

Electoral Arrangements – 2019 Interim Reviews

Purpose

1. Following discussion of Paper LGBCS 2491 at its meeting of 23 July 2019, the Commission agreed to seek further information from those councils which contain wards where electoral parity varies by $> \pm 15\%$.
2. This paper considers each ward identified by the Commission's methodology and considers the responses from councils in giving a background and explaining each ward's variation from parity. This will assist the Commission in further considering each ward and deciding on a ward by ward basis whether to undertake an Interim Review.

Background

3. At its meeting of 23 July 2019 the Commission discussed Paper LGBCS 2491 that gave further information regarding the 10 wards across 8 council areas had been identified as having variations from parity in excess of $\pm 15\%$.
4. The wards identified are shown in the table below.

Council Area	Ward Number	Electoral Ward	2018 Variation from Parity (%)	2013 Forecast Parity for 2018 (%)
Aberdeen City	6	Tillydrone/ Seaton/ Old Aberdeen	-17.2	0.0
Aberdeen City	8	George St/ Harbour	-19.3	2.6
City of Edinburgh	11	City Centre	-17.8	-10.0
Fife	1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	16.6	9.6
Fife	18	St Andrews	-34.2	-5.8
Midlothian	2	Bonnyrigg	16.3	11.2
Moray	7	Elgin City South	15.7	9.8
Perth and Kinross	4	Highland	-15.2	-14.5
Renfrewshire	11	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	16.5	4.8
Stirling	2	Forth and Endrick	17.3	10.0

5. There followed an in-depth discussion of each ward and the Commission considered the narrative in support of each ward. The Commission asked the Secretariat to engage with councils to help clarify the reasons for the high variation from electoral parity for the wards identified.
6. Each council named above was contacted and their response is summarised below along with a summary of the data describing the parity status of the ward in question.

Further analysis of wards in excess of $\pm 15\%$ variation from parity**Aberdeen City Council Area**

7. The electorate for Aberdeen City council area in 2018 is 159,043 which is 19,741 (11%) less than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cncrls	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Aberdeen City	6	Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen	3	8,781	2927	-17.2	11,915	3,972	0.0
Aberdeen City	8	George St/Harbour	4	11,402	2851	-19.3	16,300	4,075	2.6

Ward 6 – Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen

8. Since the ward boundary came into effect in 2017 the electorate in this ward has dropped by 375 electors and varies from the 2013 electorate figure for the ward by 3,255 electors. This drop (27%) from the 2013 figure in an area traditionally populated by students could be attributed to the introduction of IER in 2014.
9. This in-ward reduction in electorate should be considered in the context of 12 out of 13 wards in the council showing a reduction in electorate from 2017 to 2018.

Ward 8 – George St/Harbour

10. Since the existing ward boundary came into effect in 2017 the electorate in this ward has dropped by 761 electors.
11. In their response, Aberdeen City Council suggested that both wards have a large student population. The Council went on to say that it would appear that this rise in the student population is ongoing as it is supported by an increase in the number properties classified for council tax purposed as 'occupied exemptions'. Aberdeen City Council suggest that if students are less likely to register then it is probably the cause of a drop in electors.

City of Edinburgh Council Area

12. The electorate for City of Edinburgh council area in 2018 is 364,813 which is 380 (0.1%) more than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cncrls	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
City of Edinburgh	11	City Centre	4	19,036	4759	-17.8	20,823	5,206	-10.0

Ward 11 – City Centre

13. The electorate in this ward is nearly 1800 lower than forecast in 2013. Electorates in wards across the council area have been relatively stable in comparison to other council areas, however ward 11's electorate has reduced by close to 800 electors (4%) from 2017 to 2018.
14. In their response, City of Edinburgh Council attributed the variation from parity in Ward 11 – City Centre, to a traditionally larger transient population due to large proportion of hotels, hostels and temporary accommodation in the ward. While firm evidence is not available it is City of Edinburgh Council's sense that in recent years there has been a growth in the volume of temporary accommodation including new hotels and student residences. Anecdotally there are also reports of a significant increase in the number of "AirBnB" venues in the City Centre. These factors will all have influenced the increased variation from parity in this ward.

