, interested organisations and individuals in his constituency were opposed to the planned increases.

Mr Salmond felt that a period of stability was required in local government and the review came too soon after reorganisation. Redrawing the boundaries so soon would lead to confusion amongst the electorate. Further, the increase in the number of councillors would mean increased costs to the Council which would have to be borne by already overstretched council coffers. The present structure was adequate for the purpose. He noted that a number of villages and local communities would be split into more than one ward and believed that this was undesirable for obvious reasons.

Mr Salmond believed also that there would be difficulties if the proposed changes went ahead because the elections for the Council would be fought on the same day as those for the Scottish Parliament and there was scope for confusion. There would also likely be additional expense in the opening and manning of polling stations. The Commission should reconsider its proposals.

- **Sir Robert Smith, Bt MP** wrote to register his objections to the increase in the number of wards and to the timescale for the public consultation period. He stated that there was no need and no support for the increase in councillor numbers. Whilst the Council had a large rural area, there was also a number of largish towns and councillors past and present found no difficulty associated with the sizes of the existing wards. Any review should seek to equalise size across the authority at or around the present average. Further, to allow only one month for consultation in the middle of a holiday period was unacceptable. The full Council, and Community Councils, would be excluded from the consultation period as meetings would not have resumed following the summer break. The timescale of the review led him to believe that the changes were being rushed through unnecessarily and that they should be suspended until the Scottish Parliament was established so that the matter could be looked at afresh.

Sir Robert wrote further to reassert his opposition stating that, whilst the Commission was required to bring forward recommendations in

time for the 1999 Local Government elections, the impression was of a review being rushed. It was becoming clear that it would be difficult to implement changes without creating a major headache for Electoral Registration Officers. There had been little time for local communities and their representatives to make their voices heard. Far from improving local democracy, forcing through the proposed unpopular changes would leave many disillusioned by the system. He was specifically concerned about proposals to include parts of Deeside with Upper Donside. Copies of correspondence he had received from constituents and Community Councils were forwarded..

- **West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine Conservative and Unionist Association** wrote to express concerns about the name chosen for Ward 65 which made no mention of Stonehaven despite the fact that it contained a part of the town. It proposed a change to 'Stonehaven West and Mearns'.
- **Alehousewells Residents' Association** stated that the proposed changes were unnecessary and would mean an increase in the number of councillors and an unnecessary rise in the level of Council tax. The proposed changes would mean a further 21 councillors who each received on average between £15,000 and £20,000. Not enough time had been allowed for consultation.
- **Tarves Amenity Group** wrote to say that it broadly accepted the provisional proposals but understood that Aberdeenshire Council might make some slight changes, which the Group agreed with. The Group, however, thought that it was unfortunate that the existing ward system had been given insufficient time to prove itself. There was a general feeling that there should be no increase in councillors which would in turn add to the costs of local government. It considered that the question of local government organisation should be looked at by the Scottish Parliament and making changes now would be wasteful if the whole issue was to be re-examined in a short time.
- **Westhill and District Residents' Association** wrote to say that the proposed increase in councillors appeared to be at odds with the financial pressures under which the Council operated and would presumably lead to increased costs. The division of Westhill into 3 wards would cause a significant dilution of strong ties. Residents in Ward 45 would attend schools in Ward 46 but their councillor would have no local link and attendance at School Board meetings was one obvious problem. Further, the Councillor's commitments would be split between Westhill and Blackburn, which was a completely different town.

The Association appreciated the need to comply with the local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 but noted that the mixture of rural

areas which had seen little growth and urban areas which had grown considerably made it difficult to apply the statutory rules when considering Aberdeenshire. The Association suggested that the parity figure for the Council's area should be raised, urban and rural areas should be given different parities or a greater variation from parity should be allowed when dealing with areas of high populations. It believed that the net outcome would be to allow Westhill to retain its integrity and be represented by two councillors who would be able to focus on local issues without having to consider the different needs of other areas. The Association considered that the proposed boundaries seemed to contradict the statutory rules.

- A letter was received which asked that the Commission forward some informative literature which explained the reasons for the proposed changes which would help put the views of existing councillors into perspective.
- A letter was received which stated that it was totally illogical to associate a small part of Cammachmore with Lower Deeside when there was no relationship with the school catchment area, local hotel, garage, water and refuse services and postal and telephone areas.
- A letter was received which stated objection to the proposed increase in the number of councillors which would increase Council Tax and did not comply with the Government's best value regime. The time allowed for consultation was considered to be thoughtless. Mearns North ward should be renamed 'Stonehaven South and Mearns'.
- A letter was received which objected to the parish of Udney being divided. It considered this was the most stupid and ludicrous proposition, brought benefits to no one and created more voting apathy. There was concern that the name Udney would disappear. Further, the increase in wards would inevitably lead to an increase in the Council Tax. The status quo should prevail.
- Eight letters objected to the proposals for Udney stating broadly the same reasons as those offered by the Community Council.
- A letter was received objecting to the proposals in Udney. Udney Green encircled what was known as Christ's Green and it was hard to imagine that the castle would be separated from the Green by an imaginary line. In recent times attempts had been made to encourage closer community ties between Udney Green and Pitmedden. A new burial ground was planned and it was important for the community that it was a burial ground for both villages in the parish, as had been the old one. The result of the proposed changes would also mean that Udney Post Office and Udney Castle and its occupants would be in Tarves, which was not very sensitive. The Commission should reconsider.

- A letter was received which considered that that the timing of the review was too soon after reorganisation and that the proposed increase in numbers could not possibly be justified. There was a need for quality in councillors, not quantity. Community Councils and community organisations should be used to bring local issues to the people. The proposals for a ward that linked Fettercairn with Stonehaven did not make sense. The Commission should seek powers to postpone or scrap the review, which was misconceived and unnecessary.
- Eighteen proforma letters from residents of Stonehaven were received which stated that increasing the number of councillors was irresponsible and against the wishes of the people. The proposals could add £250,000 to the Council Tax bill and did not comply with the Government's best value regime.
- Thirty-nine letters were received from the Westhill area. It was variously stated that it was ridiculous that the Commission could contemplate increasing the number of councillors in Aberdeenshire to a level which was more than the number that served on Grampian Regional Council which had included Aberdeen City and Moray. There was no need or desire for the increase and the additional expense could not be afforded.

It was considered that the proposals were ludicrous as they split Westhill and associated part of the area with Kinellar and Blackburn several miles away. The present councillors were happy with the existing wards and did not consider that the cost of another councillor was necessary. The Councillor for the additional ward would have responsibilities for two diverse areas. The local facilities were in a different ward and the councillor for the additional ward would have no direct links with them. Westhill was a suburban area whilst Kinellar was rural. The issues faced were different and it made no sense to split the electorate because this would result in less effective representation. Westhill children walked to school but those from Kinellar travelled by bus. Residents of Westhill used either Westhill shopping centre or Aberdeen but residents of Kinellar used Kintore, Blackburn or Dyce. New developments surrounding Westhill affected all of the residents but developments in Kinellar were focused on Blackburn or were more widely spread throughout the area. The present number of councillors was adequate. It was nonsensical to have electorate in a ward which was separated from the shopping, medical facilities, church and swimming pool etc.

Objections raised by Aberdeenshire Council and Westhill District Residents' Association, which had the best knowledge of the area and the needs of the people, should be heeded. It was the Commission's

duty to abandon the proposed changes unless it could prove to the electorate that there was a substantial majority in favour of the additional expense.

- A letter was received which stated that the present arrangements worked well. There was no demand for changes which would bring no discernible improvement in representation and the additional number of councillors would cost more. The review was a waste of taxpayers money
- Two letters were received which stated that the correspondents' local councillor had informed them that the increase in councillors would cost £350,000 - £450,000. It was thought that the increased costs were not acceptable.
- A letter was received which stated that the public were fully aware that consultation was a term not worth the paper it was written on. The quality of persons wishing to become councillors was not, in most instances, manual working class but middle class. This did not give a true representation and increasing the number of councillors would do nothing to resolve the position. Councillors were not giving their best because of the known party political outcome. The changes would lead to higher Council taxes and more needless debate with little heed being paid to Community Councils which were being pushed further into obscurity. In Aberdeenshire, councillors were still operating as if they were under District control and it was time that a system was put in place which would benefit the people.
- **Aberdeenshire Council** wrote to say that it had put a case to the Commission, formally and informally, on several occasions stating that it believed that the review was too broadly based and too fundamental in its effects and that it should instead deal with anomalies within the Council's area. Part of the Council's case was that there were changes taking place in the national context within which the Council operated and, since these changes were continuing, the Council maintained its general objections.

The Council considered that the 'formula' approach, which the Commission regards as providing equity across Scotland, was arbitrary. It believed that the Commission did not have a duty to devise a formula across Scotland, but only to achieve equity in the review for each Council. Further, it believed that the criteria used by the Commission to classify Council areas, in its application to Aberdeenshire in particular, appeared flawed. The use of a figure of 10,000 to distinguish between urban and rural communities was not appropriate in Aberdeenshire. It concluded that there were other definitions of rurality, accepted by The Scottish Office, which suggest a figure of 4,000.

The Council disputed that 68 councillors were appropriate for effective management of business. It believed that the increase in numbers would create further disruption at a time when it was undesirable, make it more difficult for effective decision making and incur practical difficulties through increases in costs and accommodation. It further concluded that the reduction in the number of electors per councillor would have no impact on the ability of councillors to carry out their tasks.

The increase in councillors would be thoroughly disruptive, requiring new approaches and structures and the rebuilding of shared understanding following the next elections. A Council of 68 members might well have a majority of new councillors, disrupting continuity and stability at a time when steps taken to set up the organisation needed to be consolidated. The size of the new Council might suit traditional approaches in urban Councils but Aberdeenshire had established a lean, decentralised system of committees which suited the nature of the Council area and the Community. A larger committee structure would be less effective, efficient and economical and, the Council estimated, would cost a further £250,000 per annum for the additional members plus additional staffing to support the expanded structure and the costs of additional accommodation.

The Council also believed that the context within which the Commission's proposals have to work had changed radically since the review started early in 1996. The Government's Best Value regime had established that there should be local solutions for local circumstances and this strengthened the argument against a formula based approach and against assumptions about what size of Council is appropriate for effective management. National changes since 1996 meant also that there were now strong objections to using the formula-based approach in isolation from other matters. The Government had called for a 'constitutional revolution' to improve the effectiveness of democracy in Scotland and to make the voice of the citizen and of the customer a more effective influence on the decisions and actions of elected bodies. This clear trend in Government thinking was likely to have a wide range of practical consequences for Councils and the Scottish Parliament which would require substantial and concrete changes in the ways in which Councils operated. Compared with these changes, an adjustment of the average electorate per councillor would be of minor practical effect. The Council believed that the use of a formula was an option which should be considered as part of a 'package of approaches' which together contributed to the Government's overall objectives on constitutional reform. It concluded that the Government had shown interest in the proposal that generally there should be a smaller number of councillors with a redefined role and, if that suggestion was to come to fruition, the

disruption caused by the Commission's proposals would be to no purpose.

The Council believed that the period for formal consultation, arising during a school holiday period, was inadequate and did not allow a reasonable opportunity for interested parties to give the provisional proposals adequate consideration.

The Council believed also that the Commission's proposals differed from its own draft scheme through the Commission's desire to achieve greater parity of electors based on estimates for 2001. The Council concluded that the results were unsatisfactory.

The Council asked that an Assistant Commissioner be appointed to consider the views of relevant parties, the local implications of the approach to the review adopted by the Commission and the detailed implications of boundaries proposed by the Commission.

57. We noted that the Council considered that our classification of Council areas in Scotland was arbitrary and that the Commission had no duty to achieve equity of electorate across Scotland. As we mention earlier in our report, during the passage through Parliament of the 1994 Act, there was cross-party agreement for the review of electoral arrangements to resolve such issues as the apparent disparity in representation between and within Council areas. We concluded that the methodology we adopted to classify Council areas was necessary to an objective and rational determination of Council size across Scotland. We concluded also that our decision to classify Council areas was acceptable within the terms of the legislation governing the review of electoral arrangements.
58. We noted that the Council considered that our methodology was flawed in its application to Aberdeenshire Council area and that there were other definitions of rurality accepted by the Scottish Office. Elsewhere in this report, we set out how proposals regarding the number of councillors for each Council area were formulated and how, during the initial period of consultation, our Deputy Chairman and Secretary visited every Council to discuss the methodology and to offer the opportunity for Councils to set out alternatives which could be applied across Scotland. Had alternative methodologies been offered, they would undoubtedly have been given the fullest consideration. No alternatives were offered during the period of consultation. However, a few Councils suggested modifications to the classification and, following detailed consideration of what was proposed, our underlying criteria were amended accordingly. We concluded that, in the absence of any alternative methodology being offered by any Council, it would not be appropriate or practicable to reconsider the question of classification once the main review exercise was under way.
59. We noted the Council's view regarding the context within which our proposals for Aberdeenshire Council area would have to work and that it believed national changes since 1996 meant that there were now strong objections to the approach

adopted by the Commission being used in isolation from other matters. We concluded that the changes referred to by the Council could not constrain the conduct of our review of revised electoral arrangements which was subject to the statute in force. In the absence of amending legislation, the Commission had a duty to discharge its obligations as set out in the 1973 and 1994 Acts.

60. We noted the views of the Council and others regarding the costs associated with the revised number of councillors but, as we mention elsewhere, such matters are for consideration by The Scottish Office and the Council.
61. We noted the assertion that the Commission's proposals would result in an increase in the number of councillors operating in the area of Aberdeenshire Council prior to 1 April 1996. Such an assertion is inaccurate and the Commission's proposals would in fact result in a reduction of two in the number of councillors operating in Aberdeenshire prior to the last reorganisation.
62. We noted the view of the Council, Community Councils and others that the period for consultation was inadequate, was during the summer holiday period and did not allow reasonable opportunity for interested parties to give the provisional proposals adequate consideration. Our Secretariat agreed informally to extend the period of consultation to 5 September 1998. All representations received by that date were considered prior to our proposals for revised electoral arrangements being finalised. We noted also that the timing of our consultation period broadly mirrored the consultation period the Council adopted for consideration of its draft proposals in 1996.
63. The Council believed that the provisional proposals differed from its own draft scheme through the Commission's desire to achieve greater parity based on the forecast of electorate at 2001 and that the results were unsatisfactory. As we mention above, the Council and others asked that an Assistant Commissioner be appointed. We concluded that it would not be appropriate for an Assistant Commissioner to consider the methodology underlying the Commission's approach to the review. We concluded also that there were no other sound reasons why an Assistant Commissioner should be appointed and that sufficient detailed information was available to allow consideration of representations made in respect of the provisional proposals.
64. On 3 September 1998, staff of the Grampian Joint Valuation Board informed our Secretary that the Council proposed a number of amendments to the provisional proposals. Further, the Council had included in its proposed amendments new housing developments which were likely to be completed and occupied by 2001. Some statistical details of the proposed amendments were faxed to the Commission. Following an initial assessment of the information, our Secretary visited the Grampian Joint valuation Board office in Aberdeen on 4 September 1998 to discuss in detail the proposed amendments.
65. We noted that the Council's proposed amendments, which included new housing data not available at the time the Council's draft scheme was submitted, assumed

that the electorate in Aberdeenshire Council area would rise to approximately 182,000 by 2001. We noted also that the latest General Register Office forecast of 18+ population for Aberdeenshire at 2001 was 178,581 and that our Secretariat's 1996-based forecast of the electorate was 178,593. We further noted that the 1998 electoral register indicated that the total electorate in Aberdeenshire was currently in the order of 173,200 electors. We also noted that forecasts of electorate based on new house building were generally inflated because they did not take into account household creation and other demographic changes. We concluded that it was unlikely that the electorate of Aberdeenshire would increase to 182,000 by 2001 which would represent a growth of more than 3,000 in the total electors since the Council's initial draft scheme was prepared and an increase of approximately 9,000 electors between 1998 and 2001. From recent electoral roll data, we noted that in a number of areas in Aberdeenshire the electorate was in decline. We noted also that the Council's own small area population estimates and forecasts, 1998 update, did not support such a large increase in the electorate.

