

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Consultation Responses

For discussion

1. The formal consultation on the revised proposals closed on 15 May 2024. Following the 16 May Commission meeting, paper BS 96 was shared via email. Paper BS 96 asked the Commission to consider whether local inquiries should be held in areas where either the Council or 100+ electors objected.
2. The Commission agreed to hold a local inquiry in Falkirk and asked to consider all of the consultation responses before forming a view on other potential local inquiries. The Commissioners will be provided with the following by wetransfer:-
 - (a) Details of all responses submitted via the consultation portal
 - (b) Responses submitted outside the consultation portal.
3. For each grouping the Commission is asked to: -
 - Consider the consultation responses and decide whether to hold a local inquiry
 - Consider whether it wishes to:
 - (a) adopt the published revised proposals 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
4. In less complex groupings if the Commission decides a local inquiry/further consultation is not required, the Commission is also asked to consider the proposed wording for the final report.

Conclusion

5. The Commission is invited to consider all the consultation responses on the revised proposals. The papers that follow will discuss the consultation responses for each Council grouping in more detail.

Secretariat
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