Fife Council Area

15. The electorate for Fife council area in 2018 is 277,323 which is 10,526 (4%) lower than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Fife	1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	3	12,930	4310	16.6	12,625	4,208	9.6
Fife	18	St Andrews	4	9,726	2432	-34.2	14,455	3,614	-5.8

Fife – Ward 1 – West Fife and Coastal Villages

16. The electorate in Ward 1 has been relatively static since 2013 but has seen its variation from parity increase as most wards (17) within Fife have seen a reduction in electorate and a reduction in variation from parity. Only 5 wards in Fife have increased in electorate since 2013 as the overall electorate in the council area has dropped.
17. The electorate of Ward 1 in 2018 is only 2% greater than forecast (305 electors) but +7% worse in parity terms due to the changes in the electorate elsewhere in the council area as mentioned above.

Fife – Ward 18 – St Andrews

18. Since the existing ward boundary came into effect in 2017 the electorate in this ward has dropped by 217 electors and is varied from the 2013 electorate figure for the ward by 4,519 electors. This drop (32%) from the 2013 figure in an area traditionally populated by students is potentially attributable to the introduction of IER in 2014.

19. In their response Fife Council advised that ward 1 has seen a small rise in electorate as a healthy supply of new homes is delivered annually and population in this ward grows year on year. Ward 18's reduced electorate is a result of a drop in registered student electors following the introduction of IER in 2014. Notwithstanding that reduction, it is expected that further house building in the St Andrews ward will lead to an increased electorate in the mid to long term.

Midlothian Council Area

20. The electorate for Midlothian council area in 2018 is 70,739 which is 4,064 (6%) more than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Midlothian	2	Bonnyrigg	3	13,713	4571	16.3	12,355	4,118	11.2

Ward 2 – Bonnyrigg

21. In the 5th Reviews the Commission was content to allow a variation from parity in excess of 10% and noted in its Final Recommendations of the 5th Reviews “*parity remained high in our proposed Bonnyrigg ward because we made changes at Gladstone Gait that assist in effective and convenient local government by retaining community ties within a housing development, and in addition created easily identifiable boundaries that followed the A6094 and A7 roads.*”
22. Ward 2 (Bonnyrigg) is a mainly urban ward with a large amount of recent housebuilding and has seen a large increase in electorate since the 5th Reviews of Electoral Arrangements commenced, with the ward containing 1,400 more electors than was forecast in 2013. There has been an overall increase in electors across the council area of 6,000 since 2013, an increase of close to 10%. This increase is seen across all wards and the variation from electoral parity in ward 2 has actually decreased since 2017 as the electorate has increased at a greater rate in other wards.
23. In their response Midlothian Council replied that the number of housing completions has exceeded the number originally predicted for two reasons. Firstly, sites that were already in the housing land supply have delivered completed units more quickly than was anticipated at the time – that is not a mistake on the council's part or the house-builders, but just a result of trying to predict the future, which would never be 100% accurate. Secondly there has been an increase in the number of windfall sites. The nature of when windfall sites are developed and how many homes/flats they can take is always unpredictable.

Moray Council Area

24. The electorate for Moray council area in 2018 is 72,094 which is 1,852 (3%) more than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Moray	7	Elgin City South	3	9,622	3207	15.7	8,896	2,965	9.8

Ward 7 – Elgin City South

25. This ward contains 726 more electors than was forecast in 2013 and the council area overall has 1852 more electors than was forecast. Although there is a reduction in electors from 2017 to 2018 across the council area overall, ward 7 alone has increased its variation from parity and is in excess of 15%.
26. In their response Moray Council, acknowledged that ward 7 has seen large growth. This ward is Elgin's most populous and has seen significant development for a number of years. The new house building in this area has come on stream more quickly than originally forecast which is largely outwith the Council's control, and is subject to the prevailing economic climate and market demand. As such, longer term sites have progressed more quickly than expected and overall the situation in ward 7 is likely to worsen in parity terms in the coming years as the electorate continues to increase.

Perth and Kinross Council Area

27. The electorate for Perth and Kinross council area in 2018 is 114,631 which is 1,807 (1.5%) less than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Perth and Kinross	4	Highland	3	7,292	2431	-15.2	7,469	2,490	-14.5

Ward 4 – Highland

28. The Commission was content to allow a variation from parity in excess of 10% and noted in its Final Recommendations of the 5th Reviews “*We recognised the existence of special geographic circumstances in the Highland ward. It is a large sparsely populated ward with limited transport links, which makes retaining community ties challenging. We therefore decided to retain 3 councillors in Highland ward.*”
29. In their response Perth and Kinross council explained that no large new build projects are expected and that growth in the ward is expected to continue at the current rate meaning the electorate in the ward is likely to be at a similar level for the foreseeable future.

