

Draft BS Corporate Plan 2024-2027

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to consider the draft Corporate Plan for the period April 2024 to March 2027 at Appendix A.

Discussion

2. The Scottish Government in its budget allocation letter has confirmed that Boundaries Scotland has been allocated funding of £415,000 for 2024-25. This is less than 2023-24 (£437,000) due to public sector funding cuts.
3. This Draft Corporate Plan presents budgets for each of the next three years which are within that allocation.
4. Assuming the Electoral Reform (Representation and Reform) Bill is passed in its current form the next review of electoral arrangements will be due on 30 April 2031. The 2024-27 Corporate Plan has been prepared on the basis that Commissioners will continue to meet up to 12 times per year during 2025-26 and 2026-27 but this may change depending on the planned approach to reviewing local authority wards.
5. The draft Corporate Plan makes provision for two Administrative Reviews of Local Authority Areas, with one beginning in 2025-26 and a second review commencing in 2026-27. This is precautionary and is a similar approach to that adopted in the previous Corporate Plan.

Conclusion

6. The Commission is invited to provide any comments or suggested changes to the draft Corporate Plan.
7. Once the Corporate Plan has been agreed it will be shared with the Sponsor Team and published on the Commission's website.

Secretariat
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