

## Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Perth and Kinross Council Area

### Action required

1. The Commission is invited to: -
  - Consider the consultation responses for Perth and Kinross Council area as set out in paragraphs 16 to 20 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, Perth and Kinross Council area was covered by two constituencies wholly within Perth and Kinross Council area. The constituencies are shown in Table 1.

*Table 1 - Constituencies at the start of this review*

Constituency Name	Council Areas	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Perthshire North	Perth and Kinross	County	57,021	-4.8%
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	Perth and Kinross	County	63,018	5.2%

### Provisional Proposals

4. We discussed our Provisional Proposals for these council areas and our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minute of our meeting of 14 December 2022. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations and our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minute of our meeting of 5 April 2023.
5. We designed constituencies for this area within our overall approach to grouping council areas for constituency design. The Provisional Proposals were very similar to the existing constituency boundaries but followed the existing ward boundaries by Perth. This ensured that Scottish Parliament boundaries were aligned with ward boundaries throughout the council area. The combined area had an electorate of 120,039 and a theoretical entitlement to 2.0 constituencies (Rule 1, 2).
6. 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	Council Areas	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Perthshire North	Perth and Kinross	County	59,944	0.1%
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	Perth and Kinross	County	60,095	0.3%

7. On 17 May 2023 we published our Provisional Proposals for these council areas for the specified consultation period of one month.

### Responses to Provisional Proposals Public Consultation

8. There were no responses received during the consultation on our Provisional Proposals for Perth and Kinross Council area. 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.
9. On 15 November 2023 we published all representations received during the consultation on our Provisional Proposals.

### Local Inquiry

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

12. The Revised Proposals retained the two constituency boundaries from the Provisional Proposals.
13. On 16 April 2024 we published our Revised Proposals for the specified consultation period of one month.
14. 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	Council areas	Designation	Electorate	Variation from Electoral Quota
Perthshire North	Perth and Kinross	County	59,944	0.1
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	Perth and Kinross	County	60,095	0.3%

### Responses to Revised Proposals Public Consultation

15. The Commission received five responses during the one-month consultation period for Perth and Kinross Council area.
16. Two members of the public supported the Revised Proposals.
17. A member of the public suggested that Almondbank and Bertha Park should both be in the same constituency.
18. Almondbank and Bertha Park are currently in different constituencies. The Provisional Proposals and Revised Proposals followed ward boundaries by Perth, therefore both Almondbank and Bertha Park are in the same proposed Perthshire North constituency (rule 4).
19. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party supported the Revised Proposals.
20. A member of the public made a general comment regarding the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government should be focussing on dualling the A9 between Inverness and Perth.

### Summary

21. The existing constituencies were both within 10% of the electorate quota.
22. The Commission's Provisional Proposals made a minor adjustment to the existing constituency boundaries by Perth, to follow the latest ward boundaries. The Provisional Proposals retained the existing constituency names.

23. During both consultation stages Perth and Kinross Council did not object nor did a body of 100 electors.

**Constituency Names**

24. 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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Revised Proposals – Perth and Kinross Council Area