66. We concluded that it would be appropriate to include electors attributed to new house building, if the new information was applied across all wards in the Council area. However, we concluded also that the forecast of electorate for the Council area at 2001 should remain at the level indicated in the Council's draft scheme. We noted that the ward-level forecast of electorate at 2001 would need to be revised. We examined a number of ways by which the ward-level forecasts could be rationally revised and concluded that a method, which gave appropriate weight to the local increases in electorate attributed to new housing, was desirable. Accordingly, the electorate attributed to new housing was added at ward level to the original forecasts of electorate at 2001. The Council's original forecast of electorate, 179,141, was then redistributed according to the proportion of electorate in each of six sub-area groupings of wards. At ward level, the revised total for each of the six sub areas was redistributed according to the proportion at ward level of the original ward figure plus the new build electorate.
67. We then considered the effect on divergence from parity of the revised figures and the effect that adopting various amendments proposed by the Council would have.
68. In the Banff/Buchan area, we adopted the change proposed between the boundaries of Wards 2 and 3. We also agreed to amend the boundary between Wards 9 and 10 which involved no electorate. We rejected the proposed changes between Wards 5 and 6, which resulted in parities of 7% and -17% respectively at 2001. Similarly, we rejected the change proposed between Wards 7 and 12. Parity at 2001 in Ward 12 was -14% and the proposal further increased the imbalance at ward level in this area.
69. In the Buchan area, we noted that the Council preferred a solution which provided six wards for the Peterhead/Boddam area and created a new ward around Mintlaw, Old Deer and Fetterangus. Both proposals required substantial changes to adjacent ward boundaries.

70. We noted that recent electoral roll data suggested that there had been a general decline in the electorate in and around Peterhead. We noted also that there were no other representations requesting that the boundaries set out in our provisional proposals be changed. Further, the information provided by the Grampian Joint Valuation Board staff suggested that the six wards preferred by the Council for this area would, in the main, be over-represented at 2001. We were, therefore, not prepared to alter our provisional proposals in the Peterhead/Boddam area.
71. With regard to the proposed revision which affected Mintlaw, Old Deer and Fetterangus, we concluded that, overall, the provisional proposals produced reasonably balanced wards which were similar in size and we were therefore not prepared to amend ward boundaries in this area.
72. In the Formartine area, we noted that the main problems arose from the significant elements of new building around Ellon and Belhelvie. In the Ellon area we adopted the revised boundaries proposed by the Council. We made changes which brought Ward 35, Belhelvie, closer to electoral parity, although the distribution of settlements and electorate in adjoining wards prevented any further changes because of the significant consequential alterations that would be required. By bringing Ward 35 closer to parity, consequential changes had to be made to Wards 29 and 34. These changes, however, went some way to addressing representations received in respect of the Udney area.
73. We noted that the Council requested a change in the boundary between Wards 25 and 26 but that our proposals produced two balanced wards which showed deviations from electoral parity of -4% and -6% and we were, therefore, not prepared to adopt changes which created an imbalance in this area.
74. In the Garioch area, we noted that the location of electorate associated with new build in the Insch area and the settlement pattern prevented any alteration to the boundaries we proposed for Ward 36, although the deviation from electoral parity at 2001 was 8%. In Ward 37, we noted that divergence from parity was of the same magnitude as that suggested in our provisional proposals and we therefore concluded that the boundaries in this area should also remain unchanged.
75. In considering the divergence from parity in Ward 42, Newmachar and Fintry, we noted that the geographic position of the ward, coupled with the location of the electorate attributed to new building, made it impossible to achieve a better balance of parity in this area. However, we adjusted the boundary between Wards 42 and 41, which went some way to alleviating the problem.
76. In Wards 45 – 47, which focused on Westhill, we adopted the revisions proposed by the Council but, in order to achieve a better balance in the area, made a number of consequential changes. We noted that a two ward solution for the Westhill area, which was preferred by a number of those making representations, was not possible because of the growth which had already taken place and the substantial new increase in electorate attributed to expected new build.

77. In the Marr area, we made changes to the boundary between Wards 48 and 49 to produce a better-defined boundary. We also made changes to Wards 55, 56 and 57, which produced a better balance of electorate.
78. In the Kincardine and Mearns area, our revised forecast of electorate at ward level suggested that it would be possible to return to the Council's original scheme, although a number of changes would be necessary to take account of electorate attributed to new housing. Apart from Wards 67 and 68, the revised boundaries we propose move considerably closer to the Council's proposals and address a number of the representations we received from this area. However, because of the concentration of electorate attributed to new build in the Johnshaven area, it is necessary to transfer an area into Ward 68 in order to achieve a better balance.
79. Staff of the Grampian Joint Valuation Board raised a number of very minor boundary changes where they considered the boundary line described should be re-plotted. None of the changes proposed had an impact on electoral parity and we therefore adopted the amendments proposed.
80. In considering other representations received regarding our provisional proposals, we noted comments concerning the quality of the illustrative maps. The maps prepared for the Commission are based on the latest 1:10,000 raster images available from Ordnance Survey either presented at 1:10,000 scale or reduced to 1:50,000 scale in rural areas. We noted that the maps are for illustrative purposes only and that the written descriptions of electoral ward boundaries are considered definitive.
81. With regard to the provision of illustrative maps, the Commission does not have a budget that would allow for providing every Community Council in Scotland with maps of electoral arrangements in their areas. However, every attempt was made to provide Councils with sufficient copies for display in local offices.
82. We noted comments regarding the forecasts of electorate published with our provisional proposals. We noted that the overall forecast of electorate at 2001 submitted by the Council was broadly in line with the Commission's own forecast, and that of the General Register Office for Scotland 18+ of population at 2001. At individual ward level, the Commission accepted also the forecasts of electorate prepared by the Council. We noted that the Council, when preparing its draft proposals, was asked to include expected changes in electorate which would take place by 2001.
83. With regard to the association of various settlements, we noted that the structure of wards is determined, by and large, by the need to observe the statutory rules.
84. With regard to a suggestion that there was a hidden agenda to revise the administrative boundary of the Council area, we noted that our review is concerned with revised electoral arrangements for Aberdeenshire Council. There was no hidden agenda in our provisional proposals.

85. We noted the views regarding costs, but noted that such matters were for consideration of the Scottish Office and Aberdeenshire Council.

Final Recommendation

86. Having conducted the third statutory review of electoral arrangements for Aberdeenshire Council area in accordance with the procedures described above, we **recommend** that future electoral arrangements for the said Council should provide for a Council of 68 members.

87. The designation of the electoral wards that we recommend for Aberdeenshire Council, together with information which we have received from the Council as to the 1996 electorate and forecast 2001 electorate of the proposed wards, are set out at Appendix B to this report.

88. The boundaries of the proposed electoral wards are described in Appendix C and the following illustrative maps accompany this report:

Map	Area	Scale
1A	Aberdeenshire Council Area	1:50,000
1B	Aberdeenshire Council Area	1:50,000
1C	Aberdeenshire Council Area	1:50,000
1D	Aberdeenshire Council Area	1:50,000
1E	Aberdeenshire Council Area	1:50,000
2	Peterhead	1:10,000
3	Fraserburgh	1:10,000
4	Banff and Macduff	1:10,000
5	Turriff	1:10,000
6	Mintlaw	1:10,000
7	Huntly	1:10,000
8	Ellon	1:10,000
9	Inverurie	1:10,000
10	Westhill	1:10,000
11	Banchory	1:10,000
12	Portlethen	1:10,000
13	Stonehaven	1:10,000

**Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973: Schedule 6
(As amended by the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994)
Rules to be Observed in Considering Electoral Arrangements**

1. (1) This Schedule applies to the consideration by the Secretary of State or the Boundary Commission of the electoral arrangements for election of councillors of local government areas.
 - (2) Having regard to any change in the number or distribution of electors of a local government area likely to take place within the period of five years immediately following the consideration, the number of local government electors shall be, as nearly as may be, the same in every electoral area of that local government area.
 - (3) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) above, in considering the electoral arrangements referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above regard shall be had to-
 - (a) the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable;
 - (b) any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary.
2. The strict application of the rule stated in paragraph 1(2) above may be departed from in any area where special geographical conditions appear to render a departure desirable.

Aberdeenshire Council Area Proposed Electoral Wards

Number	Name	Electorate	
		1996 (Actual)	2001 (Estimated)
a	b	c	e
1	Durn	2,380	2,506
2	Banff West and Boyndie	2,275	2,441
3	Banff	2,448	2,475
4	Aberchirder	2,366	2,493
5	Macduff	2,297	2,514
6	Gamrie-King Edward	2,395	2,499
7	Buchan North	2,411	2,545
8	Fraserburgh West	2,505	2,450
9	Fraserburgh North	2,541	2,534
10	Fraserburgh East	2,513	2,541
11	Fraserburgh South	2,384	2,477
12	Buchan North East	2,160	2,404
13	South Buchan	2,404	2,509
14	Central Buchan	2,611	2,703
15	Lonmay and St Fergus	2,537	2,659
16	Mintlaw-Old Deer	2,271	2,454
17	Mintlaw-Longside	2,406	2,486
18	Boddam-Inverugie	2,614	2,684
19	Blackhouse	2,556	2,643
20	Buchanhaven	2,576	2,679
21	Peterhead Central-Roanheads	2,638	2,687
22	Clerkhill	2,721	2,676
23	Dales-Towerhill	2,509	2,638
24	Cruden	2,366	2,582
25	Turriff West	2,393	2,523
26	Turriff East	2,114	2,481
27	Upper Ythan	2,250	2,490
28	Fyvie-Methlick	2,388	2,443
29	Tarves	2,702	2,735
30	Ythan	2,848	2,789
31	Ellon Town	2,392	2,615
32	Logie Buchan	2,846	2,801
33	Meldrum	2,568	2,585
34	Udny-Slains	2,695	2,690
35	Belhelvie	2,611	2,850

Appendix B

Number	Name	Electorate	
		1996 (Actual)	2001 (Estimated)
a	b	c	e
36	Insch	2,714	2,798
37	Chapel and Gadie	2,227	2,850
38	Inverurie North	2,578	2,530
39	Inverurie Central	2,523	2,544
40	Inverurie South and Port Elphinstone	2,441	2,577
41	Kintore and Keithhall	2,732	2,812
42	Newmachar and Fintray	2,406	2,970
43	Kemnay	2,384	2,491
44	Echt	2,612	2,541
45	Kinellar and Westhill North	2,565	2,822
46	Westhill Central	2,890	2,890
47	Elrick	2,217	2,825
48	Huntly West	2,541	2,620
49	Huntly East	2,712	2,707
50	Strathbogie	2,480	2,439
51	Donside and Cromar	2,612	2,622
52	Alford	2,479	2,712
53	Upper Deeside	2,621	2,676
54	Aboyne	2,544	2,685
55	Mid Deeside	2,703	2,734
56	Banchory West	2,701	2,748
57	Banchory East & Crathes	2,513	2,776
58	Lower Deeside	2,438	2,481
59	Portlethen North	2,616	2,726
60	Portlethen South	2,581	2,642
61	Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore	2,505	2,551
62	Stonehaven North and Fetteresso	2,345	2,734
63	Stonehaven Central	2,754	2,726
64	Stonehaven South	2,778	2,775
65	Mearns North	2,651	2,728
66	Mearns Central	2,287	2,635
67	Inverbervie, Gourdon and Johnshaven	2,710	2,762
68	Mearns South	2,576	2,733
Total		171,127	179,141

**Aberdeenshire Council Area
Proposed Electoral Wards
Descriptions of Boundaries**

Notes:

In the following description of boundaries:

- ♦ a reference to a road, footpath, railway line, river, burn or canal shall, where the context so admits, be construed as the centre line of the feature concerned; and
- ♦ the following abbreviations are used:

EW for Electoral Ward

NG Ref for National Grid
Reference as published on
Ordnance Survey Maps.

**Ward 1
Durn**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 5232 6764 on the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally eastward along the said Council boundary to the mouth of the Burn of Boyne at NG Ref NJ 6165 6607; then generally southwestward along the said burn to its confluence with the Bicker Burn at NG Ref NJ 5899 5934; then generally southeastward along the said burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6012 5831; then southeastward and southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a drain on Reidside Moss at NG Ref NJ 6004 5707; then northwestward to and along the said drain to its confluence with the Park Burn at NG Ref NJ 5916 5798; then southward along the said burn to where it is crossed by the B9023 road at NG Ref NJ 5911 5727; then generally northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5874 5755; then southwestward to and southwestward and westward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5850 5751; then southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5827 5697; then southward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5823 5644; then westward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5800 5661; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5786 5650; then southwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a footpath at NG Ref NJ 5751

5615; then northwestward along the said path and its prolongation in a straight line to the northeastern boundary of a field at NG Ref NJ 5726 5626; then northwestward and southeastward along the northeastern and south eastern boundaries of the said field and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 5710 5613; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Auldtown; then generally westward along the said unnamed road to and northwestward along an unnamed road leading to the A95 road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 5643 5564; then generally northward along the said drain to where it is crossed by the A95 road; then southwestward along the said road to and northwestward and northeastward along the B9022 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5680 5799; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 5616 5750; then southwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5508 5702; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council at NG Ref NJ 5370 5528; then generally northwestward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 2
Banff West and Boyndie**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6165 6607 on the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally eastward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NJ 6823 6464; then southward to and along the western curtilage of No 19 Scotstown to and eastward along a dismantled railway line to a point in line with the western curtilage of No 22 Scotstown; then southward to and along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to the western boundary of an Ambulance Depot; then southward along the said depot boundary and the western curtilages of the properties of Wellavilla and No 77 Harvey Place to Harvey Place; then eastward along the said place to and southeastward along Moray View to its junction with Victoria Place; then northwestward along the said place to a point in line with the western curtilage of No 17 Victoria Place at NG Ref NJ 6832 6430; then southward to and along the said curtilage and the rear curtilage of No 29 Duncan Street to and westward along the northern boundary of a Depot to the eastern curtilage of No 1 Provost Gordon Terrace; then generally southward along the said curtilage, the rear

curtilages of Nos 5-16 Guthrie's Haven and Nos 24-20 Alberta Place to the southern curtilage of No 20 Alberta Place; then westward along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to the rear curtilage of No 18 Alberta Place; then southward along the rear curtilages of Nos 18-2 Alberta Place and its prolongation in a straight line to Tannery Street; then eastward along the said street to its junction with Whinhill Road; then generally southwestward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 6759 6347; then southwestward to and along the said unnamed road to its junction with Colleonard Road; then northeastward and southeastward along the said road to a point in line with the western curtilage of No 22 Colleonard Road; then southeastward to and along the said curtilage to and continuing southeastward along the rear curtilages of Nos 2, 6, 8 and 16 Doocot Park, the western boundary of a Dovecote and Nos 18 and 15 Edward Avenue to Sandyhill Road (A97); then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6793 6284; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6798 6278; then southeastward along the said drain to the River Deveron; then generally southward and southeastward along the said river to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6839 6094; then southeastward to and generally southeastward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6868 6067; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to the A97 road at NG Ref NJ 6854 6019; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6781 6064; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6771 6044; then northwestward and generally southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6723 6022; then southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading between Kirkton of Alvah and the B9121 road; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to NG Ref NJ 6674 5908 and a point in line with the northeastern curtilage of the properties known as Bythstone; then northwestward and southwestward along the said curtilage to and southeastward along the B9121 road to a track leading to a property known as Mill of Ryland; then southwestward, southward and eastward along the said track to where it crosses the Burn of Brydock; then generally southeastward along the said burn to its confluence with the Burn of Ryland; then

generally southwestward along the said burn to its source at NG Ref NJ 6536 5718; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6535 5711; then southwestward along the said field boundary to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 6477 5610; then southwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading to the A97 road; then southwestward along the said road to its junction with a track at NG Ref NJ 6436 5581; then southwestward along the said track and its prolongation in a straight line to the Rosy Burn at NG Ref NJ 6412 5512; then generally westward and northwestward along the said burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6258 5639; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6223 5652; then northeastward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6238 5683; then northwestward along the said drain and its prolongation in a straight line to the source of the Reidside Burn; then northwestward, westward and southwestward along the said burn to its confluence with a drain at NG Ref NJ 6053 5635; then northwestward along the said drain and its prolongation in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 5988 5660; then northeastward along the said drain to the eastern boundary of EW 1; then generally northeastward, northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 3

