

**Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries**  
**Consideration of responses to consultation on provisional proposals for**  
**constituency boundaries – Perth and Kinross Council area**

**Action required**

1. The Commission is invited to consider responses to the consultation on its provisional proposals and whether it wishes to make changes to its proposals for constituencies in Perth and Kinross Council area or hold a local inquiry.

**Background**

2. The electorates of the two existing Scottish Parliament constituencies within Perth and Kinross Council area are shown in the table below:

Existing constituencies	Electorate	Variation from the electoral quota	Wards
Perthshire North	57,021	-4.8%	1-3, 4(part), 10(part), 12(part),
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	63,018	5.2%	4(part), 6-9, 10(part), 11, 12(part)

3. 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.
4. The provisional proposals aimed to adhere to the principles of the review. The provisional proposals: had regard to the Perth and Kinross Council area boundary and retained two constituencies wholly within it; improved variation from the electorate quota from the existing arrangements; and aimed to minimise change to the existing boundaries while considering local ties.
5. Perth and Kinross Council area has an electorate of 120,039 with an entitlement to 2.0 constituencies. Therefore there was no advantage in combining this council area with a neighbouring council area. The existing arrangements had two constituencies wholly within Perth and Kinross Council area.

6. Perth and Kinross Council did not respond to the consultation. The Council did not object to the provisional proposals or request a local inquiry and neither did a body of 100 electors resident in any of the proposed constituencies.
7. The electorates of the two proposed Scottish Parliament constituencies within Perth and Kinross Council area are shown in the table below:

Proposed constituencies	Electorate	Variation from the electoral quota	Wards
Perthshire North	59,944	0.1%	1,2,3,4,5,12
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	60,095	0.3%	6,7,8,9,10,11

8. A map of the provisional proposals and existing boundaries is at Appendix A.

#### **Perth and Kinross Consultation Responses and Analysis**

9. There were no responses from members of the public regarding the provisional proposals for Perth and Kinross council area. All responses have been shared with the Commission.

#### **All Scotland Consultation Responses**

10. Over 60 responses made general comments opposing the review or made comments out-with the legislation.
11. Six responses made general comments supporting the review.
12. A further 18 responses commented on more than one area.

#### **Summary**

13. The Commission's provisional proposals minimised change to the existing: constituencies, aligned constituency and new ward boundaries which should simplify electoral representation in the area and retained existing constituency names.
14. There was no opposition or alternative suggestions to the provisional proposals for Perth and Kinross Council area.

#### **Recommendations**

15. Taking into account all of the evidence arising from the public consultations on the provisional proposals, the Secretariat invites the Commission to decide whether to:

- adopt the published provisional proposals as its final recommendations subject to satisfactory design in other groupings being agreed;
- amend its proposals for constituency boundaries or names and consult upon them again; and
- hold a local inquiry.

**Secretariat**

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Provisional Proposals – for Perth and Kinross Council area

