

Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries Revised Proposals - Constituency Names and designations

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to confirm the names and designation for its constituency revised proposals for the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries.

Background

2. A description of changes to the existing boundaries with some suggested constituency names is at Appendix A. This is summarised by council area grouping. Maps of each constituency are also attached.
3. The Commission's policy governing the naming of constituencies is detailed in its Second Review Guidance Booklet. The booklet states:
"Our recommendations for each constituency must include
 - the name by which it should be known and
 - whether it should be designated as a county constituency or a burgh constituency. The designation of a constituency affects the expenses allowable at elections.The Act does not define the terms burgh constituency or county constituency. We consider that where constituencies include predominantly urban areas, they will normally be designated as burgh constituencies, and where constituencies are predominantly rural, they will normally be designated as county constituencies."
4. The Boundary Commission for Scotland's (BCS) Information Paper "Constituency names in Scotland since 1950" includes the names of both UK and Scottish Parliament constituencies. It includes all constituency names from 1950 to the BCS 2023 Review which will be introduced at the next general election, see: www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/sites/default/files/Constituency_names_since_1950_0.pdf.
5. BCS also has a web-map with historical UK Parliament constituency names since 1950, www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/?q=boundary-maps/constituency-maps.
6. The National Records of Scotland (NRS) Population Estimates for Settlements and Localities in Scotland, mid-2020 provides a list of the top 250 largest settlements. This can be viewed on the NRS website: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates/settlements-and-localities/>.
7. The Commission received some alternative constituency name suggestions during the consultation and local inquiries. However most of these were based on the provisional proposals boundaries so unfortunately in some cases these are irrelevant and have not been included.
8. An extract from BCS 2023 Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies Policies and Procedures booklet on naming constituencies is at Appendix C for further background information.

Designations

9. Whilst legislation does not define the size of a Burgh or County constituency, Burgh constituencies are generally urban and County constituencies are more rural.

10. All of the existing burgh constituencies cover an area of 106 km² or less with one exception: Airdrie and Shotts burgh constituency (214 km²). All of the existing county constituencies cover an area of 109 km² or more with three exceptions: Clydebank and Milngavie county constituency (71 km²); Kirkcaldy county constituency (100 km²); Cumbernauld and Kilsyth county constituency (105 km²).

11. A list of constituencies by area and suggested designation is at Appendix B.

Recommendation

12. The Secretariat recommends that the Commission agree its revised proposals for constituency names and designations.

**Secretariat,
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Appendix B

NAME	AREA	Designation
Edinburgh Central	10.85	Burgh
Glasgow South Eastern	15.43	Burgh
Edinburgh Leith	16.24	Burgh
Glasgow Western	17.50	Burgh
Glasgow Central	18.60	Burgh
Edinburgh North	18.73	Burgh
Glasgow Northern	21.22	Burgh
Aberdeen Central	26.01	Burgh
Glasgow Eastern	26.84	Burgh
Dundee City East	27.52	Burgh
Edinburgh Southern	31.71	Burgh
Glasgow Southern	32.88	Burgh
Rutherglen	33.11	Burgh
Glasgow North Eastern	34.75	Burgh
Dundee City West	34.89	Burgh
Paisley and Renfrew	37.43	Burgh
Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald	40.41	Burgh
Ayr	49.00	Burgh
Motherwell and Wishaw	50.32	Burgh
East Kilbride	50.47	Burgh
Musselburgh and Edinburgh East	51.86	Burgh
Uddingston and Bellshill	52.86	Burgh
Coatbridge and Chryston	63.39	Burgh
Clydebank and Milgavie	70.76	Burgh
Edinburgh South West and Pentlands	87.63	Burgh
Aberdeen Donside	92.53	Burgh
Edinburgh North West	96.41	Burgh
Kirkcaldy	99.79	Burgh
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	104.00	Burgh
Falkirk West	124.71	County
Cowdenbeath	134.62	County
Eastwood	135.94	County
Kirkintilloch and Kilsyth	143.82	County
Cumbernauld	149.93	County
Mid Fife and Glenrothes	149.98	County
Bathgate	155.09	County
Inverclyde	173.62	County
Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	197.86	County
Livingston	203.04	County
Dunfermline	213.64	County
Airdrie and Shotts	213.90	County