Banff

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6823 6464 on the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then northeastward and southeastward along the said Council boundary to and generally southwestward along the River Deveron to NG Ref NJ 6807 6276 and the eastern boundary of EW 2; then generally northward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 4

Aberchirder

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6839 6094 on the eastern boundary of EW 2; then northwestward and northward along the said EW boundary to a point in line with the northern boundary of Montcoffer Wood at NG Ref NJ 6804 6222; then southeastward to and generally southeastward and northeastward along the northern boundary of the said wood to a point on an unnamed road leading to a distillery at

NG Ref NJ 6967 6281; then southward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6970 6235; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6981 6239; then northeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed road leading to Gellyhill; then northeastward and southeastward along the said unnamed road to and southward along the B9026 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7085 6271; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7152 6266; then northeastward along the said field boundary to where it is crossed by a dismantled railway line; then northeastward across the said dismantled railway line to and northeastward along a field boundary to the Burn of Myrehouse at NG Ref NJ 7171 6309; then southeastward along the said burn to and southeastward along an unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7254 6265; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7348 6232; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7355 6210; then northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7369 6204; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed the properties known as Easter and Upper Outseat to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7388 6175; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7406 6169; then southwestward and southeastward along the said drain to its confluence with the Burn of Bruntyards; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said burn and continuing southeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7583 6061; then northeastward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7590 6063; then southeastward along the said drain to where it is crossed by A98 (T) road; then southeastward along the said road to where it crosses the Crihie Burn; then generally southeastward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7637 5870; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road leading passed the property known as Mains of Fisherie; then generally northeastward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Auchlinn at NG Ref NJ 7680 5810; then southeastward and southwestward along

the said unnamed road to and generally southeastward and northeastward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Woodside of Auchlinn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7807 5714; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a track leading passed a property known as Newton of Walkerhill; then southwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7805 5673; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to the Craigston Burn; then southwestward along the said burn to and southeastward along the Burn of Litterty to its confluence with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7753 5531; then southwestward along the said drain to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to the Cot Burn NG Ref NJ 7645 5479; then northwestward along the said burn to the Craigston Burn; then generally westward, southwestward and northwestward along the said burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7313 5515; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a path leading to the properties known as Dummies Cottages to a dismantled railway line north of Plaidy NG Ref NJ 7294 5501; then generally southwestward along the said dismantled railway line to and across the A947 road to and continuing southwestward along the said dismantled railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7274 5408; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to the Burn of Luncarty at NG Ref NJ 7222 5343; then generally southwestward along the said burn to the River Deveron NG Ref NJ 7030 5269; then generally southeastward, southwestward and northwestward along the said river to the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northwestward along the said Council boundary to the southern boundary of EW 1; then northeastward, southward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southeastward and northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 2 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 5
Macduff**

Commencing at the mouth of the River Deveron where the eastern boundary of EW 3 meets the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward and eastward along the said Council boundary to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7235 6470; then southeastward to and along the said

field boundary to an access road to Cornhill at NG Ref NJ 7251 6419; then southwestward along the said access road to and northwestward along the A98 (T) road to its junction with Old Gamrie Road; then southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along the said road to its junction with Duff Street; then generally southward along the said street to its junction with Barnhill Road; then westward along the said road and southwestward along its continuation as a track to a point in line with the eastern curtilage of the Dounemount House (Nursing Home); then southeastward to and generally southeastward, southwestward and northwestward along the eastern, southern and western curtilages of the said house to Gellymill Road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6984 6355; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a dismantled railway line; then northwestward and northward along the said dismantled railway line to NG Ref NJ 6961 6365; then westward in a straight line to the eastern boundary of EW 3; then northward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 6
Gamrie-King Edward**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7235 6470 where the eastern boundary of EW 5 meets the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said Council boundary to the mouth of the Tore Burn at NG Ref NJ 8390 6588; then generally southward along the said burn to where it is crossed by a track at NG Ref NJ 8224 6000; then generally southward and southeastward along the said track to NG Ref NJ 8252 5922; then eastward to and generally southeastward along the Burn of Darralees to where it is crossed by the A98 (T) road; then southeastward along the said road to where it crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 8432 5673; then southwestward along the said drain to its confluence with the Red Burn; then southwestward along the said burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8364 5422; then southeastward to and southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to New Byth to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8336 5306; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8329 5284; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known

as Newton of Bogenlea at NG Ref NJ 8205 5324; then westward across the said road to and northwestward along a field boundary to the B9027 road at NG Ref NJ 8198 5326; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8196 5321; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8151 5376; then northwestward across the said unnamed road to and along a field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Nether Tillymauld; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8093 5411; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward and northwestward along a drain to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7946 5476; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7944 5476; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the Burn of Rusk NG Ref NJ 7807 5519; then southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Burn of Litterty to the eastern boundary of EW 4; then generally northwestward, westward and southwestward along the eastern and northern boundaries of EW 4 to and northward along the eastern boundary of EW 2 to the southern boundary of EW 3; then southeastward, northeastward and northward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 3 to and generally northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 5 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 7
Buchan North**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8390 6588 where the eastern boundary of EW 6 meets the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southeastward and northeastward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NJ 9708 6730; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9700 6703; then southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9644 6655 on an unnamed road leading passed Pittendrum Cottages; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9642 6666; then westward to and generally westward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9612 6669 on an unnamed road leading passed Netherton Cottages; then southward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9612 6664; then

westward to and along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9502 6656 on an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Mains of Pittulie; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9498 6666; then southwestward to and southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9480 6673; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9439 6696; then southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9395 6668; then westward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed the Castle of Pitsligo; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to the west of School Croft Well to an unnamed road leading to Peathill NG Ref NJ 9326 6606; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Lochbuy to and across the B9032 road to an access road to a property known as Bridgend; then southward along the said access road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9295 6362; then southward to and southward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an access road to a property known as Bridgend; then southeastward along the said access road to the A98 (T) road; then southwestward along the said road to and southwestward along an access road to Kirkhill Cottage to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9326 6327; then southward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Kirkmyres NG Ref NJ 9327 6206; then eastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9353 6206; then southward to and along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9396 6147; then westward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9364 6147; then southward along the said field boundary to a track leading from a property known as Muirstone; then eastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9384 6087; then southward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9385 6061; then southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Greenburn; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9378 6029; then southeastward to and along the said drain to and southwestward along the Burn

of Marno to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to the Mirydubs Burn NG Ref NJ 9286 5923; then northwestward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9208 5956; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Hillhead of Auchmacleddie to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9190 5934; then southwestward along the said drain to its confluence with the Gonar Burn at NG Ref NJ 9120 5779; then northwestward along the said burn to and continuing northwestward along the Lone Burn to where it is crossed by the A98 (T) road; then northeastward along the said road to and northwestward along an access track to Easter Loanburn Farm to a point in line with the southern boundary of the said property at NG Ref NJ 8908 6011; then southwestward to and along the said southern boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8899 6008; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8874 5983; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8888 5970; then southwestward and southward along the said drain to and northwestward along the Lone Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 8881 5953; then southeastward along the said drain to where it is crossed by a track leading to a property known as Lawcairn; then westward along the said track to and southwestward along an unnamed road to where it meets an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8829 5902; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to where it meets an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8805 5904; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and southeastward along an access road to a property known as West Craigmaud to a point in line with the northern boundary of the said property; then generally eastward, southward and westward along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the said property to and southeastward along an access road to West Craigmaud to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8808 5848; then southwestward and southward along the said field boundary to the Gonar Burn; then generally northwestward and southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Glasslaw Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 8641 5848; then southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8609 5803; then southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Garvelside; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 8597 5788; then southeastward and southward along

westward to and along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9502 6656 on an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Mains of Pittulie; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9498 6666; then southwestward to and southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9480 6673; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9439 6696; then southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9395 6668; then westward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed the Castle of Pitsligo; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to the west of School Croft Well to an unnamed road leading to Peathill NG Ref NJ 9326 6606; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Lochbuy to and across the B9032 road to an access road to a property known as Bridgend; then southward along the said access road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9295 6362; then southward to and southward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an access road to a property known as Bridgend; then southeastward along the said access road to the A98 (T) road; then southwestward along the said road to and southwestward along an access road to Kirkhill Cottage to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9326 6327; then southward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Kirkmyres NG Ref NJ 9327 6206; then eastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9353 6206; then southward to and along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9396 6147; then westward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9364 6147; then southward along the said field boundary to a track leading from a property known as Muirstone; then eastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9384 6087; then southward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9385 6061; then southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Greenburn; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9378 6029; then southeastward to and along the said drain to and southwestward along the Burn

of Marno to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to the Mirydubs Burn NG Ref NJ 9286 5923; then northwestward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9208 5956; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Hillhead of Auchmacleddie to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9190 5934; then southwestward along the said drain to its confluence with the Gonar Burn at NG Ref NJ 9120 5779; then northwestward along the said burn to and continuing northwestward along the Lone Burn to where it is crossed by the A98 (T) road; then northeastward along the said road to and northwestward along an access track to Easter Loanburn Farm to a point in line with the southern boundary of the said property at NG Ref NJ 8908 6011; then southwestward to and along the said southern boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8899 6008; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8874 5983; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8888 5970; then southwestward and southward along the said drain to and northwestward along the Lone Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 8881 5953; then southeastward along the said drain to where it is crossed by a track leading to a property known as Lawcairn; then westward along the said track to and southwestward along an unnamed road to where it meets an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8829 5902; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to where it meets an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8805 5904; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and southeastward along an access road to a property known as West Craigmaud to a point in line with the northern boundary of the said property; then generally eastward, southward and westward along the northern, eastern and southern boundaries of the said property to and southeastward along an access road to West Craigmaud to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8808 5848; then southwestward and southward along the said field boundary to the Gonar Burn; then generally northwestward and southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Glasslaw Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 8641 5848; then southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8609 5803; then southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Garvelside; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 8597 5788; then southeastward and southward along

Ward 11
Fraserburgh South

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9822 6574 on Boothby Road where the western and southern boundaries of EW 8 meet; then northeastward and northwestward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 8 to and southeastward, northeastward, southeastward, northeastward and eastward along the southern boundary of EW 10 to the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southeastward along the said Council boundary to and southeastward and southwestward along the Water of Philorth to where it is crossed by the B9033 road; then northwestward and southwestward along the said road to and generally southwestward along South Harbour Road to and generally northwestward along Boothby Road to the point of commencement.

Ward 12
Buchan North East

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9708 6730 where the eastern boundary of EW 7 meets the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally eastward along the said Council boundary to the western boundary of EW 8; then generally southeastward along the said EW boundary to and southeastward, northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the western, southern and eastern boundaries of EW 11 to the northern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then northeastward and southeastward along the northern and eastern boundaries of Aberdeenshire Council to NG Ref NK 0551 6358; then southwestward in a straight line to and southwestward along the northern curtilage of a property known as Tigh-na-Mara and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0514 6345; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NK 0442 6330; then southeastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0446 6318; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southeastward along the B9033 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0428 6300; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 0421 6298; then southeastward and southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NK 0409 6282; then southeastward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Mosstown; then southwestward and westward along the said unnamed road to a point in line

with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0390 6252; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to Bruxie; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an access road to a property known as Wetness to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 0379 6191; then southwestward to and along the said drain to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Home Farm Cairness; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0348 6167; then northwestward to and northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to the Ellie Burn; then generally southwestward, southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the said burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0320 5981; then generally southwestward along the said drain to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Tillykeira; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 0283 5946; then northwestward to and northwestward, southwestward and westward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0186 5936; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward and southwestward along a drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Smithyhillock at NG Ref NK 0048 5809; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0031 5799; then southwestward to and generally southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0021 5777; then southeastward and southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NK 0016 5727; then northwestward, southwestward, southward and southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9993 5703; then southwestward to and southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to the Kilbirmie Burn at NG Ref NJ 9987 5681; then southwestward, westward and southwestward along the said burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9961 5649; then southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9957 5621; then northwestward along the said drain to and northwestward, southwestward and northwestward along the Kilburnie Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9841 5633; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9652 5734; then northeastward, northward and northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9674 5901 on an unnamed road leading passed a

property known as Newburgh; then northwestward across the said unnamed road to and northwestward, northward and northwestward along a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9662 5948; then northeastward, northward and northeastward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9692 6054; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Whiterashes; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9608 6069; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along the Burn of Marmo to the eastern boundary of EW 7; then generally northwestward, northward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 13 South Buchan

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8415 5503 where the eastern boundary of EW 6 meets the southern boundary of EW 7; then generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 7 to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8598 5530; then southeastward to and southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 8612 5494; then southward across the said track to and southward along a field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8616 5473; then southeastward, northeastward and southeastward along the said drain to and southeastward along the Water of Fedderate to and northeastward along the Cran Burn to its source at NG Ref NJ 8765 5466; then northeastward in a straight line to and along a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8774 5496; then southeastward along the said drain and its prolongation in a straight line to Leeches Burn; then southeastward along the said burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 9015 5310; then northeastward along the said drain to and across the A950 road to and continuing northeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9069 5334; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9163 5202; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and generally southeastward along Leeches Burn to the South Ugie Water NG Ref NJ 9611 4825; then southeastward along the said water to where it is crossed by Abbey Bridge and an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Bridgend NG Ref NJ 9662 4815; then generally southwestward

along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along the B9029 road to and southwestward along an access track leading to Mains of Clackriach to where it crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 9420 4760; then generally southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9364 4693; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by a track at NG Ref NJ 9313 4667; then northeastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9313 4670; then northwestward to and northwestward and northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as West Clackriach; then northwestward, southwestward and northwestward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road leading between the B9029 road and B9030 road; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to and northeastward along the B9030 road to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Slamptonhill NG Ref NJ 9495 4328; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Craigiehill to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Moss-side of Elrick; then southeastward and southward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9560 4135; then southeastward to and generally southeastward along the said drain to its confluence with the Burn of Fortree; then southwestward and northwestward along the said burn to and generally southwestward and southeastward along the Ebrie Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 9302 3720; then generally northwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9109 3815; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Rowanlea; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 9025 3903; then northeastward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9025 3906; then northwestward to and northwestward and northward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9016 4027; then westward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8909 4030; then northwestward along the said drain to its confluence with the Burn of Cessnie; then generally northward and northwestward along the said burn to and northwestward and southwestward along the Black Burn to the Little Water; then generally northwestward, northeastward and northwestward along the said water to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8445

5174; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Weaverwells to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8356 5260; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the eastern boundary of EW 6; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 14 Central Buchan

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8598 5530 where the southern boundary of EW 7 meets the northern boundary of EW 13; then generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 7 to and northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 12 to a drain junction at NG Ref NJ 9957 5621; then southeastward and northeastward along a drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9987 5594; then southward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9995 5579; then southwestward, southeastward and eastward along the said field boundary to and across the A92 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0001 5512; then eastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0035 5512; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 0018 5495; then southwestward to and along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NK 0015 5471; then southeastward and southward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0042 5455; then southeastward to and southeastward and northeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0126 5471; then northward and northeastward along the said field boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 0182 5500; then southeastward to and southeastward and northeastward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NK 0214 5508; then southeastward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Upper Ridinghill; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0233 5470; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as North Balaearn to and continuing southeastward along a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0301 5436; then southeastward along the said drain to its confluence with the Latch Burn at NG Ref NK 0409 5395; then southeastward along the said burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0494

