

Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries

Purpose

1. This paper provides an update on the Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries (Independent Review).
2. Commissioners are asked to consider the attached Briefing Note before attending the 5 June 2025 meeting.

Background

3. The consultation paper on the Independent Review has now been published and the link was shared with Commissioners on 16 May 2025 ([Consultation on the process for determining electoral boundaries in Scotland - gov.scot](#)). The closing date for the consultation is 7 August 2025.
4. Paper BS 179 was considered by the Commission at the 16 April 2025 meeting ([/BS_179_Independent_Review.pdf](#)). The Commission asked for a Briefing Note to be prepared summarising the key areas of discussion for the 5 June meeting.

Discussion

5. The Commission is asked to consider the Briefing Note (Appendix A) before it meets with the Chair of the Independent Review.
6. If time allows at the 5 June meeting, the Commission will be asked to discuss the consultation paper and the Commission's approach to its formal response.

Next steps

7. The Commission will be asked to agree its approach to the formal response. Once drafted, the formal response will be shared with Commissioners for approval.

Secretariat
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APPENDICES NOT FOR PUBLICATION