Cunninghame South	217.43	County
Falkirk East	218.78	County
Renfrewshire West	238.85	County
Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	282.70	County
Midlothian North	355.27	County
Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	466.22	County
Dumbarton	596.94	County
East Lothian	658.90	County
Fife North East	774.40	County
Cunninghame North	776.97	County
Inverness and Nairn	936.66	County
Banff and Buchan Coast	1060.00	County
Orkney Islands	1086.54	County
Aberdeenshire East	1293.36	County
Angus South	1318.89	County
Angus North and Mearns	1427.40	County
Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	1442.55	County
Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	1549.20	County
Clydesdale	1573.28	County
Shetland Islands	1657.32	County
Stirling	1952.51	County
Moray	2056.40	County
Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	2082.78	County
Dumfriesshire	2878.68	County
Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire	3193.50	County
Na h-Eileanan an Iar	3270.22	County
Aberdeenshire West	3531.88	County
Galloway and West Dumfries	3796.57	County
Perthshire North	3978.81	County
Argyll and Bute	6711.82	County
Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	12745.26	County
Caithness, Sutherland and Ross	12792.06	County

BCS 2023 Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies Extract from Policies and Procedures booklet

Naming and designation of constituencies

As part of a review, we recommend a name for each constituency, and have developed a set of guidelines when proposing names for constituencies:

- to use an existing constituency name where there is a successor constituency that is recognisably similar;
- to prefer constituency names that are short rather than attempt to describe an area exhaustively;
- to ensure that names of UK Parliament constituencies in general differ from those of Scottish Parliament constituencies where an appropriate and distinct alternative is available. Relying on word order alone (e.g. 'Glasgow East' and 'East Glasgow') or conjunctions (eg 'North and East Fife) is generally not a sufficient difference;
- not to place compass points at the beginning of a name, in order to help make an alphabetically sorted list easier to use. We make an exception if a constituency is named after a council area or town which has a compass point at the start of its name (such as East Lothian or East Kilbride); and
- to use 'South West' rather than 'Southwest.'

We take account of local views when recommending names for constituencies, and also encourage local authorities to submit suggestions to us.

We are required to designate each constituency as either a burgh or a county constituency, but the 1986 Act does not define these terms. We consider that constituencies comprising predominantly urban areas will normally be designated as burgh constituencies, and constituencies which are predominantly rural will normally be designated as county constituencies. The designation affects the expenses allowable at elections. For this review, our proposed constituencies smaller than 109 km² are typically classified as burgh constituencies.