5297; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Blackhills to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0453 5275; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0370 5222; then southwestward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NK 0334 5180; then southwestward, southeastward and generally southward along the said drain to its confluence with the North Ugie Water; then northwestward along the said water to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0270 5041; then generally northwestward, northward and northwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0156 5231; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Kirkton to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Hythie House; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0116 5207; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0093 5192; then southwestward, southward and southeastward along the said drain to its confluence with the North Ugie Water; then generally northwestward along the said water to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 9955 5163; then northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9923 5116; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9950 5082; then southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9891 5053; then southeastward to and southeastward and southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9848 4987; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9892 4880; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and continuing southwestward along the A950 road to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Bridgend; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to the northern boundary of EW 13; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 15 Lonmay and St Fergus

Commencing at NG Ref NK 0551 6358 where the eastern boundary of EW 12 meets the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southeastward along the said Council boundary to the mouth of the River Ugie NG Ref NK 1262 4748; then generally northwestward and southwestward along the

said river to the North Ugie Water; then northwestward along the said water to the eastern boundary of EW 14; then generally northward, northeastward and northwestward along the said EW boundary to the eastern boundary of EW 12; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 16
Mintlaw-Old Deer

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9662 4815 at the Abbey Bridge where the northern boundary of EW 13 meets the southern boundary of EW 14; then generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 14 to and continuing eastward along the A950 road to Newlands Road; then southward along the said road to and southeastward along Burnside Road to a footpath leading to Nether Aden Road at NG Ref NJ 9991 4795; then southeastward to and along the said footpath to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9996 4793; then southeastward to and southeastward and southward along the said drain passing to the rear of The Beeches to an access road to a sewage works; then eastward along the said access road to and southward along the old A92 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0021 4691; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0006 4680; then southwestward along the said field boundary to the Derran Burn at NG Ref NJ 9995 4568; then southeastward along the said burn to and across the A92 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0026 4557; then southeastward and eastward along the said field boundary to and northeastward and southeastward along a drain and its continuation as a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0189 4484; then northeastward and southeastward along the said drain to the Burn of Ludquharn; then generally southwestward along the said burn to and southeastward along the Small Burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0224 4096; then southwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading passed a property known as South Smallburn; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NK 0255 3985 leading passed a property known as Newbiggins; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the Water of Cruden; then southwestward along the said water to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0303 3618; then generally southward and southwestward along the said drain to its

confluence with the Burn of Forvie; then northwestward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9879 3736; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the Maling Burn; then northwestward along the said burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NJ 9875 3970; then southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9760 3965; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the Burn of Fortree; then northwestward along the said burn to the eastern boundary of EW 13; then generally northwestward, southeastward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 17
Mintlaw-Longside

Commencing at NG Ref NK 0721 4934 on the River Ugie on the southern boundary of EW 15; then southward to and along a drain to a point in line with the centreline of the north runway of a disused airfield; then southeastward to and along the said runway to a point at NG Ref NK 0855 4737 on a field boundary southwest of the property known as Smiddyhill; then southeastward, westward and southward along a line of field boundaries to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NK 0848 4706; then generally southwestward along the said burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0775 4541; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to the Burn of Faichfield; then southeastward along the said burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0758 4387; then southeastward along the said drain to and continuing southeastward along a field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to Blackhill to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0793 4310; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Hill of Meikle Dens to and southeastward along an access road leading to the properties at Keith's Croft to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0825 4252; then southwestward, southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0820 4234; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Hill of Gask to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0763 4199; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0631 4140; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0495 4187; then southwestward and

northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NK 0228 4015; then westward in a straight line to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as South Smallburn and the eastern boundary of EW 16; then generally northward, northwestward, northward and northwestward along the eastern and northern boundaries of EW 16 to the southern boundary of EW 14; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 15 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 18
Boddam-Inverugie**

Commencing at NG Ref NK 0721 4934 on the River Ugie on the southern boundary of EW 15; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to the Collie Burn; then generally southwestward along the said burn to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 1095 4648; then southwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by the A950 road; then westward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 1084 4634; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to Kinmundy Road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NK 1096 4574; then southeastward to and along the said drain to and across a path to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 1112 4528; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 1126 4486; then southeastward and northeastward along the said field boundary to a track; then southeastward along the said track to an Industrial Estate access road at NG Ref NK 1146 4473; then northeastward along the said access road to and across Meethill Road to its junction with Dales Road; then northeastward along the said road to and across South Road (A952) to and continuing northeastward along Pusey Place and its prolongation in a straight line to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southeastward and southwestward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NK 1083 3727; then westward to and southwestward and westward along a drain to a track at NG Ref NK 1045 3728; then northward and northwestward along the said track to a point in line with the eastern curtilage of a property known as Fountainbleau; then northeastward and northwestward along the eastern and northern curtilages of the said property to the A975 road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field

boundary at NG Ref NK 1032 3736; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0988 3767; then southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NK 0986 3756; then northwestward along the said drain to the A952 (T) road; then southwestward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NK 0785 3780; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to and northeastward along an unnamed road to its junction with an access road to Bridge of Laeca at NG Ref NK 0796 3956; then generally northwestward along the said access road to where it crosses the Laeca Burn at the Bridge of Laeca; then generally northwestward along the said burn to the southern boundary of EW 17; then northeastward, northwestward and generally northward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 17 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 19
Blackhouse**

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1145 4738 on the eastern boundary of EW 18 where the North Road crosses the Collie Burn; then southeastward along the said road to a roundabout junction with Catto Drive; then southeastward along the said drive to its junction with Crossfolds Terrace NG Ref NK 1219 4660; then southwestward along the said crescent to and southeastward and southwestward along an access road to No 1 Ark Dale and its prolongation in a straight line to Glendale Road; then southwestward along the said road to its junction with West Road; then southeastward along the said road to and southwestward along Grange Gardens to a point in line with the northern boundary of the Anna Ritchie School; then northwestward to and along the said boundary to and southward and westward along the eastern and southern curtilages of Strawberry Bank to Eden Drive; then generally southeastward along the said drive to and southwestward and southeastward along Lower Grange to a point in line with a footpath between Nos 9 and 11 Lower Grange; then southwestward along the said footpath and the southern curtilage of Grangepark to Meethill Road; then southeastward along the said road to and southwestward along Berryden Road and Lochside Road to a footpath to the north of No 20 Lochside Road; then westward along the said footpath to and westward and northward along the rear curtilages of Nos 12, 10 and 8 Kinmundy Gardens to Kinmundy Road; then generally westward along the said road to the

eastern boundary of EW 18; then northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 20 Buchanhaven

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1145 4738 on the eastern boundary of EW 18 where the North Road crosses the Collie Burn; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to and eastward along the southern boundary of EW 15 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southeastward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NK 1320 4709; then southwestward in a straight line to the western curtilage of No 51/52 Gadle Braes; then southwestward along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to the western curtilage of No 59 Ugie Street to and southeastward along Ugie Street to its junction with Victoria Road; then southwestward along the said road to and northwestward along Queen Street and Balmoor Terrace to its junction with Catto Drive; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drive to the northern boundary of EW 19; then northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 21 Peterhead Central-Roanheads

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1320 4709 where the eastern boundary EW 20 meets the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southeastward and westward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NK 1266 4560; then northwestward in a straight line to and along Links Terrace to and northeastward along Cairntrodlie to its junction with West Road; then northwestward along the said road to and northeastward along Station Road to its junction with Constitution Street; then northeastward and southeastward along the said street to and northeastward along Landale Road to and northwestward along Queen Street to the eastern boundary of EW 20; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 22 Clerkhill

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1163 4606 on the eastern boundary of EW 19; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 20 to the western

boundary of EW 21; then southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southwestward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NK 1256 4530; then northwestward in a straight line to and along Baylands Crescent to and southwestward along Invernettie Road to a point in line with a footpath to the west of No 14 Invernettie Road; then northwestward to and northwestward and southwestward along the said footpath to a footpath leading between Pitfour Court and Dales Court; then generally northwestward along the said footpath to Meethill Place; then southwestward along the said place to and northwestward along Meethill Road and the eastern boundary of EW 19 to the point of commencement.

Ward 23 Dales-Towerhill

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1107 4576 on Kinmundy Road where the eastern boundary of EW 18 meets the southern boundary of EW 19; then southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 19 to and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 22 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southwestward along the said Council boundary to the eastern boundary of EW 18; then southwestward, northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 24 Cruden

Commencing at NG Ref NK 1083 3727 where the southern boundary of EW 18 meets the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southwestward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NK 0760 3231; then generally northwestward to and along a drain to where it meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0595 3365; then southwestward, northwestward and northeastward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0541 3394; then northwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NK 0472 3423; then northwestward along the said drain to NG Ref NK 0456 3431; then southwestward to and along an access track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0445 3405; then northwestward to and northwestward, northeastward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0431 3416; then southwestward and northwestward along the

said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0413 3414; then southwestward in a straight line to and southwestward along a drain to NG Ref NK 0382 3376; then northeastward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NK 0388 3445; then northwestward and westward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NK 0330 3453; then northwestward along the said drain to the southern boundary of EW 16; then northeastward, northward and northwestward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 16 to and southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 17 to the western boundary of EW 18; then southeastward, northeastward and southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 18 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 25
Turriff West**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6118 4901 where the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council meets the southern boundary of EW 4; then generally southeastward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to where the Burn of Luncarty is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7208 5324; then generally southward along the said unnamed road to and continuing along Market Street, Main Street and School Hill and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7263 4938; then generally eastward and southeastward along the said unnamed burn passing through the Turriff Show Ground to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7310 4947; then southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 7326 4897; then southwestward in a straight line to and southeastward along the Burn of Turriff to NG Ref NJ 7370 4820; then southwestward in a straight line to the A947 road at NG Ref NJ 7364 4817; then southeastward along the said road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7465 4674; then southeastward, southwestward and southward along the said road to a point in line with the Burn of Howemill NG Ref NJ 7255 4504; then northwestward to and northwestward, westward, southwestward and northwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Burn of Glasslaw to and northwestward along the Burn of Cliftbog to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6972 4537; then generally southwestward along the said field boundary to an access track at NG Ref NJ 6961 4484; then northwestward and southwestward along the said track to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6879 4491; then

southeastward, southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6870 4435; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and continuing southwestward along a track to where it crosses an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6787 4400; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6751 4406; then southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6700 4274; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along the Burn of Lenshie to NG Ref NJ 6619 4195; then northwestward along a field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Croft of Feith-hill at NG Ref NJ 6600 4257; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to and northwestward along an unnamed road, passing a property known as Reidswell, to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Haremoos; then southwestward and northwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the Whin Burn at NG Ref NJ 6468 4305; then generally northwestward along the said burn to the Glendronach Burn; then northeastward along the said burn to NG Ref NJ 6268 4365; then generally northwestward along a field boundary, passing to the east and north of Glendronach Distillery to NG Ref NJ 6255 4403 on the Glendronach Burn; then northwestward along the said burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6197 4475; then northeastward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along an unnamed road to NG Ref NJ 6235 4536; then northwestward in a straight line to and westward along a drain to the Burn of Fergie; then northward along the said burn and its continuation as the Keithny Burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6207 4636; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drain, passing to the north and east of Home Farm to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6150 4665; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6112 4660; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6107 4701; then northwestward, northward and southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 6039 4714 on the A97 road; then southwestward and northwestward along an access road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5959 4732; then northwestward and northeastward along the said field boundary to the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then northeastward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 26
Turriff East**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7208 5324 where the eastern boundary of EW 25 meets the southern boundary of EW 4; then northeastward and eastward along the southern boundary of EW 4 to the western boundary of EW 6; then southeastward along the said EW boundary to NG Ref NJ 7803 5518 on the Burn of Litterty; then southeastward along the said burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7827 5454; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7806 5356; then westward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7802 5356; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7761 5285; then southeastward to and southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Cairnhill NG Ref NJ 7778 5172; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road leading between the A947 road and the B9170 road; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to and across the B9170 road to the Burn of Monquhitter at NG Ref NJ 7823 5022; then southwestward along the said burn and its continuation as the Idoch Water to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7576 4843; then southwestward and southeastward along the said drain to and southwestward along the B9170 road to the A947 road and the eastern boundary of EW 25; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 27
Upper Ythan**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7803 5518 where the eastern boundary of EW 26 meets the southern boundary of EW 6; then southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 6 to and southeastward and southward along the western boundary of EW 13 to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8394 4601; then northwestward along the said drain to NG Ref NJ 8385 4602; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8384 4602; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 8367 4604; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8350 4597; then southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 8329 4593; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8321 4591; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ

8308 4590; then southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8307 4564; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8297 4563; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8305 4548; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8270 4538; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to the Burn of Asleid at NG Ref NJ 8270 4536; then northwestward along the said burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8170 4586; then southwestward and westward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 8097 4583; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8086 4585; then southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8066 4540; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8024 4537; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8027 4510; then southwestward along the said drain and its continuation as a field boundary to and southwestward along the Tifty Burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7844 4390; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward along a drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7730 4428; then generally northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7492 4465; then westward along the said drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7480 4465; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 7470 4388; then westward in a straight line to a dismantled railway line at NG Ref NJ 7469 4388; then southeastward along the said dismantled railway line to and southwestward along a drain to the River Ythan at NG Ref NJ 7478 4339; then southeastward along the said river to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7550 4141; then southwestward to and southwestward and southeastward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7407 4053; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Croft of Woodend; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7380 4080; then southwestward to and southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7351 4017; then westward, southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Seggat; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ

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7337 4015; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to the Rappla Burn at NG Ref NJ 7325 4006; then southeastward along the said burn to and southwestward along the Fore Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7359 3917; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7339 3881; then southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to Gordonstown NG Ref NJ 7266 3826; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Blackbog Cottage, to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7353 3693; then generally southeastward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7480 3493; then southwestward and generally southward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7480 3267; then southward and southwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the King's Burn at NG Ref NJ 7461 3138; then northwestward and southwestward along the said burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7399 3196; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Moss-side at NG Ref NJ 7381 3194; then northwestward across the said unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7380 3195; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and continuing southwestward along a drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7362 3185; then northwestward along the said drain to the Red Burn at NG Ref NJ 7345 3250; then northwestward along the said burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7253 3294; then southwestward and northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7101 3302; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to the A920 road at NG Ref NJ 7104 3260; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7041 3281; then northwestward to and along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7030 3297; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Baldyquash NG Ref NJ 7006 3339; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7004 3338; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6981 3370; then northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 6997 3427; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the Black

Burn at NG Ref NJ 7015 3510; then westward and northwestward along the said burn and its continuation northwestward as a drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6499 3679; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the Dry Burn at NG Ref NJ 6459 3758; then northeastward along the said burn and its continuation as the River Ythan to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6565 3874; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6487 3936; then northeastward along the said drain and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6490 3945; then northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6512 3990; then northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the said unnamed burn to the Burn of Lenshie at NG Ref NJ 6743 4087; then northwestward along the said burn to the southern boundary of EW 25; then generally northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 25 to the southern boundary of EW 26; then northeastward and generally northward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 26 to the point of commencement.

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Fyvie-Methlick

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7491 3166 on the southern boundary of EW 27; then generally northward and northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 27 to and generally southeastward along the western boundary of EW 13 to where an unnamed road leading to a property known as Woodside Cottage, crosses a drain at NG Ref NJ 9025 3903; then southwestward and northwestward along the said drain to and across an unnamed road leading to a property known as West Skilmafilly, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8964 3887; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along an unnamed burn to the River Ythan at NG Ref NJ 8882 3606; then westward along the said river to and generally southwestward along the Burn of Kelly to the Burn of Keithfield NG Ref NJ 8731 3402; then southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Chapelark Burn to an access track at NG Ref NJ 8411 3463; then southeastward, southward and southwestward along the said track to and southwestward along an unnamed road to where it crosses an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8338 3407; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8262 3480; then northwestward along the said field boundary to

and northwestward along an unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8249 3527; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along an unnamed burn and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8106 3596; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8080 3565; then southwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 8052 3523; then northwestward in a straight line to and northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7990 3487; then northwestward and southwestward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along the Den Burn to where it is crossed by the A947 road at NG Ref NJ 7859 3377; then southeastward along the said road to where it crosses an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7909 3283; then southeastward and northeastward along the said unnamed burn to its confluence with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8053 3264; then generally southward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8061 3176; then northeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8071 3186; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 8075 3168; then southwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8055 3136; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8036 3146; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8015 3105; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a point on the A947 road in line with an access road to Tulloch House NG Ref NJ 7999 3113; then southwestward to and along the said access road to NG Ref NJ 7996 3091; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7988 3089; then northwestward along the said field boundary to an access road leading to a property known as Lightnot; then northward along the said access road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7971 3097; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7936 3090; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7923 3062; then northwestward and southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7818 3106; then southwestward to and northwestward along the

said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7779 3115; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7641 3223; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7624 3188; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7608 3195; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 7603 3168; then northwestward and southwestward along the said track to an unnamed road leading to a property known as Westertown NG Ref NJ 7576 3171; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along an unnamed road to the point of commencement.