Renfrewshire Council Area

30. The electorate for Renfrewshire council area in 2018 is 137,803 which is 6,836 (5%) more than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Renfrewshire	11	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	3	11,201	3734	16.5	9,580	3,193	4.8

Ward 11 – Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank

31. Ward 11 is a 3 member ward with boundaries unchanged by the 5th Reviews and an electorate that is 1,621 greater than was forecast.
32. This ward has seen a large amount of housebuilding in recent years particularly near Bishopton. Whilst this was built in to the forecast, actual construction in ward 11 appears to have outstripped that which was forecast.
33. In their response Renfrewshire Council stated that the polling district around the village of Bishopton has seen a large increase in electors as the development of Dargavel Village in ward 11 has seen the 1,190 new homes built in recent years with a total number of new homes expected to reach 4000 by 2037.
34. Whilst some building in this ward was anticipated (639 new electors) completions have been more numerous than those forecast in 2013.

Stirling Council Area

35. The electorate for Stirling council area in 2018 is 67,905 which is 676 (1%) less than was forecast in 2013.

Council Area	Ward			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
	No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
Stirling	2	Forth and Endrick	3	10,391	3464	17.3	9,650	3,217	10.0

Ward 2 – Forth and Endrick

36. The Commission was content to allow a variation from parity in excess of 10% in this ward and noted in its Final Recommendations of the 5th Reviews *“that parity in ward 2 was higher than ideal but forecast to decrease to 10%, and that it offered better maintenance of local ties across Stirling Council area”*.
37. Overall across the council area the variance from forecast electorate is only +676, however wards 2, 3, 4 and 7 are all > ±700 varied from

forecast suggesting forecasting for the council area was challenging as a whole.

38. In their response Stirling Council stated that there is no single obvious reason for the continued growth in the electorate in ward 2 or other factors which may have affected the accuracy of the 5-years forecasts that the Boundary Commission used in 2013/14. They supported this response by acknowledging that:

- Completed new builds are fewer than planned in 2014;
- There have been no significant campaigns to increase the number of electors on the register in Ward 2;
- There has been no significant increase in care homes or student accommodation; and
- No significant demolitions have taken place in Ward 2.

Discussion and next steps

39. Whilst the information received from each council has been useful it should in most cases just reinforce the Commission's views as to why the wards in question vary from parity as they do. When undertaking an interim review, forecast information is assembled for the whole council area and the impact of that forecast is analysed at a council-wide level as that will inform any decisions about boundary changes or the necessity for additional (or fewer) councillors.

40. As stated in previous papers, in 2010 when the Commission last conducted interim reviews the Commission identified 10 wards across 8 council areas for review. Following the review process, however, recommendations for no change were put forward in 9 cases and only one change was recommended and implemented (West Lothian, ward 8 received an additional councillor). Reasons for recommending no change in the other cases included forecast improvements to parity, extensive demolition and redevelopment planned, and changes to overall electorate across the council area concerned which would require more fundamental reconsideration of council size and ward design at a full review.

41. When making a decision to undertake an Interim Review the Commission may wish to group the wards for consideration and categorise them by potential reasons for variation from parity exceeding $\pm 15\%$.

Potential Reason for Parity Variation	Council Area	Ward No.	Electoral Ward
Changes in property usage	City of Edinburgh	11	City Centre
Close to forecast but changes elsewhere	Fife	1	West Fife and Coastal Villages
	Perth and Kinross	4	Highland
	Stirling	2	Forth and Endrick
New builds greater than anticipated	Midlothian	2	Bonnyrigg
	Moray	7	Elgin City South
	Renfrewshire	11	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank
Student Registration Issues	Aberdeen City	6	Tillydrone/ Seaton/ Old Aberdeen
	Aberdeen City	8	George St/ Harbour
	Fife	18	St Andrews

42. Experience suggests that there tends to be an increase in registered electors in areas with large student populations in the build up to major electoral events such as the EU referendum in 2016 and General Elections. As it seems possible that a general election will be called in the coming weeks that could significantly alter the registers including in Aberdeen and St Andrews wards where it appears the falling electoral register reflects the high proportion of students.
43. The Interim Reviews of 2010 took approximately 18 months to complete. This would mean the Commission could potentially wait until March 2020 to commence Interim Reviews using the finalised December 2019 electoral register and still have time to complete the reviews and report in time for any recommendations to come into effect before the 2022 Local Government elections.