Constituency Groupings	Provisional Proposals	Revised Proposals	Suggestions (aim to avoid UK Parliament names)
Dumfries and Galloway	No boundary changes. Retained existing names	unchanged	Retain existing names: Dumfriesshire; Galloway and West Dumfries No alternative names suggested
Dundee	No boundary changes. Retained existing names	unchanged	Retain existing names: Dundee City West; Dundee City East No alternative names suggested
Perth and Kinross	Minor boundary changes in Perth. Retained existing names	unchanged	Retain existing names: Perthshire South and Kinross-shire; Perthshire North No alternative names suggested
Fife	Boundary changes made everywhere except the north east of Fife but renamed 'Fife North East' to differentiate it from the UK Parliament name.	Reverted to existing boundaries	Adopt existing names: Fife North East, Cowdenbeath, Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Mid Fife and Glenrothes. During the consultation a number of responses opposed the Fife North East name and wished to retain North East Fife. This is the same as the UK constituency name but so are others eg Stirling, East Lothian, Argyll and Bute.
Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Angus, Moray	Retained 7/9 existing constituencies. Minor changes by Mintlaw/ Strichen. Amended one name from Banffshire and Buchan Coast to Banff and Buchan Coast.	Retained 6/9. Minor changes by Longside/ Arradoul	Adopt existing names: Aberdeen Central, Aberdeen Donside, Aberdeen South and North Kincardine, Aberdeenshire East, Aberdeenshire West, Angus North and Mearns, Angus South, Banffshire and Buchan Coast, Moray. During consultation a number of responses wished to retain the existing Banffshire and Buchan Coast name.
Highland	Boundary amended by Grantown. Retained existing names	Boundary amended by Grantown to follow ward boundary.	Adopt existing names: Caithness, Sutherland and Ross; Inverness and Nairn; Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch. Commission adopted suggested boundary from Highland Council. They also suggested an alternative name - Skye, Lochaber, Badenoch and Strathspey.
Ayrshires	Retained 3/5 existing constituencies. Boundary changes by Stewarton. Retained existing names.	Retained 3/5 existing constituencies. Boundary changes by Kilmaurs	Adopt existing names: Ayr; Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley; Cunninghame North; Cunninghame South; Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley. During consultation a response stated Cunninghame South no longer represented the area it is named after but no suggested names were provided.
Edinburgh and Lothians	All new boundaries. Retained 6 names.	New groupings - Edinburgh-East Lothian. Midlothian-Borders. Etc All new boundaries.	Edinburgh Central Edinburgh East; Edinburgh North East; or Edinburgh Leith and Meadowbank Edinburgh North; or Edinburgh Granton and Inverleith Edinburgh North Western; or Edinburgh Corstorphine, South Queensferry and Ratho Edinburgh Southern; Edinburgh Braid Hills; or Edinburgh Southside Edinburgh South Western; Edinburgh Calder; or Edinburgh Slateford, Sighthill and Balerno Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent East Lothian; Eastern Lothian; or Haddington New West Lothian and Midlothian boundaries - see below
Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Stirling	Retained two existing Falkirk constituencies. Amended boundary by Doune. Retained all existing names.	New grouping. New boundary, minor change to existing by Causewayhead (south Stirling).	Adopt existing names: Clackmannanshire and Dunblane; Stirling. Commission adopted suggested boundary at Causewayhead from an MSP. They also suggested an alternative name - Clackmannanshire and Allan Water. New Falkirk boundaries - see below.
Borders, South Lanarkshire	Retained 1/6 existing constituencies. Retained 3 names	New grouping. Reverted to existing in South Lanarkshire and similar to existing boundaries in Midlothian.	Adopt existing names: Clydesdale; East Kilbride; Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire; Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse; Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale; Rutherglen; Uddingston and Bellshill. Except Midlothian North and Musselburgh, rename it Midlothian North. Suggestion - Rutherglen, Cambuslang and Blantyre
Renfrewshires, Inverclyde, Glasgow	All new boundaries. Retained 2 names.	All new boundaries from provisional proposals except: Inverclyde; Glasgow Springburn and Provan; and Glasgow Anniesland.	Adopt existing where similar: Inverclyde; Eastwood; Paisley; Glasgow Anniesland* -Renfrewshire West; or Renfrewshire West and Barrhead -Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald TBC -Glasgow Western; Glasgow Garscadden; Glasgow Scotstoun; Glasgow Anniesland; or Glasgow Drumchapel -Glasgow Northern; or Glasgow Canal; -Glasgow North Eastern; Glasgow Springburn and Provan; or Glasgow Springburn -Glasgow Eastern; Glasgow Baillieston; Glasgow Shettleston; or Glasgow Tollcross Park -Glasgow Central; or Glasgow City Centre -Glasgow South Eastern; Glasgow Dalmarnock; or Glasgow Queens Park -Glasgow Southern; Glasgow Pollok and Cathkin; or Glasgow Priesthill and Castlemilk *Suggestion anything but Glasgow Anniesland. Also anything but Glasgow Cathcart and Southside.
Argyll Bute, Dunbartonshires, N Lanarkshire	All new boundaries. Retained 2 names.	New grouping. Reverted to existing boundaries everywhere except by Falkirk and West Lothian.	Adopt existing names: Airdrie and Shotts; Argyll and Bute; Clydebank and Milngavie; Coatbridge and Chryston; Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; Dumbarton; Motherwell and Wishaw; Strathkelvin and Bearsden; Uddingston and Bellshill In West Lothian, suggested names: Livingston and Breich Valley; West Lothian North; West Lothian South In Falkirk, suggested names: Falkirk East; East Falkirk; Falkirk West; West Falkirk; Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Denny; or Cumbernauld and Denny