**Ward 29
Tarves**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7859 3377 where the A947 road crosses the Den Burn on the southern boundary of EW 28; then northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 28 to and southeastward along the western boundary of EW 13 to NG Ref NJ 9067 3823 on an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Rowanlea; then continuing southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9072 3813; then southward to and southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and generally southward along an unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9071 3457; then southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9040 3444; then southwestward and northwestward along the said unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9032 3445; then southwestward along the said field boundary to the River Ythan at NG Ref NJ 9003 3438; then southeastward along the said river to and southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along the Braik's Burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading to the B999 road and the B9005 road at NG Ref NJ 8980 3207; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8995 3200; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8989 3190; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and southward and southeastward along an unnamed burn to its confluence with the Yowlie Burn at NG Ref NJ 9055 3036; then eastward along the said burn to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 9073 3037; then southwestward to and generally

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southward along the said unnamed burn to a track at NG Ref NJ 9076 2922; then northeastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9079 2924; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to the A920 road at NG Ref NJ 9076 2842; then southeastward across the said road to the Stripe Burn at NG Ref NJ 9077 2840; then southeastward along the said burn to and southwestward along the Bronie Burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9116 2776; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and westward along a track to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9096 2715; then southeastward to and southeastward and southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9095 2686; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to an unnamed road leading to the B9000 road NG Ref NJ 9061 2605; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9047 2612; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9011 2597; then southward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9014 2567; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8989 2548; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to NG Ref NJ 8974 2551; then northwestward in a straight line to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8948 2558; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8909 2570; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a track leading to a property known as Ardmore, to its junction with an unnamed road leading to Bridgend; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road leading to Affleck; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8577 2340; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8533 2384; then northeastward, northwestward and south westward along the said field boundary to and across the A947 road to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8432 2346; then northwestward along the said drain to its confluence with the Bronie Burn; then northeastward along the said burn to where it crosses a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8515 2606; then southeastward along the said field

boundary and its continuation in a straight line to an unnamed road; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses the Bronie Burn at NG Ref NJ 8553 2644; then southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along a drain to the A920 road at NG Ref NJ 8430 2711; then northwestward and southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 8353 2753; then northwestward to and along the said drain to and northeastward along an unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8479 2899; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8429 2964; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an access road leading to a property known as Auquhorthies Croft, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8388 2934; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8358 2915; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to Old Meldrum NG Ref NJ 8301 2914; then westward in a straight line to and northwestward along the southern curtilage of a property known as Ladyleys to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8281 2917; then generally northward along the said unnamed burn to and westward along an unnamed burn to where it is crossed by the B9170 road at NG Ref NJ 8248 2981; then northeastward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8249 2982; then northwestward, westward and northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward, northeastward and southeastward along a drain to an access road leading to a property known as South Cardrum NG Ref NJ 8246 3064; then northeastward along the said access road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8252 3092; then northeastward along the said field boundary and its continuation northeastward along an access road leading to a property known as Cardrum to and northeastward along a field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8292 3124; then northwestward, westward and southwestward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward along a drain to and across an access road leading to a property known as Old Balgrove, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8135 3195; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southward and southwestward along a track to the southern boundary of EW 28; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 30
Ythan

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9069 3822 where the eastern boundary of EW 29 meets the southern boundary of EW 13; then southeastward and generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 13 to and southeastward along the western boundary of EW 16 to where the Burn of Forvie meets a drain at NG Ref NK 0030 3539; then northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9979 3537; then southward, southwestward and southward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 9964 3473; then southeastward along the said unnamed burn to and generally southwestward along a drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 9838 3397; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to the Burn of Auchmacoy at NG Ref NJ 9786 3336; then southeastward and southward along the said burn to and westward along the River Ythan to a point in line with a boundary fence NG Ref NJ 9677 3043; then northwestward to and along the said boundary fence to and northward along an access road to a car park to its junction with Meadows Way; then northwestward along the said way to and across the A920 road to a track at NG Ref NJ 9667 3057; then northwestward along the said track to a boundary fence at NG Ref NJ 9661 3087; then northwestward, westward and northward along the said boundary fence to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9657 3110; then northward along the said field boundary to and northward along Broomies Burn to where it is crossed by a dismantled railway line at NG Ref NJ 9654 3167; then southwestward along the said dismantled railway line to and northwestward along Golf Road to a point in line with the northern curtilage of a property known as Turnishaw NG Ref NJ 9526 3149; then southwestward to and along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to and southwestward along the rear curtilages of the properties on Hospital Road to the northern boundary of a Council Depot at NG Ref NJ 9501 3106; then westward along the said northern boundary to and westward along the rear curtilages of Nos 19, 17 and 11-5 Northfield Place to Commercial Road; then northeastward along the said road to and westward along Millwood Road to and southeastward along Craigs Road to a point in line with the western curtilage of No 45 Esslemont Circle; then southwestward to and along the said curtilage and continuing southwestward along the western curtilages of

the properties on the eastern side of the said circle and its continuation in a straight line to River Ythan at NG Ref NJ 9429 3082; then generally westward and northwestward along the said river to the eastern boundary of EW 29; then northwestward, northeastward and generally northward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 31
Ellon Town

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9419 3090 on the River Ythan and the southern boundary of EW 30; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to the River Ythan at NG Ref NJ 9677 3043; then generally westward along the said river to where it is crossed by a footbridge at NJ 9508 3027; then generally northward along the said footbridge and its continuation as a path and its prolongation in a straight line to Modley Place; then northward along the said place and westward along Station Road to a point NG Ref NJ 9490 3064 in line with a dismantled railway line; then southwestward to and along the said dismantled railway line and its continuation in a straight line to the River Ythan; then northwestward along the said river to the point of commencement.

Ward 32
Logie Buchan

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9119 3277 where the eastern boundary of EW 29 meets the western boundary of EW 30; then generally southeastward and northeastward along the western, southern and eastern boundaries of EW 30 to and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 16 to and continuing southwestward along the Burn of Forvie to the River Ythan at NG Ref NK 0031 2923; then generally southward along the said river to the Tarty Burn at NG Ref NK 0006 2738; then generally southwestward along the said burn to and southeastward along the A92 road to an access track at NG Ref NJ 9706 2634; then southwestward along the said track to and northwestward along the B9000 road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9649 2630; then northward to and along the said drain to and westward along the Tarty Burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9586 2664; then northwestward along the said drain to and across an unnamed road leading to the B9000 road, to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 9525 2727; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9441 2729; then southward and westward along the said field

boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9418 2723; then northwestward along the said drain to and northward along a field boundary to and northwestward along a drain and its prolongation in a straight line to a point in line with a track at NG Ref NJ 9313 2802; then northwestward to and northwestward and southwestward along the said track to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading to a property known as Chapelhall, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9254 2792; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading to a property known as Ladyhill, to and across an unnamed road leading to the B9000 road, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9174 2739; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a drain to the eastern boundary of EW 29; then generally northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 33
Meldrum**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7362 3185 on the southern boundary of EW 27; then northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally eastward along the southern boundary of EW 28 to the western boundary of EW 29; then northeastward, generally southeastward and southwestward along the said EW boundary to and southwestward along the Bronie Burn to NG Ref NJ 8240 2403; then southwestward in a straight line to and westward and southwestward along a field boundary to and southwestward across a track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8206 2398; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its continuation as a drain to and southwestward along a drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8182 2380; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward along an unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8082 2334; then southward along the said field boundary to and westward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8079 2319; then southward along the said field boundary to and southwestward and westward along a field boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7944 2288; then westward in a straight line to and northwestward, southwestward and northwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7889 2294; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to a property known as Lofthillock, to and

northwestward along a field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7848 2304; then northward and northeastward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7873 2350; then northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7779 2376; then northwestward to and northwestward and westward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7741 2388; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across the B9170 road to and continuing southwestward and northwestward along a field boundary to the Lochter Burn at NG Ref NJ 7677 2399; then generally northeastward and northwestward along the said burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7691 2637; then generally northwestward along the said drain to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7617 2648; then westward and southwestward along the said unnamed road to the B9001 road at NG Ref NJ 7501 2640; then northwestward along the said road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7397 2764; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7362 2699; then southwestward to and along the said drain to and northwestward along a drain to a track at NG Ref NJ 7293 2821; then northeastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7306 2823; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7290 2866; then westward along the said field boundary to and southwestward and northwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7278 2868; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the Den Burn at NG Ref NJ 7275 2919; then northeastward and southeastward along the said burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7325 3031; then northeastward along the said drain to and across the B9001 road to and continuing northeastward along a drain to and across the A920 road to and northeastward along a drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Greenford, to and generally northward along a drain to the point of commencement.

**Ward 34
Udny-Slains**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8878 2586 on the southern boundary of EW 29; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally eastward and northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 32 to and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 16 to the southern boundary of EW 24; then generally southeastward along the said EW boundary to and southwestward along the

eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to a point in line with the Menie Burn at NG Ref NJ 9870 1976; then generally northwestward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9788 1995; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9737 2017; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point NG Ref NJ 9715 1996 in line with the southern boundary of a field; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary and its continuation in a straight line to the A92 road; then southward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9681 1996; then northwestward and southwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9653 1972; then northwestward and generally southwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9471 1949 leading to the Rocks of Balmedie; then generally southward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road leading to the B999 Road at NG Ref NJ 9478 1829; then generally westward along the said unnamed road to its junction with the B999 Road at NG Ref NJ 9213 1848; then southeastward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 9224 1826; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to where it crosses an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 9124 1788; then northwestward to and along the said unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9120 1800; then northwestward along the said drain to a point NG Ref NJ 9095 1839; then northwestward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9078 1847; then northwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9073 1849; then generally northward along the said field boundary to and across the B979 Road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9078 1912; then generally northward along a line of field boundaries to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9072 2023; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9059 2020; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Renniehill, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8954 2097; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across a dismantled railway line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8949 2099; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Whitlam, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8871 2149; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8816 2208; then

northwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Changehill; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to the southern boundary of EW 29; then northeastward along the said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 35 Belhelvie

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 9125 1787 on the southern boundary of EW 34; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and southwestward and northwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9236 1520; then northwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9232 1541; then northwestward and northeastward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9236 1575; then northwestward along the said drain to the B977 road at NG Ref NJ 9211 1599; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 9189 1597; then northwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9142 1632; then northeastward along the said drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Moss-side of Millden, to a drain at NG Ref NJ 9185 1653; then northwestward and westward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9172 1697; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 9167 1712; then northeastward, northwestward and westward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 9128 1774; then westward in a straight line to and northwestward along an unnamed burn to the point of commencement.

Ward 36 Insch

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 5874 3438 on the Glen Water; then generally northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the said water to its confluence with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6387 3475; then northwestward and northeastward along the said unnamed burn to and northeastward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Auchinlender, to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6443 3583; then eastward to and northeastward and eastward along the said field boundary to and eastward along a track to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 6532 3604; then northeastward to and along the said drain to and northeastward along an unnamed burn to the Black Burn and the southern boundary of EW 27; then generally

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southeastward along the said EW boundary to the western boundary of EW 33; then southwestward along the said EW boundary to NG Ref NJ 7275 2919 on the Den Burn; then continuing southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Burn of Wartle to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading to a property known as Southside; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7189 3035; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and across a dismantled railway line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7185 3530; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across a track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7173 3015; then southwestward and westward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a drain and its continuation as an unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7150 2940; then northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to and northwestward along a field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7042 2923; then southeastward and southward along the said unnamed burn to and continuing southward and southwestward along a drain to and across an unnamed road leading to Durno, to and southwestward along an access road leading to a property known as East Farm, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7034 2791; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7032 2780; then southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to and continuing southwestward along an unnamed burn to the River Urie at NG Ref NJ 6911 2708; then generally northwestward along the said river to and southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along The Shevock to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6400 2794; then southward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along the northern curtilage of a property known as Mossend to the B9002 road at NG Ref NJ 6394 2726; then southeastward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6505 2646; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and across the Aberdeen/Inverness railway line to and continuing southwestward and southeastward along a field boundary to the western curtilage of a property known as Daies Farm; then southwestward, southeastward and northeastward along the western and southern curtilages of the said property to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6516 2621; then southwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to and across an unnamed road to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6517 2616; then southwestward

along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along a track to NG Ref NJ 6526 2549; then eastward to and southward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6526 2542; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6520 2541; then southwestward, northeastward, southeastward and southward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 6531 2454; then southwestward in a straight line to the confluence of the Burn of Ryehill and an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6529 2426; then generally southward along the said unnamed burn and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6519 2316; then northeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6523 2317; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a point on a track at NG Ref NJ 6567 2232; then generally southwestward along the said track to and southwestward along a field boundary to the Brochlach Burn NG Ref NJ 6170 2188; then southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Towie Burn to and northwestward along the Southwood Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6035 2218; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 5997 2189; then northwestward along the said drain and its continuation as a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5814 2299; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone on Knock Saul at NG Ref NJ 5797 2308; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 5723 2339; then southwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone on Suie Hill at NG Ref NJ 5572 2311; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 5544 2321; then northeastward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 5553 2336; then northeastward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 5560 2339; then northeastward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 5582 2347; then northeastward in a straight line to and generally northeastward along a field boundary and its continuation as an unnamed burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5642 2523; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward along a drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 5602 2602; then northeastward along the said drain to NG Ref NJ 5640 2632; then northwestward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 5636 2635; then northeastward along the said drain to and northward along a drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5648 2663; then westward and northward along the said field boundary to and northward and

northeastward along a drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5737 2726; then southeastward and northeastward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along a drain to NG Ref NJ 5780 2726; then northeastward in a straight line to and southeastward along an unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Seggiecrook NG Ref NJ 5936 2593; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5948 2631; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5992 2650; then northeastward, southeastward and southward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6057 2581; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6069 2605; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a point on an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Newseat at NG Ref NJ 6065 2610; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to and northwestward and southwestward along the eastern and northern curtilages of a property known as Templecroft to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6107 2679; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along the Temple Stripe burn to NG Ref NJ 6144 2756; then northeastward in a straight line to NG Ref NJ 6146 2757; then northwestward in a straight line to NG Ref NJ 6145 2761 on the Aberdeen/Inverness railway line; then northwestward along the said railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5806 2954; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to an access track to Wardhead; then southeastward along the said access track to and northward, eastward and southward along the western, northern and eastern curtilages of Wardhead to an access track at NG Ref NJ 5830 2980; then southeastward along the said access track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5849 2968; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to and northeastward along an unnamed burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 5879 3034; then northeastward along the said drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Coldhome, to and southeastward along a field boundary to an access road at NG Ref NJ 5907 3077; then northwestward along the said access road to NG Ref NJ 5888 3111; then eastward to and northwestward along a field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Brankston; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field

boundary at NG Ref NJ 5882 3128; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward and northeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5836 3271; then northeastward in a straight line to and northeastward and northward along the Burn of Stodfold to the point of commencement.