Recommendations

44. The Secretariat recommends that the Commission:

- agree to commence Interim Reviews of all wards listed above unless compelling reasons exist to exclude a ward at this stage;
- where an Interim Review is agreed, ask the Secretariat to make contact with the Councils concerned and seek additional information including ward level information on expected new build and demolitions over the next 5 years with a view to establishing up to date electorate forecasts for the council area concerned;
- ask the Secretariat to use information received from Councils to prepare Option papers for the Commission's next meeting to allow the Commission to agree Initial Proposals for council consultation; and
- ask the Secretariat to write to all Councils regarding the Commission's Interim Reviews process and plans.

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**Appendix A – Aberdeen City Ward 6 – Tillydrone/ Seaton/ Old Aberdeen
Aberdeen City Ward 8 – George St/ Harbour**

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		45	170,020	3,778		162,755	3,617		159,043	3,534		178,784	3,973	
1	Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone	4	14,689	3,672	-2.8	15,337	3,834	6.0	15,341	3835	8.5	16,603	4,151	4.5
2	Bridge of Don	4	14,607	3,652	-3.3	14,877	3,719	2.8	14,804	3701	4.7	15,985	3,996	0.6
3	Kingswells/Sheddocksley/Summerhill	3	11,131	3,710	-1.8	11,278	3,759	3.9	11,180	3727	5.4	11,503	3,834	-3.5
4	Northfield/Mastrick North	3	12,376	4,125	9.2	12,092	4,031	11.4	11,870	3957	12.0	12,289	4,096	3.1
5	Hilton/Woodside/Stockethill	3	11,753	3,918	3.7	11,382	3,794	4.9	10,983	3661	3.6	11,666	3,889	-2.1
6	Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen	3	12,036	4,012	6.2	9,156	3,052	-15.6	8,781	2927	-17.2	11,915	3,972	0.0
7	Midsocket/Rosemount	3	11,857	3,952	4.6	10,911	3,637	0.6	10,415	3472	-1.8	11,925	3,975	0.1
8	George St/Harbour	4	15,610	3,903	3.3	12,163	3,041	-15.9	11,402	2851	-19.3	16,300	4,075	2.6
9	Lower Deeside	3	11,551	3,850	1.9	11,826	3,942	9.0	11,747	3916	10.8	12,233	4,078	2.6
10	Hazlehead/Queens Cross/Countesswells	4	14,034	3,509	-7.1	14,097	3,524	-2.6	13,877	3469	-1.8	16,004	4,001	0.7
11	Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee	3	12,355	4,118	9.0	11,832	3,944	9.0	11,463	3821	8.1	12,341	4,114	3.5
12	Torry/Ferryhill	4	15,671	3,918	3.7	14,986	3,747	3.6	14,422	3606	2.0	15,656	3,914	-1.5
13	Kincorth/Nigg/Cove	4	12,350	3,088	-18.3	12,818	3,205	-11.4	12,758	3190	-9.8	14,364	3,591	-9.6

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	45	45
2017	43	45
2018	42	45

City of Edinburgh Ward 11 – City Centre

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		63	345,401	5,483		365,960	5,809		364,813	5,791		364,433	5,785	
1	Almond	4	22,830	5,708	4.1	25,527	6,382	9.9	26,055	6514	12.5	25,197	6,299	8.9
2	Pentland Hills	4	22,162	5,541	1.1	22,739	5,685	-2.1	22,869	5717	-1.3	23,298	5,825	0.7
3	Drum Brae/Gyle	3	17,159	5,720	4.3	18,241	6,080	4.7	18,340	6113	5.6	17,794	5,931	2.5
4	Forth	4	21,210	5,303	-3.3	23,163	5,791	-0.3	23,235	5809	0.3	22,736	5,684	-1.7
5	Inverleith	4	23,172	5,793	5.7	23,866	5,967	2.7	23,461	5865	1.3	23,704	5,926	2.4
6	Corstorphine/Murrayfield	3	18,403	6,134	11.9	19,060	6,353	9.4	19,122	6374	10.1	18,619	6,206	7.3
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	4	19,799	4,950	-9.7	21,341	5,335	-8.2	21,518	5380	-7.1	20,816	5,204	-10.0
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	3	18,032	6,011	9.6	18,885	6,295	8.4	18,842	6281	8.5	18,626	6,209	7.3
9	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	3	15,894	5,298	-3.4	16,886	5,629	-3.1	16,611	5537	-4.4	17,341	5,780	-0.1
10	Morningside	4	22,964	5,741	4.7	23,372	5,843	0.6	22,810	5703	-1.5	23,359	5,840	1.0
11	City Centre	4	18,593	4,648	-15.2	19,826	4,957	-14.7	19,036	4759	-17.8	20,823	5,206	-10.0
12	Leith Walk	4	22,724	5,681	3.6	23,642	5,911	1.7	23,544	5886	1.6	24,178	6,045	4.5
13	Leith	3	15,557	5,186	-5.4	17,304	5,768	-0.7	17,237	5746	-0.8	16,472	5,491	-5.1
14	Craigtinny/Duddingston	4	21,585	5,396	-2	22,569	5,642	-3	22,575	5644	-3	22,232	5,558	-4
15	Southside/Newington	4	21,918	5,480	0	21,728	5,432	-6	20,937	5234	-10	22,861	5,715	-1
16	Liberton/Gilmerton	4	23,433	5,858	7	25,385	6,346	9	25,692	6423	11	25,025	6,256	8
17	Portobello/Craigmillar	4	19,966	4,992	-9	22,426	5,607	-3	22,929	5732	-1	21,352	5,338	-8

