

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Further Proposals for Regions

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to: -
 - Consider the consultation responses for the Glasgow region.
 - Consider whether it wishes to
 - (a) adopt the published Further Proposals and names as Final Recommendations or
 - (b) amend its proposals for region boundaries or names.
2. The Commission has been provided with the consultation responses relating to this region (see Paper BS 175).

Background

3. For regions, the Commission has previously agreed:
 - At its 4 November 2024 meeting, to adopt its Provisional Proposals as Final Recommendations for the Highland and Islands; North East Scotland; and Mid Scotland and Fife regions, subject to satisfactory regions being agreed elsewhere.
 - At its 10 March 2024 meeting, to adopt its Revised Proposals as Final Recommendations for Edinburgh and Lothians East and West Scotland, subject to satisfactory regions being agreed elsewhere.
 - At its 10 March 2024 meeting, it agreed to revert to the Provisional Proposals for Central Scotland (now Central Scotland and Lothians West); and South Scotland and adopted these as Final Recommendations, subject to satisfactory regions being agreed elsewhere.
4. As the boundaries for Central Scotland and Lothians West and South Scotland (Provisional Proposal stage) and the name of Central Scotland and Lothians West (Revised Proposal stage) had already been consulted on, it was agreed that no further consultation was required for these regions. The only region where further consultation was required was the Glasgow region.
5. The Further Proposals for the Glasgow Region are provided in the table below and the map in Appendix A.

Further Proposals - Regions	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	500,456	-5.8%

6. On 14 March 2025 the Commission published its Further Proposals for the specified consultation period of one month.

Glasgow Region

7. There were five responses to the Further Proposals for regions consultation.
8. A member of the public suggested that the proposed Glasgow region should have a more equal number of electors in comparison to the other regions. They discussed various alternative suggestions, adding neighbouring constituencies to a Glasgow region, but acknowledged there are issues with these such as adding:

- Renfrewshire North and Cardonald to a Glasgow region would divide West Scotland into non-contiguous parts north and south of the Clyde.
 - Strathkelvin and Bearsden to a Glasgow region would split Bearsden between regions.
 - Eastwood to a Glasgow region would be opposed by East Renfrewshire Council.
 - East Kilbride to a Glasgow region would be opposed by South Lanarkshire council and would not include a contiguous urban area.
 - Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse to a Glasgow region would be opposed by South Lanarkshire Council.
9. Their first preference would be to add Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse to a Glasgow region then Eastwood, Strathkelvin and Bearsden or East Kilbride.
10. The electorate and variation from average for these suggestions are shown in the tables below.

Alternative suggestion – add Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse to a Glasgow region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	560,052	5.4%
South Scotland	535,329	0.8%

Alternative suggestion – add Strathkelvin and Bearsden to a Glasgow region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	564,351	6.2%
West Scotland	527,719	-0.7%

Alternative suggestion – Eastwood to a Glasgow region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	556,714	4.8%
West Scotland	535,356	0.8%

Alternative suggestion – add East Kilbride to a Glasgow region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	561,219	5.6%
South Scotland	534,162	0.5%

11. All of these suggestions propose regions within 7% variation from the average electorate but issues were highlighted with each one.
12. There are several other constituencies which bound the Glasgow region but these were not suggested or discussed by the individual. They include the constituencies of: Paisley; Renfrewshire West and Lovern Valley; Uddingston and Bellshill; Coatbridge and Chryston; or Clydebank and Milngavie.
13. A member of the public suggested including an East Kilbride constituency within a Glasgow or Central Scotland region, rather than a South Scotland region.
14. The current East Kilbride constituency sits within the Central Scotland region.

15. The Provisional Proposals placed East Kilbride in a South Scotland region. During the consultation on the Provisional Proposals there were some suggestions that the constituencies of East Kilbride and Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse should sit within a more urban region such as Central Scotland or Glasgow rather than a more rural South Scotland region.

16. The Revised Proposals placed East Kilbride in a Glasgow region. During the consultation on the Revised Proposals there was strong opposition, including from South Lanarkshire Council, to East Kilbride being placed within a Glasgow region. Other respondents had stated:

- East Kilbride should sit within a region with other Lanarkshire constituencies.
- East Kilbride is separated from Glasgow by an area of green belt.
- The proposals will break cultural and historical ties, divide health service and electoral administration areas between constituencies and confuse electors.

17. Including East Kilbride in a Glasgow region is shown in the table below.

Alternative suggestion – add East Kilbride to Glasgow region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Glasgow	561,219	5.6%
South Scotland	534,162	0.5%

18. Including East Kilbride in a Central Scotland and Lothians West region is shown in the table below. It creates a Central Scotland and Lothians West region with variation from average electorate over 15%.

Alternative suggestion – add East Kilbride to Central Scotland and Lothians West region	Electorate	Variation from Average Electorate
Central Scotland and Lothians West	611,480	15.1%
South Scotland	534,162	0.5%

19. A member of the public opposed the proposed Glasgow region because it does not include the whole of Glasgow City Council area and Glasgow communities such as Hillington, Cardonald, Mosspark and Penilee are in a West Scotland region.

20. The Commission's Provisional Proposals for regions had consulted on an Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald constituency which included Hillington, Cardonald, Mosspark and Penilee in a Glasgow region but there was strong opposition to this.

21. A member of the public supported the proposed Glasgow region.

22. Glasgow City Council accepted the proposed Glasgow region.

Summary

23. The Further Proposals consulted on a Glasgow region. It no longer included an East Kilbride constituency.

24. There were five responses to the Further Proposals consultation for a Glasgow region.
25. Glasgow City Council were content with the proposed Glasgow region.
26. A member of the public supported the proposed Glasgow region.
27. One respondent offered a number of alternative suggestions but acknowledged all of them had some issues or would likely be opposed.
28. A member of the public opposed Cardonald sitting with a West Scotland region rather than a Glasgow region.
29. A member of the public suggested including an East Kilbride constituency within a Glasgow or Central Scotland region.

Conclusion

30. After considering the consultation responses for Further Proposals for a Glasgow region the Commission is asked to confirm whether: -
 - It wishes to adopt the Further Proposals as its Final Recommendations for the Glasgow region.
 - If any changes should be made to any of the region boundaries or names.
31. When making the above decision, the Commission is asked to note the 1 May 2025 deadline for submitting the Final Recommendations and the statutory requirement for a one-month consultation period.

**Secretariat,
April 2025**

Appendix A - Revised Proposals for Regions