Ward 37

Chapel and Gadie

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6394 2726 on the southern boundary of EW 36; then northeastward, eastward, southeastward, northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to and southeastward, northeastward, southeastward and southwestward along the western boundary of EW 33 to NG Ref NJ 7677 2399 on the Lochter Burn; then generally southward and southeastward along the said burn to and generally westward along the River Urie to where it is crossed by Howford Bridge and the B9001 road; then generally southwestward along the said road to and northwestward along North Street to a point in line with the rear curtilages of Nos 14-8 Whiteley Well Place NG Ref NJ 7636 2263; then southwestward to and along the said rear curtilages and the southern curtilage of No 2 Whiteley Well Drive and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7622 2254; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with Gordon Road; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with the rear curtilages of Nos 12-26 Bydand Gardens; then southwestward to and along the said rear curtilages and the rear curtilage of No 25 Bydand Gardens, to and southwestward along the rear curtilages of Nos 5-1 Gordon Walk, Nos 2-8 Gordon Crescent, Nos 2-10 Morningside Gardens, Nos 8, 10 and 7 Morningside Avenue and its prolongation in a straight line to the A96 (T) road at NG Ref NJ 7567 2229; then southeastward along the said road to where it crosses the River Don; then southwestward, northwestward and southwestward along the said river to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7271 1596; then westward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward and southwestward along a drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7205 1587; then northwestward and northward along the said drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Bog of Coullie, to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7159 1639; then northward and northwestward along the said drain and its continuation as a field boundary to and northwestward along a drain to an unnamed

road at NG Ref NJ 7069 1751; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7053 1745; then northwestward and southwestward along the said drain to and northwestward along an unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6995 1746; then southwestward to and southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to the Burn of Blairdaff at NG Ref NJ 6937 1738; then generally northward along the said burn to where it is crossed by a track at NG Ref NJ 6903 1994; then eastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6976 1989; then northward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 6974 2031; then generally northward along the said track to a track at NG Ref NJ 6983 2129; then eastward along the said track to a point NG Ref NJ 6986 2129 in line with a field boundary; then northward to and along the said field boundary and its continuation in a straight line to an access road leading to a property known as Woodend; then northwestward along the said access road to and northward along a track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6971 2157; then generally northward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 6970 2215; then northward and northwestward along the said track to where it crosses the Linn Burn at NG Ref NJ 6950 2338; then westward and generally southwestward along the said burn and its continuation as the Rushmill Burn to its source NG Ref NJ 6801 2284; then southwestward in a straight line to the source of the Ginshie Burn NG Ref NJ 6771 2226; then generally southward along the said burn to and southwestward along the Birks Burn to the River Don at NG Ref NJ 6528 2004; then northwestward along the said river to and northward along the March Burn to the southern boundary of EW 36; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 38
Inverurie North**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7669 2299 on the eastern boundary of EW 37 where the B9001 road crosses the River Urie; then generally eastward and southeastward along the said river to where it is crossed by the B9170 road NG Ref NJ 7795 2217; then southwestward and northwestward along the said road to and southwestward along Station Road to and northwestward and westward along Burn Lane to its junction with Constitution Street; then northwestward along the said street and its continuation as Harlaw Road to and southwestward along Mortimers Lane to its

junction with North Street; then northwestward along the said street to and southwestward along Saphock Place to and northwestward along Old Chapel Road and its prolongation to Burghmuir Drive; then southeastward along the said drive to and westward along the B9170 road to its junction with the A96 (T) road and the eastern boundary of EW 37; then northwestward and generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 39
Inverurie Central**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7612 2159 where the eastern boundary of EW 37 meets the southern boundary of EW 38; then southeastward, northward, southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 38 to where the B9170 road crosses the River Urie at NG Ref NJ 7796 2217; then southeastward and southwestward along the said river to NG Ref NJ 7797 2082; then southwestward to and along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7794 2081; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along an access road leading to a property known as Holm Cottage, to a point in line with Ury Dale road NG Ref NJ 7781 2119; then southwestward to and along the said road to and northwestward along the High Street to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed George Square, to its junction with Kellands Road NG Ref NJ 7727 8112; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a footpath to the west of Inverurie Academy Playing Fields NG Ref NJ 7723 2123; then northwestward to and along the said footpath to and southwestward along Victoria Street to its junction with Westfield Road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a footpath to the south of a property known as West Manse NG Ref NJ 7706 2140; then southwestward to and along the said footpath to and northwestward along Kellands Road to and southwestward along Anderson Walk to and northwestward along Firholme Place to a point in line with the southern curtilage of No 1a Firholme Place; then southwestward to and along the said curtilage to and continuing southwestward along the southern boundary of the Hatchery to and southwestward along a boundary fence to the south of the properties in Golf Place and Golf Crescent, to and across Nether Davah Way to the southern curtilage of a property known as Condorhill; then southwestward along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to the A96 (T) road and the eastern boundary of

EW 37; then northwestward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 40

Inverurie South and Port Elphinstone

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7642 2128 where the eastern boundary of EW 37 meets the southern boundary of EW 39; then northeastward and generally southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 39 to the River Urie at NG Ref NJ 7797 2082; then southeastward along the said river to and westward along the River Don to where it is crossed by the Aberdeen/Inverness railway line at NG Ref NJ 7809 2006; then southward along the said railway line to where it is crossed by an access track leading to the properties of Allan Shaw and Broom Lodge; then northwestward along the said access track to and southwestward along Mill Road to a point in line with the southern curtilage of No 4 Mill Road; then westward to and along the said curtilage to the A96 (T) road; then northward along the said road to and northwestward along the B993 road to an access track at NG Ref NJ 7712 2007; then northward along the said access track to NG Ref NJ 7706 2027; then northwestward in a straight line to the River Don and the southern boundary of EW 37; then northeastward and northwestward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 37 to the point of commencement.

Ward 41

Kintore and Keithhall

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7612 1976 on the River Don and the southern boundary of EW 37; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to and southeastward and northeastward along the western, southern and eastern boundaries of EW 40 to the eastern boundary of EW 39; then northeastward and northwestward along the said EW boundary to and northwestward along the eastern boundary of EW 38 to the eastern boundary of EW 37; then northwestward and northward along the said EW boundary to and generally eastward along the southern boundary of EW 33 to and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 29 to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8433 2346; then generally southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8429 2325; then generally southward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8425 2286; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8442 2271; then southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8461 2252; then

southwestward along the said drain to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8444 2240; then westward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8442 2240; then southwestward along the said drain and its continuation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8399 2216; then southwestward along a line of field boundaries to a drain at NG Ref 8363 2170; then southwestward along the said drain and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref 8340 2150; then generally westward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8295 2155; then westward to and generally westward and southwestward along the said field boundary to where it is crossed by an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 8273 2120; then generally southeastward and southwestward along the said unnamed burn and its continuation as the Newmill Burn to a drain at NG Ref NJ 8253 1784; then northwestward and northward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8198 1835; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8173 1840; then westward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Greenlands, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8103 1819; then southwestward, southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a field boundary to the B977 road at NG Ref NJ 8012 1649; then northwestward and southwestward along the said road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7981 1638; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and generally southeastward along the River Don to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8137 1532; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and northeastward along the Aberdeen/Inverness railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8165 1531; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along the Silver Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8132 1426; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and across The Skair, a named track, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8101 1354; then southwestward along the said field boundary to the A96 (T) road at NG Ref NJ 8072 1291; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8067 1294; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8010 1270; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7959 1296; then

northwestward along the said drain to and southwestward and southeastward along the Tillakae Burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7891 1288; then southeastward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7901 1254; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 7895 1231; then westward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7883 1231; then southward to and along the said unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 7887 1192; then southward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7887 1190; then northwestward, southwestward, westward and northwestward along the said field boundary to and across the B977 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7714 1176; then northwestward along the said field boundary and its continuation as a drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7560 1216; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7521 1200; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Lauchintilly, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7489 1268; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7470 1314; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward and northwestward along a field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 7451 1379; then northeastward along the said track to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7454 1381; then northwestward to and along the said drain to and northeastward along a drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7455 1400; then northeastward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 7467 1409; then northeastward along the said track to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Southfork NG Ref NJ 7502 1437; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with the western curtilage of a property known as Southfork; then northward to and along the said curtilage and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7532 1470; then northward and northeastward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as South Cottown, to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7549 1543; then northeastward and northwestward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7536 1598; then westward along the said field boundary to and northwestward across a track to and northwestward, northeastward and northwestward along a field boundary to the B994 road at NG Ref NJ 7514 1623; then

eastward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7528 1623; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 7516 1664; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7509 1675; then northeastward and northward along the said field boundary to and eastward along a field boundary to and northwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7513 1702; then northeastward along the said field boundary to and across a dismantled railway line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7539 1735; then generally northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to the A96 (T) road at NG Ref NJ 7571 1829; then westward along the said unnamed road to and northeastward along the B993 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7612 1888; then northward to and northward and northeastward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to the B993 road, to and northeastward along a field boundary to the Woodend Burn at NG Ref NJ 7618 1933; then generally northwestward along the said burn to the River Don and the point of commencement.

**Ward 42
Newmachar and Fintray**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8005 1629 on the River Don and the western boundary of EW 41; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward and southeastward along the western boundary of EW 34 to and southeastward along the western boundary of EW 35 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally westward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NJ 8363 1602 on the River Don; then generally southwestward and northwestward along the said river to the point of commencement.

**Ward 43
Kemnay**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7265 1587 on the River Don and the southern boundary of EW 37; then northeastward, northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7316 1726; then southeastward to and generally southeastward along the said drain to NG Ref NJ 7324 1679; then southward to and southeastward along a field boundary to and across Aquithie Road to and eastward along an unnamed road to the north of Alexander

Crescent to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7354 1672; then eastward and southeastward along the said field boundary to and northeastward and eastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7382 1673; then southeastward along the said field boundary to the B984 road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7402 1626; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 7405 1590; then eastward and southeastward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7422 1578; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7383 1573; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along an unnamed road leading to a property known as Greenkirtles, to a track at NG Ref NJ 7353 1564; then southeastward and southwestward along the said track to and northwestward along a track to the B993 road at NG Ref NJ 7304 1578; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 7276 1540; then northwestward to and northwestward and northeastward along the said drain to the point of commencement.

**Ward 44
Echt**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6182 0982 on a field boundary; then northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6312 1131; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6290 1152; then northeastward to and along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to a property known as Culthibert, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6311 1179; then northeastward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a drain at NG Ref NJ 6337 1235; then northeastward along the said drain to and across the A944 road to a dismantled railway line at NG Ref NJ 6375 1281; then southeastward along the said dismantled railway line to where it is crossed by a track at NG Ref NJ 6428 1243; then southward along the said track to and southeastward along the A944 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6436 1234; then eastward to and southeastward along the said field boundary to the Hollylinn Burn NG Ref NJ 6458 1227; then southeastward along the said burn to and generally northeastward along the Ton Burn to the River Don at NG Ref NJ 7186 1504; then southeastward and generally

northeastward along the said river to the western boundary of EW 43; then southwestward, southeastward, northeastward and generally southeastward and northwestward along the western, southern and eastern boundaries of EW 43 to the southern boundary of EW 37; then generally northward, northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southwestward and southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 41 to a point on a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7887 1190; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7939 1178; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southward across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as South Fornet, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7935 1131; then southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Easter Fornet; then southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7891 1048; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 7925 1020; then southeastward along the said track and its continuation as a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7948 0993; then northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8015 0998; then northward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8010 1025; then southeastward to and southeastward and southward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8059 0905; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to the B979 road, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8101 0891; then southeastward along the said field boundary to the B979 road at NG Ref NJ 8148 0877; then southwestward along the said road to and southward along an unnamed road to the Old Skene Road at NG Ref NJ 8108 0735; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8079 0750; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and southeastward along the A944 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8097 0688; then southward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8096 0684; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a field boundary to the B979 road at NG Ref NJ 8105 0672; then southeastward along the said road to and generally northwestward and southwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to the Gormack Burn at NG Ref NJ 7824

0208; then westward along the said burn to and southwestward and northwestward along the Silverstripe Burn to where it is crossed by the B977 road at NG Ref NJ 7426 0196; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7368 0160; then northwestward to and northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7280 0132; then northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 7188 0170; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 7002 0352; then southwestward, northwestward, southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6785 0383; then southwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6737 0342; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6721 0363; then southwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6657 0315; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6609 0386; then northwestward to and northwestward and northeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6606 0526; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across the B993 road and the A974 road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6527 0580; then northwestward to and northwestward and northward along the said field boundary to the confluence of an unnamed burn and the Roughhaugh Burn at NG Ref NJ 6520 0675; then northwestward along the said burn to where it is crossed by the B993 road at NG Ref NJ 6433 0703; then northward along the said road to a track at NG Ref NJ 6434 0708; then northwestward along the said track to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Baudygaun; then northward along the said unnamed road to and northwestward and northward along the Curwich Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6302 0851; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward across a track to and northwestward along a field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to the confluence of the Beltie Burn and an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6263 0888; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 6233 0914; then northwestward in a straight line to a boundary stone at NG Ref NJ 6232 0915; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6218 0934; then northwestward along the said field boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 45

Kinellar and Westhill North

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8137 1532 on the River Don where the eastern boundary of EW 41 meets the southern boundary of EW 42; then generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 42 to and southwestward and southeastward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8442 0709; then westward along the said unnamed road to an access track at NG Ref NJ 8403 0712; then northwestward along the said access track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8392 0736; then southwestward to and southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to the rear curtilage of No 6 Mains View at NG Ref NJ 8376 0744; then northeastward along the said rear curtilage and the rear curtilages of Nos 8-12 Mains View to and northwestward along the eastern curtilages of Nos 12 and 13-9 Mains View to and southwestward along the rear curtilages of Nos 9 and 7 Mains View to a boundary fence at NG Ref NJ 8373 0759; then northwestward along the said boundary fence to and continuing northwestward along the eastern curtilage of No 8 Craigston Gardens to and northwestward and southwestward along the rear curtilages of Nos 10 and 11-1 Craigston Gardens to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8349 0767; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along the eastern curtilages of Nos 6 and 9 Hillview Avenue to and northwestward along the rear curtilages of the properties on the eastern side of Hillview Drive to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8333 0810; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 8330 0818; then northeastward along the said field boundary and its continuation in a straight line to a track at NG Ref NJ 8332 0820; then northwestward and southwestward along the said track to its junction with Westhill Drive; then southwestward and southeastward along the said drive to and westward and southward along Hay's Way to its junction with Old Skene Road; then northwestward along the said road to the eastern boundary of EW 44; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to and northward, eastward and northeastward along the eastern boundary of EW 41 to the point of commencement.

Ward 46

Westhill Central

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8214 0708 on the Old Skene Road and the southern boundary of

EW 45; then generally northeastward, northwestward, eastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southwestward along the said council boundary to the A944 Road; then northwestward along the said road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 8355 0664; then northward along the said unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road leading to Lawsondale Avenue; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to and northward across Lawsondale Avenue to a path leading to Westhill Road; then northward to and along the said path to and generally westward along Westhill Road and its continuation as Old Skene Road to a point in line with the rear curtilage of No 2 Hazel Drive at NG Ref NJ 8275 0702; then southward to and generally southward along the rear curtilages of Nos 2 to 30 Hazel Drive and Nos 2 to 8 Oak Crescent and its continuation in a straight line to Oak Crescent; then southwestward along the said crescent to a path at NG Ref NJ 8264 0695; then southwestward along the said path and continuing along a path north of Elrick Primary School to a path leading to Wellgrave Road; then westward along the said path and its continuation in a straight line to Wellgrave Road at NG Ref NJ 8226 0696; then northward along the said road to and westward along Old Skene Road to the point of commencement.

Ward 47 Elrick

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 8079 0750 on Old Skene Road and the eastern boundary of EW 44; then southeastward along the said EW boundary to and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 45 to and eastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 46 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southwestward along the said Council boundary to and northwestward along the eastern boundary of EW 44 to the point of commencement.

