

Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries

Purpose

1. This paper provides a summary of the Commission's recent discussions on the Independent Review of the Process for Determining Electoral Boundaries in Scotland (Independent Review).
2. Commissioners are asked to consider this summary and agree the Commission's approach to responding formally to the Independent Review.

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](#)). A Briefing Note (Paper BS 185) was also considered and discussed at the 5 June meeting.

Discussion

5. The Commission is asked to consider the attached summary (Appendix A). After discussing this summary, Commissioners are asked to agree the collective response to each of the questions set out in the Independent Review consultation document.

Next steps

6. After the meeting, a formal response to the consultation will be drafted and shared by email for approval before it is submitted.

**Secretariat
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APPENDICES NOT FOR PUBLICATION