

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Dundee City Council Area

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to: -
 - Consider the consultation responses for Dundee City Council area as set out in paragraphs 16 to 19 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.
 - If a local inquiry or further consultation is not required, consider the draft Final Report as set out in paragraphs 3 to 15 and agree the proposed wording.

Rules

2. The rules for reviewing Scottish Parliament constituencies state:
 - **Rule 1**
 - So far as is practicable, regard must be had to the boundaries of the local government areas having effect from time to time under section 1 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994.
 - **Rule 2**
 - The electorate of a constituency must be as near the electoral quota as is practicable, having regard to Rule 1.
 - Boundaries Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rule 1 if it thinks that it is desirable to do so to avoid an excessive disparity between the electorate of a constituency and the electoral quota or between the electorate of a constituency and that of neighbouring constituencies.
 - **Rule 3**
 - Boundaries Scotland may depart from the strict application of Rules 1 and 2 if it thinks that special geographical considerations (including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency) render it desirable to do so.
 - **Rule 4**
 - Boundaries Scotland need not aim at giving full effect in all circumstances to Rules 1 to 3 but it must take account (so far as it reasonably can)—
 - (a) of the inconveniences attendant on alterations of constituencies other than alterations made for the purposes of Rule 1, and
 - (b) of any local ties which would be broken by such alterations.

Constituencies at the start of this review

3. At the start of this review, Dundee City Council area was covered by two constituencies wholly within the council area. The constituencies are shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Constituency Name	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Dundee City East	Burgh	56,030	-6.5%

Constituency Name	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Dundee City West	Burgh	56,705	-5.3%

Provisional Proposals

4. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. Our proposed grouping for this area included two constituencies exactly covering the extent of Dundee City Council area. The area has an electorate of 112,735 and a theoretical entitlement to 1.9 constituencies.
5. We discussed our Provisional Proposals for this council area and our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minute of our meeting of 14 December 2022. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations after and our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minute of our meeting of 5 April 2023.
6. The Provisional Proposals aimed to adhere to the principles of the review. The Provisional Proposals: had regard to the Dundee City Council area boundary and retained the two existing constituencies unchanged wholly within it that offered an equal balance of electors while considering local ties (Rule 1, 4).
7. Our Provisional Proposals were as shown in Table 2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Provisional Proposals were included in the maps of our Provisional Proposals which are available on our website.

Table 2 – Provisional Proposals

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Dundee City East	Burgh	56,030	-6.5%
Dundee City West	Burgh	56,705	-5.3%

8. On 17 May 2023 we published our Provisional Proposals for this council area for the specified consultation period of one month.

Responses to Provisional Proposals Public Consultation

9. There were no responses received during the consultation on our Provisional Proposals for Dundee City Council area. All responses have been shared with the Commission. We agreed to make no changes to our Provisional Proposals. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 29 August 2023.
10. On 15 November 2023 we published all representations received during the consultation on our Provisional Proposals.

Local Inquiry

11. There were no responses to the consultation regarding our Provisional Proposals within Dundee City Council area and therefore a local inquiry was not required within this grouping.

12. We agreed revised constituency names and designations and our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 22 February 2024.

Revised Proposals

13. The Revised Proposals retained the two existing constituency boundaries, as had the Provisional Proposals.

14. On 16 April 2024 we published our Revised Proposals for these council areas for the specified consultation period of one month.

15. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table 3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table 3 – Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Dundee City East	Burgh	56,030	-6.5%
Dundee City West	Burgh	56,705	-5.3%

Responses to Revised Proposals Public Consultation

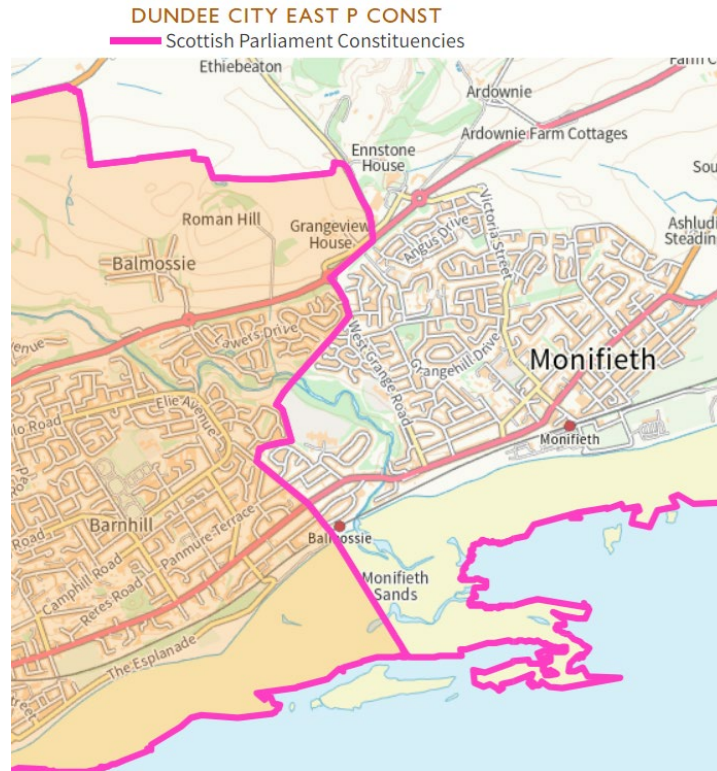
16. There were two responses received during the consultation on Revised Proposals for Dundee City Council area.

17. A member of the public suggested including Monifieth and Broughty Ferry in the same constituency because they have more in common with each other as dormitory suburbs of Dundee as opposed to being in a constituency with Arbroath.

18. Broughty Ferry sits in Dundee City Council area and Monifieth in Angus Council area. The council area boundary by Monifieth does not follow any strong features, it follows residential streets or the rear fence-line of residential properties. Since 1999 a Scottish Parliament constituency boundary has followed the council area boundary at Monifieth. There are approximately 7,600 Monifieth electors, adding them to a Dundee City East constituency is shown in the table below (rule 1, 2).

Monifieth suggestion Constituency	Electorate	Variation from the electorate quota
Angus South	51,022	-14.8%
Dundee City East	63,630	6.2%

19. The map below shows the Scottish Parliament constituency boundary between Monifieth and Broughty Ferry (pink line).



Summary

- 20. The Commission’s Provisional and Revised Proposals retained the existing constituency boundaries and names.
- 21. During both consultation stages Dundee City Council did not object nor did a body of 100 electors.
- 22. There was one suggestion to the revised consultation, to include Monifieth and Broughty Ferry in the same constituency but does not consider council area boundaries (rule 1) or variation from the electorate quota (rule 2).

Constituency Names

- 23. The Commission will have the opportunity to review all constituency names and designations prior to the publication of its Final Recommendations.

Secretariat

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