Ward 48 Huntly West

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 4100 4352 on the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward and southeastward along the said Council boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5708 4588 on Fourman Hill; then southwestward, southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5688 4502; then

southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 5685 4502; then westward in a straight line to and southwestward along a drain to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Boghead Cottage, to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5616 4432; then southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward, southwestward, eastward and southeastward along the Burn of Peatfold to its confluence with the Knightland Burn at NG Ref NJ 5695 4271; then generally southwestward along the said burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5508 3942; then northward and northwestward along the said unnamed burn to and across the A97 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5500 3994; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5444 4026; then northward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5441 4075; then northwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to the Aberdeen/Inverness railway line NG Ref NJ5411 4078; then northwestward along the said railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5408 4091; then westward to and along the said field boundary to the River Bogie; then northwestward along the said river to and generally westward along the River Deveron to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5311 4083; then southward to and along the said unnamed burn to an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 5310 4079; then southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed road to and southwestward along Meadow Avenue to its junction with Meadow Street; then southwestward along the said street to its junction with Deveron Street; then southeastward along the said street to its junction with The Square; then southwestward along The Square and its continuation as Gordon Street and George V Avenue to its junction with the A96 (T) road; then eastward along the said road to and southwestward along the River Bogie to where it is crossed by the Bridge of Greenhaugh and an unnamed road leading to the A97 road at NG Ref NJ 5196 3817; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to and across the A97 road to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5185 3824; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5153 3855; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward and westward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5011 3838; then westward, southwestward,

southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 4772 3638; then generally southwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4507 3603; then northwestward to and northwestward, southwestward and westward along the said field boundary to and southeastward, southwestward, westward and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4365 3439; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward, southward and southwestward along a field boundary to the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council at NG Ref NJ 4186 3301; then northwestward, northeastward, northwestward and generally northeastward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 49
Huntly East**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 5708 4588 where the eastern boundary of EW 48 meets the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward along the said Council boundary to and generally southeastward along the western boundary of EW 25 to the western boundary of EW 27; then southwestward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southwestward along the northern boundary of EW 36 to the confluence of the Glen Water and an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5875 3437; then westward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5870 3437; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 5831 3472; then northwestward in a straight line to a point on a drain at NG Ref NJ 5726 3516; then northwestward along the said drain and its continuation as a field boundary to the Den Burn at NG Ref NJ 5610 3565; then generally northwestward along the said burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5464 3765; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a track at NG Ref NJ 5423 3721; then southwestward along the said track to and across an unnamed road leading to a property known as Birkenhill, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5415 3707; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5410 3702; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5411 3701; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5390 3676; then southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed burn to and generally northwestward

along the Burn of Birkenhill to the River Bogie; then generally northwestward along the said river to the southern boundary of EW 48; then generally northeastward, southeastward and northeastward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 48 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 50
Strathbogie**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 4186 3301 where the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council meets the southern boundary of EW 48; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and southward and generally southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 49 to the western boundary of EW 36; then generally southward, southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 36 to and southward along the western boundary of EW 37 to the confluence of the March Burn and the River Don at NG Ref NJ 6515 2015; then generally southwestward along the said river to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6396 1924; then southeastward to and southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6376 1761; then northeastward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along the Slack Burn to NG Ref NJ 6401 1692; then eastward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6402 1692; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southeastward and southwestward along a field boundary to the B992 road at NG Ref NJ 6189 1510; then southeastward and southwestward along the said road to and southeastward along the A944 road to where it crosses the Whitehouse Burn at NG Ref NJ 6199 1478; then southwestward and northwestward along the said burn to and generally northeastward along the Bents Burn to the River Don NG Ref NJ 6117 1715; then generally westward along the said river to and generally southward along the Leochel Burn to the Droichs Burn at NG Ref NJ 5532 1322; then westward along the said burn to and across the A980 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5515 1327; then westward, northwestward, westward and southwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5329 1339; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5301 1360; then westward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a field

boundary to a field boundary on Langgadlie Hill at NG Ref NJ 5145 1373; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5043 1426; then northeastward, northwestward and northeastward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 5072 1503; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5049 1589; then northwestward, southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4880 1608; then westward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to the River Don at NG Ref NJ 4824 1608; then generally northwestward along the said river to and southwestward along the Culsh Burn to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 4711 1664; then generally southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4504 1525; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across the A97 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4503 1516; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a track to a point in line with the eastern curtilage of a property known as Cookshill; then northwestward to and along the said eastern curtilage to a track at NG Ref NJ 4457 4527; then northwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4444 1576; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a track at NG Ref NJ 4412 1643; then northwestward along the said track to a point on a track at NG Ref NJ 4345 1751; then southwestward in a straight line to the summit point on Chapel Hill NG Ref NJ 4300 1743; then northwestward in a straight line to the summit point on Roman Hill NG Ref NJ 4179 1807; then northwestward in a straight line to the summit point on Peat Hill NG Ref NJ 4124 1926; then northwestward in a straight line to NG Ref NJ 4075 2122 on the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 51
Donside and Cromar**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 4075 2122 where the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council meets the western boundary of EW 50; then generally southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 50 to where the Droichs Burn meets the Leochel Burn at NG Ref NJ 5532 1322; then generally southeastward along the said burn to and northeastward and southeastward along the Swell Burn to and across a track to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ

5826 1250; then southeastward and northeastward along the said unnamed burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading to a property known as Tullochmuir; then southwestward and southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5998 1243; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6039 1210; then generally southward along the said unnamed burn to and across an unnamed road leading to Kirkton, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6041 1147; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6030 1130; then southward to and southward and southeastward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6088 1028; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6087 1026; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6115 0929; then southwestward and generally southward along the said field boundary to a point on a track at NG Ref NJ 5923 0732; then southeastward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5927 0700; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Woodhill, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5962 0579; then southeastward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 5969 0565; then eastward in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5976 0566; then northeastward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along the Green Burn to and southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the Beltie Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6094 0235; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 6111 0198; then generally westward and southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6016 0179; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Broombrae, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5967 1077; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward across a track to and northwestward along a field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5849 0229; then southeastward and southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5767 0186; then southward, northwestward and

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southwestward along the said field boundary to and northward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5752 0182; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a dismantled railway line at NG Ref NJ 5678 0164; then westward in a straight line to and northwestward along an unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 5620 0189; then northwestward in a straight line to and northwestward and westward along a drain and its prolongation in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 5556 0203; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Mill Farm, to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5499 0209; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5344 0230; then southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary on Mortlich Hill at NG Ref NJ 5361 0175; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a track to where it crosses the Bloody Burn at NG Ref NJ 5283 0136; then southwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Tarland Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5099 0134; then westward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across the B9094 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5092 0130; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 5051 0120; then northeastward, northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4914 0059; then northwestward along the said field boundary to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4910 0059; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a track to a track at NG Ref NJ 4716 0125; then northwestward along the said track to a track at NG Ref NJ 4691 0201; then northwestward along the said track to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4677 0249; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading between Ordie and Tarland, to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4695 0289; then northwestward and northeastward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along a field boundary to a point in line with a drain at NG Ref NJ 4650 0368; then northwestward to and along the said drain to and northward along an unnamed road to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 4618 0385; then northeastward along the said unnamed road to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4666 0438; then northeastward along the said

field boundary and its continuation northeastward and southwestward as an unnamed burn to the Tarland Burn at NG Ref NJ 4762 0457 ; then northward along the said burn to and northward along the Burn of Glaick to where it is crossed by Mounthooly Bridge and an unnamed road at NG Ref NJ 4759 0544; then generally northwestward along the said unnamed road to a track at NG Ref NJ 4652 0730; then northwestward along the said track to a track at NG Ref NJ 4586 0802; then northwestward along the said track to a field boundary on Molly Watt's Hill at NG Ref NJ 4539 0893; then generally southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 4319 0880; then southwestward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 4305 0873; then southwestward along the said drain to NG Ref NJ 4235 0845; then southwestward in a straight line to a point on the eastern shore of Pronie Loch NG Ref NJ 4215 0842; then northwestward in a straight line to a point on the western shore of Pronie Loch NG Ref NJ 4183 0854; then northwestward in a straight line to the Tomdubh Burn NG Ref NJ 4177 0861; then generally northward along the said burn to the Deskry Water at NG Ref NJ 4180 1127; then southwestward along the said water and its prolongation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 3569 0480; then northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 3557 0496; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 3531 0574; then generally westward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NJ 3116 0542; then southwestward in a straight line to the summit of Carn a Bhacain NG Ref NJ 2911 0435; then northwestward in a straight line to a pile of stones on Camock Hill NG Ref NJ 2654 0507; then southwestward in a straight line to the summit of Brown Cow Hill NG Ref NJ 2297 0450; then westward in a straight line to the summit of Cairn Sawvie NG Ref NJ 2121 0453; then northwestward in a straight line to the summit of Meikle Geal Charn and the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council at NG Ref NJ 2006 0527; then generally northwestward and northeastward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 52 Alford

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 5538 1690 on the River Don and the southern boundary of EW 50; then eastward, southward and generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally northeastward, southward and southeastward along the southern boundary of

EW 37 to the western boundary of EW 43; then southward along the said EW boundary to and generally southwestward along the northern boundary of EW 44 to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6182 0982; then southwestward along the said field boundary to the eastern boundary of EW 51; then generally northwestward along the said EW boundary to and northward along the southern boundary of EW 50 to the point of commencement.

Ward 53 Upper Deeside

Commencing at NG Ref NH 9808 0173 on the western boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northeastward along the said Council boundary to and generally eastward, northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 51 to a track at NG Ref NJ 4716 0125; then northwestward and southwestward along the said track to and southwestward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Mullochdhu, to and westward along a track to a track at NG Ref NJ 4636 0098; then northwestward and southwestward along the said track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 4603 0101; then westward to and westward and southward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to NG Ref NJ 4557 0097; then southwestward in a straight line to and southwestward along a drain to and southeastward along an unnamed burn to its confluence with the Monandavan Burn at NG Ref NJ 4555 0052; then southeastward along the said burn to and southeastward along the Dinnet Burn to the River Dee at NG Ref NO 4706 9893; then southwestward along the said river to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 4393 9723; then southeastward to and southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 4384 9693; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to and across the A973 road to an access road to a property known as Deecastle; then southwestward along the said access road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 4385 9680; then eastward to and southward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along an unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 4372 9637; then southwestward, southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 4365 9457; then southeastward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 4424 9412; then

southeastward along the said field boundary to and across the Water of Tannar to and continuing southeastward along a field boundary to the Water of Gairney at NG Ref NO 4635 9242; then southwestward along the said water to and southward and southwestward along the Burn of Redshank to its source at NG Ref NO 4486 8854; then southwestward in a straight line to NG Ref NO 4461 8820 on the southern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally westward and northeastward along the said Council boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 54 Aboyne

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 4555 0052 on the Monandavan Burn and the eastern boundary of EW 53; then northward and eastward along the said EW boundary to and generally northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 51 to NG Ref NJ 5660 0613 on an unnamed burn; then southeastward along the said unnamed burn to NG Ref NJ 5662 0151; then southward in a straight line to NG Ref NJ 5662 0147 on an unnamed burn; then southward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along the Dess Burn to the River Dee at NG Ref NO 5734 9977; then generally southeastward along the said river to and southwestward along the Burn of Kettock to where it is crossed by an unnamed road leading to the B976 road at NG Ref NO 6314 9451; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to its junction with the B976 road at NG Ref NO 6420 9242; then southward in a straight line to the Water of Feugh; then southwestward along the said water to and southwestward along the Water of Aven to the southern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council at NG Ref NO 5378 8542; then generally northwestward along the said Council boundary to and northeastward, northwestward and generally northeastward along the eastern boundary of EW 53 to the point of commencement.

Ward 55 Mid Deeside

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 5927 0700 on the eastern boundary of EW 51; then northward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 52 to and southeastward, northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 44 to NG Ref NJ 6900 0428; then southward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NJ 6900 0088; then northeastward

and generally southward along the said field boundary to and continuing southward along the western boundary of Craigbeg Wood to and southwestward and southeastward along the western boundary of Spy Brae Wood to and southwestward along the western boundary of Broad Wood to the A980 road NG Ref NO 6871 9929; then northwestward along the said road to a point in line with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 6687 9997; then southwestward to and along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along the Peellie Burn to a drain at NG Ref NO 6691 9909; then eastward along the said drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6694 9909; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along an unnamed road to where it crosses a dismantled railway line at NG Ref NO 6636 9863; then southeastward along the said dismantled railway line to a point on the northern curtilage of a property known as Creagoran NG Ref NO 6798 9700; then eastward and southeastward along the northern and eastern curtilages of the said property to and southeastward and southwestward along the eastern and southern curtilages of a property known as Ealasaid, to a point on a dismantled railway line and the prolongation in a straight line to the northern curtilage of No 2 Birch Grove; then generally southeastward along the rear curtilages of Nos 2 to 5 Birch Grove, the properties known as Firbank Cottages, Wayside and Pine Lodge and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 6918 9585; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to its junction with Inchmarlo Road; then northwestward along the said road to its junction with an access road to the property known as Saetra House at NG Ref 6895 9586; then southwestward in a straight line to the River Dee; then generally eastward along the said river to and southwestward, southeastward and southwestward along the March Burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7299 9241; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7327 9200; then northeastward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Upperton; then southwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7297 9125; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to the Garrol Burn at NG Ref NO 7332 9076; then southward and southwestward along the said burn to NG Ref NO 7215 9011; then westward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref

NO 7211 9011; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and southward, southwestward and southeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7233 8699; then southwestward, southeastward and northwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6975 8703; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6824 8509; then southwestward, southward and southeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6839 8199 on Goyle Hill; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6735 8152; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across the B974 road to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6492 8073; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 6109 7761; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NO 5975 7767 on the southern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally northwestward along the said Council boundary to and northeastward and northwestward along the eastern boundary of EW 54 to and eastward, northward, westward and northwestward along the eastern boundary of EW 51 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 56
Banchory West**

Commencing at NG Ref NO 6687 9997 on the A980 road and the eastern boundary of EW 55; then southeastward along the said EW boundary to and continuing southeastward along the A980 road to a point in line with the eastern boundary of a Fire Station at NG Ref NO 7047 9573; then southeastward to and along the said eastern boundary to and across an access road leading to a property known as Hanover House, to and southeastward along the western curtilage of the said property and its prolongation in a straight line to the River Dee and the eastern boundary of EW 55; then generally northwestward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

**Ward 57
Banchory East and Crathes**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 6900 0428 where the eastern boundary of EW 55 meets the southern boundary of EW 44; then southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 44 to where the Silverstripe Burn meets an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7451 0176; then generally westward along the said unnamed

burn to NG Ref NJ 7434 0174; then southeastward in a straight line to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7466 0083; then southeastward along the said drain to and southeastward across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Druggan, to a drain at NG Ref NJ 7470 0071; then southeastward along the said drain to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NJ 7477 0044; then southwestward and generally southeastward along the said unnamed burn to the Black Burn at NG Ref NO 7474 9959; then southeastward along the said burn to and southwestward along an unnamed burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7526 9914; then southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed road leading to the A93 road at NG Ref NO 7579 9808; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7606 9743; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7575 9719; then southeastward along the said unnamed burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7595 9704; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7575 9695; then southeastward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to a dismantled railway line; then northeastward along the said dismantled railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7591 9682; then southeastward to and southeastward and northeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7636 9681; then southward along the said unnamed burn to and southeastward along an unnamed burn to the River Dee at NG Ref NO 7671 9675; then generally westward along the said river to and continuing westward along the eastern boundary of EW 55 to and northwestward, northeastward and northwestward along the eastern boundary of EW 56 to and northward along the eastern boundary of EW 55 to the point of commencement.

