

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray Council Areas

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to: -
 - Consider the consultation responses for its proposed Aberdeenshire Deeside and North Kincardine constituency and decide whether to hold a local inquiry.
 - Consider whether it wishes to
 - a) adopt the published Further Proposals and names/designations as Final Recommendations subject to satisfactory design in other groupings being agreed or
 - b) amend its proposals for constituency boundaries or names and consult upon them again.

Background

2. At its meeting of 19 June 2024 the Commission considered Paper BS 106 (boundaries.scot/sites/default/files/BS_106_Abns_Ang_Mor.pdf) which discussed the Provisional Proposals and responses to the Revised Proposals consultation for Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray Council areas. The Commission agreed to consult on Further Proposals which renamed the Aberdeen South and North Kincardine constituency as Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine. This name was suggested during the consultation and adopted as it mirrors the naming of the neighbouring Aberdeen Donside constituency, with both constituencies named after local rivers. The proposed boundary is unchanged from the Revised Proposals. All other constituency names and boundaries were retained from the Revised Proposals.
3. The Further Proposals are shown in the table below and map at Appendix A.

Constituency Name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate	Variation from electoral quota
Aberdeen Central	Aberdeen City	Burgh	55,994	-6.5%
Aberdeen Donside	Aberdeen City	Burgh	62,531	4.4%
Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine	Aberdeen City Aberdeenshire	County	61,544	2.7%
Aberdeenshire East	Aberdeenshire	County	61,078	2.0%
Aberdeenshire West	Aberdeenshire	County	59,983	0.1%
Angus North and Mearns	Aberdeenshire Angus	County	55,006	-8.2%
Angus South	Angus	County	58,622	-2.1%
Banffshire and Buchan Coast	Aberdeenshire Moray	County	61,591	2.8%
Moray	Moray	County	63,123	5.4%

4. On 26 September 2024 the Further Proposals were published for the specified consultation period of one month.

Responses to Further Proposals Consultation

5. Three members of the public opposed the proposed constituency name because it will confuse the local electorate.
6. Four members of the public supported the proposed constituency name but offered no reason.
7. A member of the public suggested removing Kincardine from the proposed constituency name because most of Kincardine is in the neighbouring Angus North and Mearns constituency.
8. The Scottish Parliament constituency names in these areas from 1999-2011 included an: Aberdeen North; Aberdeen South; Aberdeen Central; Angus; Banff and Buchan; Gordon; North Tayside; and West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine constituency.
9. Aberdeenshire Council submitted an interim response as the Council does not meet until 31 October 2024. They supported the Revised Proposals.

Local Inquiry

10. Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray Council did not object to the Further Proposals nor did a body of 100 electors.

Summary

11. The only change from the revised proposals was to amend a constituency name. Aberdeen South and North Kincardine was amended to Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine.
12. Few comments were submitted during the further consultation. There was both some support and opposition to the proposed constituency name change.
13. No Council objected to the Further Proposals nor did a body of 100 electors.

Conclusion

14. After considering the consultation responses the Commission is asked to confirm whether: -
 - a local inquiry should be held in this grouping.
 - it wishes to adopt the Further Proposals as its Final Recommendations for each constituency in this grouping.
 - if any changes should be made to any of the constituency boundaries and consulted on further.
 - confirm its earlier decision on names and designations as its Final Recommendations.

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Further Proposals - Aberdeen Deeside and North Kincardine constituency Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus and Moray Council Areas Appendix A