**Ward 58
Lower Deeside**

Commencing at NG Ref NJ 7434 0174 on the eastern boundary of EW 57; then eastward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 44 to and southeastward, southwestward and generally northeastward, southeastward and southwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9429 9813; then southwestward to and along the said field

boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to Findon, to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9383 9811; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9353 9788; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to Mains of Findon, to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9332 9798; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9302 9809; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 9291 9811; then northwestward along the said unnamed burn to where it is crossed by the A90 (T) road at NG Ref NO 9271 9825; then southwestward and southward along the said road to NG Ref NO 9100 9527 to a point in line with the southern curtilage of a property known as The Park; then westward to and northwestward, southward and northwestward along the said southern curtilage to and northeastward along the western curtilage of the said property to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9088 9537; then southwestward and northwestward along the said field boundary to and northwestward along an unnamed road leading to the A90 (T) road, to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8985 9572; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary and its continuation as a drain to where it crosses a track at NG Ref NO 8907 96002; then northwestward in a straight line to a point on a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8825 9733; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Wedderhill Farm, to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8758 9722; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8668 9649; then southeastward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and southeastward along an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Crossley, to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8670 9637; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward and southwestward along a field boundary to and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8628 9600; then northwestward and southwestward along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading to the B979 road, to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8550 9596; then southwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along the Cairnie Burn to a point in line with a field

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boundary at NG Ref NO 8520 9584; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and across the B979 road to and southwestward along the northern curtilage of a property known as Cairniehillock to and continuing southwestward along a field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Cairnieburn, to and southwestward along a field boundary to the Cairnie Burn at NG Ref NO 8373 9556; then southwestward along the said burn to NG Ref NO 8360 9554; then southwestward in a straight line to and southwestward, southeastward and southwestward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8235 9502; then southeastward along the said field boundary to and southwestward along the Cairnie Burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8206 9497; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and across an unnamed road leading passed a property known as Newlands, to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8193 9448; then southwestward along the said field boundary and its continuation as a drain to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8154 9349; then southwestward along the said field boundary to a boundary stone at NG Ref NO 8016 9240; then southwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7950 9187; then southwestward and southeastward along the said field boundary to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7886 9084; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to and northwestward along the Bawd Burn to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7822 9028; then southwestward to and southwestward, southeastward and generally southwestward along the said field boundary to the eastern boundary of EW 55 at NG Ref NO 7233 8700; then generally northeastward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward and generally northwestward along the southern and eastern boundaries of EW 57 to the point of commencement.

Ward 59

Portlethen North

Commencing at NG Ref NO 9271 9825 on the A90 (T) road and the southern boundary of EW 58; then generally eastward along the said EW boundary to and southwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9316 9573; then northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9286 9603; then

northwestward to and along the said field boundary to and southwestward along a track to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 9259 9612; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary to and northwestward along an unnamed road leading between Portlethen and Downies, to its junction with Bruntland Road at NG Ref NO 9196 9641; then southwestward along the said road to and northwestward along Muirend Road to a point in line with the rear curtilages of Nos 1-33 Whinpark Circle; then northeastward to and along the said rear curtilages to the rear curtilage of No 27 Cairnwell Drive; then northwestward along the rear curtilages of Nos 27-23 Cairnwell Drive to a footpath leading between Cairnwell Drive and Mossie Drive NG Ref NO 9173 9656; then northeastward to and northwestward along a footpath to Muirend Road NG Ref NO 9160 9681; then southwestward along the said road to and northeastward and northwestward along an access road to the northbound carriageway of the A90 (T) road to the southern boundary of EW 58 NG Ref NO 9147 9694; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 60

Portlethen South

Commencing at NG Ref NO 9147 9694 on the A90 (T) road and the western boundary of EW 59; then generally southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 59 to and southwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to the mouth of the Burn of Daff NG Ref NO 9232 9436; then northwestward and northward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an access road leading to a property known as West Clashfarquhar NG Ref NO 9132 9543; then southwestward along the said access road to the A90 (T) road and the southern boundary of EW 58; then northward and northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 61

Newtonhill, Muchalls and Cammachmore

Commencing at NG Ref NO 9041 9552 on the southern boundary of EW 58; then southeastward and northward along the said EW boundary to and northeastward and southeastward along the southern boundary of EW 60 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southwestward along the said Council boundary to NG Ref NO

8999 9026; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8976 9038; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and across the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8968 9046; then northwestward along the said field boundary and its prolongation in a straight line to the A90 (T) road; then generally northeastward along the said road to an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 8995 9248; then northwestward and northeastward along the said unnamed road to a track at NG Ref NO 8960 9288; then northeastward along the said track to a track at NG Ref NO 8987 9368; then northeastward along the said track to an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 9030 9478; then northeastward along the said unnamed road and its continuation as a path to the point of commencement.

Ward 62

Stonehaven North and Fetteresso

Commencing at NG Ref NO 8248 9527 on the southern boundary of EW 58; then northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southward along the western boundary of EW 61 to and southwestward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to a point in line with Ironfield Lane at NG Ref NO 8769 8608; then westward to and along the said lane to and northwestward along David Street and its continuation in a straight line to the Cowie Water; then generally northwestward along the said water to where it is crossed by the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line; then southwestward along the said railway line to a point in line with the rear curtilage of No 25 Farburn Drive NG Ref NO 8641 8622; then northwestward to and along the said rear curtilage to and northwestward along the rear curtilages of Nos 29-49 Farburn Drive to and northeastward along Arduthie Gardens to a point in line with the Burn of Farrochie NG Ref NO 8624 8630; then northwestward to and along the said burn to and generally southwestward along the A90 (T) road to where it is crossed by the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line at NG Ref NO 8562 8567; then southwestward along the said railway line to where it crosses the Carron Water NG Ref NO 8555 8563; then southwestward along the said water to NG Ref NO 8016 8398; then northwestward in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8014 8401; then northwestward along the said field boundary to and northeastward along a field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7991 8428; then northwestward along the said

field boundary and its continuation as an unnamed burn to and northeastward along the Burn of Annamuick to the Burn of Elhill; then northwestward along the said burn to and northwestward along the Clerkenwell Burn to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7890 8615; then northwestward along the said field boundary to NG Ref NO 7772 8700 in line with the Burn of Anaholans; then northwestward to and northward and northeastward along the said burn to the Cowie Water NG Ref NO 7782 8789; then northeastward along the said water to its confluence with the Black Burn at NG Ref NO 7983 8847; then northwestward along the said burn to the southern boundary of EW 58; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 63

Stonehaven Central

Commencing at NG Ref NO 8560 8662 on the A90 (T) road and the southern boundary of EW 62; then southeastward, northeastward and southeastward along the said EW boundary to and southward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to the Carron Water NG Ref NO 8776 8574; then southwestward and northwestward along the said water to where it is crossed by Allardice Street; then northward along the said street to and westward along Cameron Street to and northward along Ann Street to and westward along Evan Street to a point in line with the rear curtilage of No 2 Queen's Road NG Ref NO 8682 8584; then northward to and along the said rear curtilage to and continuing northward along the rear curtilages of Nos 2b, 2a and 4-26 Queen's Road to the rear curtilage of No 11 Arduthie Road; then westward along the said rear curtilage to and continuing westward along the rear curtilages of Nos 13-41b Arduthie Road to and southward, westward and northward along the eastern, southern and western curtilages of the County Hotel to and northward along the western curtilage of No 41f Arduthie Road to a point in line with the rear curtilage of No 43 Arduthie Road NG Ref NO 8647 8606; then westward to and along the said rear curtilage to and continuing westward along the rear curtilages of Nos 45-55 Arduthie Road to a point in line with the western curtilage of No 57 Arduthie Road; then northwestward to and along the said western curtilage to Arduthie Road; then westward along the said road to a point in line with the eastern curtilage of No 59 Arduthie Road NG Ref NO 8639 8610; then southwestward to and along the said eastern curtilage to and westward along the rear

curtilages of Nos 63 and 65 Arduthie Road to the western curtilage of No 65 Arduthie Road; then northward along the said western curtilage to and westward along Arduthie Road to where it is crossed by the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line; then southwestward along the said railway line to the southern boundary of EW 62; then northward along the said EW boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 64 Stonehaven South

Commencing at NG Ref NO 8631 8612 on the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line and the southern boundary of EW 63; then generally southeastward along the said EW boundary to and southeastward along the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council to Downie Point at NG Ref NO 8827 8532; then southwestward in a straight line to NG Ref NO 8809 8528 on a cliff edge; then southwestward along the said cliff edge to NG Ref NO 8779 8518; then southwestward in a straight line to an unnamed road leading between Stonehaven and Dunnottar; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with the eastern curtilage of a property known as Invercarron Cottage NG Ref NO 8716 8554; then southwestward to and southwestward, northwestward and northeastward along the eastern, southern and western curtilages of the said property to the A957 road; then southwestward along the said road to a point in line with the rear curtilage of No 58 Carron Gardens; then southwestward to and along the said rear curtilage to and continuing southwestward, northwestward and northeastward along the rear curtilages of Nos 57-53 Carron Gardens, the western curtilage of No 52 Carron Gardens and the rear curtilages of Nos 52-45 Carron Gardens to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8701 8554; then northeastward, northwestward and northeastward along the said field boundary to Low Wood Road; then southwestward along the said road to and northwestward along Woodcot Brae and its continuation as Mill of Forest Road to a point in line with the eastern boundary of Carronhill School NG Ref NO 8623 8556; then northwestward to and along the said eastern boundary to and continuing northwestward along the eastern boundary of Mill of Forest Primary School to Woodview Place; then northwestward along the said place and its prolongation in a straight line to the Aberdeen/Dundee railway line NG Ref NO 8602 8592; then northeastward along the said railway line to the point of commencement.

Ward 65 Mearns North

Commencing at NG Ref NO 7233 8700 where the eastern boundary of EW 55 meets the southern boundary of EW 58; then northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 58 to and northeastward, southwestward and generally southeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 62 to the southern boundary of EW 63; then northeastward along the said EW boundary to and generally southeastward and northeastward along the southern boundary of EW 64 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southward to a point in line with Big Rob's Cove; then westward to the said cove and northwestward in a straight line to a point NG Ref NO 8388 7379 on the eastern boundary of Seppie Wood; then northwestward in a straight line to where an unnamed stream enters Pitcarry Burn at NG Ref NO 8335 7434; then northward along the said burn to a point NG Ref NO 8328 7539; then northward in a straight line to a point on a track at NG Ref NO 8315 7650; then northeastward along the said track to where it crosses a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8389 7720; then generally northwestward along a line of field boundaries to the east of the property known as Leys of Barras and the continuation in a straight line to a point on a track at NG Ref NO 8273 7788; then westward in a straight line to the Bridgend Burn at NG Ref NO 8151 7787; then northwestward along the said burn to its confluence with a field drain at NG Ref NO 8119 7865; then northeastward along the said field drain to where it meets a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8208 8004; then northeastward along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8223 8080; then southwestward and northwestward along a line of field boundaries, passing to the east of an Electricity Sub Station, and its continuation in a straight line to a point on the A90 Road at NG Ref NO 8171 8163; then southwestward along the said road to where it crosses the Bervie Water at NG Ref NO 7823 7963; then generally northwestward along the said water to the Bridge of Bervie at NG Ref NO 7614 8032; then southward in a straight line to a point NG Ref NO 7560 7854 where an unnamed road crosses an unnamed burn; then southwestward along the unnamed burn and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7530 7797; then southwestward in a straight line to where an unnamed road crosses Mossend Burn at NG Ref NO 7442 7769; then southward along the said unnamed road to the B966 Road; then southwestward along the said

road to its junction with an unnamed road leading to Brownmuir Caravan Site; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point NG Ref NO 7399 7701 in line with a field boundary; then southwestward to and along the said field boundary and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7340 7653; then southwestward in a straight line to the Luther Water and continuing southwestward along the said water to a point NG Ref NO 7221 7548; then southwestward in a straight line to a point on an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7107 7509; then southwestward and northwestward along the said unnamed burn to where it is crossed by Couper's road at NG Ref NO 6971 7517; then southwestward along the said road to where it crosses the Dacat Water at NG Ref NO 6917 7442; then southeastward along the said water to its confluence with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 6929 7416; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 6892 7391; then southwestward in a straight line to the Black Burn; then northwestward and northward along the said burn to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 6782 7385; then generally southward along the said unnamed road to its junction with Couper's Road; then southwestward along the said road and its continuation in a straight line to the Dowrie Burn at NG Ref NO 6682 7185; then southwestward and northwestward along the said burn to its confluence with Craigmoston Burn at NG Ref NO 6566 7279; then generally northeastward and northwestward along the said burn and its continuation as the Burn of Garrol and then as the East Burn of Cardowan, to its confluence with the East Grain at NG Ref NO 6278 7845; the northwestward along the said water to its source at NG Ref NO 6259 7912; then northwestward in a straight line to the southern boundary of EW55; then generally northeastward along the said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 66 Mearns Central

Commencing at NG Ref NO 8171 8163 on the southern boundary of EW65; then generally southeastward along the said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then southwestward along the said council boundary to a point in line with the estuary of the Bervie Water; then northwestward to and generally northwestward along the said water to a point in line with Hareden Burn at NG Ref NO 8035 7434; the southward to and generally

southwestward along the said burn and its continuation in a straight line to a track at NG Ref NO 7879 7251; then southeastward along the said track to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7887 7235; then westward along the said unnamed road to a point NG Ref NO 7840 7236 in line with a field boundary; then generally southwestward to and along a line of field boundaries to a field drain at NG Ref NO 7795 7133; then southwestward along the said drain to a point NG Ref NO 7781 7113 in line with a field boundary; then southeastward to and along the said field boundary to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7802 7073; then southwestward along the said field boundary and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7740 7041; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field boundary at NG Ref NO 7751 7011; then westward to and generally westward and southwestward along a line of field boundaries and its continuation in a straight line to a point on an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7681 6947; then southeastward along the said unnamed road to a point in line with a field drain at NG Ref NO 7685 6938; then southwestward to and along the said field drain and its continuation in a straight line to the St. James's Burn; then northwestward along the said burn to its confluence with an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7653 6921; then southwestward along the said unnamed burn and its continuation in a straight line to a track at NG Ref NO 7538 6827; then southwestward in a straight line to an unnamed burn at NG Ref NO 7491 6807; then generally southwestward along the said unnamed burn to a point NG Ref NO 7339 6766; then northwestward in a straight line to the confluence of an unnamed burn with the Wideopen Burn at NG Ref NO 7215 6781; then generally northwestward along the said burn and its continuation as the burn of Balmakelly to where it is crossed by an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 7031 6808; then northwestward along the said unnamed road to a point NG Ref NO 7022 6817; then northeastward in a straight line to a track at NG Ref NO 7067 6839; then northeastward along the said track and its continuation in a straight line to the western curtilage of the property known as Stoneydale; then northeastward along the said curtilage and its continuation in a straight line to a track; then northeastward along the said track to a point NG Ref NO 7113 6916; then northeastward in a straight line to Gaugers Burn at NG Ref NO 7154 7006; then generally northwestward along the said burn and its continuation in a straight line to the B9120 Road at NG Ref NO 6990

7147; then southwestward and northwestward along the said road to where it crosses the Black Burn at NG Ref NO 6867 7220; then generally northward along the said burn to the southern boundary of EW65; then generally northeastward along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 67

Inverbervie, Gourdon and Johnshaven

Commencing at NG Ref NO 8108 7452 on the southern boundary of EW66; then generally southeastward along the said boundary to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southwestward along the said council boundary to a point in line with the estuary of Den Finella; then northwestward to and generally northward along the said water to where it crosses an unnamed track at NG Ref NO 7718 6681; then southeastward and northeastward along the said track to an unnamed road leading past the property known as Parkhead; then northeastward along the said unnamed road and its continuation as a track leading to Benholm to its junction with an unnamed road at NG Ref NO 8035 6932; then generally northeastward along the said unnamed road and its continuation as a track to a point NG Ref NO 8180 7078 in line with a field boundary; then northwestward to and generally northwestward along a line of field boundaries and the continuation in a straight line to a field boundary at NG Ref NO 8094 7186; then northwestward to and along a field boundary and continuing northwestward along a line of field boundaries to a field drain at NG Ref NO 7918 7222; then northwestward in a straight line to a point NG Ref NO 7887 7235 on the southern boundary of EW 66; then generally northeastward along the said ward boundary to the point of commencement.

Ward 68

Mearns South

Commencing at NG Ref NO 6252 7942 on the western boundary of EW65; then generally southeastward along the western boundaries of EW's 65 to and southeastward and northeastward along the western and southern boundaries of EW 66 to and southeastward, southwestward and southeastward along the western boundary of EW 67 to the eastern boundary of Aberdeenshire Council; then generally southwestward and northwestward along the eastern and southern boundaries of the said Council to the southern boundary of EW55;

then generally northeastward along the said ward boundary to the point of commencement.