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	91	63
2017	96	63
2018	96	63

Fife Ward 1 – West Fife and Coastal Villages & Ward 18 – St Andrews

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		75	283,513	3,780		279,600	3,728		277,323	3,698		287,849	3,838	
1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	3	12,901	4,300	13.8	12,996	4,332	16.2	12,930	4310	16.6	12,625	4,208	9.6
2	Dunfermline North	3	11,950	3,983	5.4	11,797	3,932	5.5	11,858	3953	6.9	12,452	4,151	8.1
3	Dunfermline Central	4	14,322	3,581	-5.3	15,659	3,915	5.0	15,635	3909	5.7	16,134	4,034	5.1
4	Dunfermline South	4	15,908	3,977	5.2	16,543	4,136	10.9	16,475	4119	11.4	16,222	4,056	5.7
5	Rosyth	3	11,590	3,863	2.2	11,584	3,861	3.6	11,499	3833	3.7	11,445	3,815	-0.6
6	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	4	14,311	3,578	-5.4	14,298	3,575	-4.1	14,190	3548	-4.1	14,182	3,546	-7.6
7	Cowdenbeath	4	15,997	3,999	5.8	16,411	4,103	10.1	16,385	4096	10.8	16,017	4,004	4.3
8	Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	4	14,059	3,515	-7.0	13,746	3,437	-7.8	13,650	3413	-7.7	14,246	3,562	-7.2
9	Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkc	3	11,521	3,840	1.6	11,478	3,826	2.6	11,399	3800	2.8	11,871	3,957	3.1
10	Kirkcaldy North	3	12,109	4,036	6.8	12,212	4,071	9.2	12,179	4060	9.8	12,187	4,062	5.8
11	Kirkcaldy Central	3	11,513	3,838	1.5	11,491	3,830	2.7	11,260	3753	1.5	11,423	3,808	-0.8
12	Kirkcaldy East	3	10,730	3,577	-5.4	10,718	3,573	-4.2	10,715	3572	-3.4	11,273	3,758	-2.1
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	3	12,082	4,027	6.5	12,044	4,015	7.7	11,916	3972	7.4	11,840	3,947	2.8
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	4	14,586	3,647	-3.5	14,396	3,599	-3.5	14,168	3542	-4.2	14,510	3,628	-5.5
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	3	12,245	4,082	8.0	11,883	3,961	6.3	11,740	3913	5.8	12,204	4,068	6.0
16	Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	3	11,181	3,727	-1.4	11,263	3,754	0.7	11,103	3701	0.1	11,230	3,743	-2.5
17	Tay Bridgehead	3	11,905	3,968	5.0	11,465	3,822	2.5	11,370	3790	2.5	12,093	4,031	5.0
18	St Andrews	4	14,245	3,561	-5.8	9,943	2,486	-33.3	9,726	2432	-34.2	14,455	3,614	-5.8
19	East Neuk and Landward	3	10,251	3,417	-9.6	10,129	3,376	-9.4	10,016	3339	-9.7	10,877	3,626	-5.5
20	Cupar	3	11,195	3,732	-1.3	11,064	3,688	-1.1	11,090	3697	0.0	11,526	3,842	0.1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	4	14,816	3,704	-2.0	14,802	3,701	-0.7	14,647	3662	-1.0	15,011	3,753	-2.2
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	4	14,096	3,524	-6.8	13,678	3,420	-8.3	13,372	3343	-9.6	14,026	3,507	-8.6

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	75	75
2017	74	75
2018	73	75

Midlothian Ward 2 – Bonnyrigg

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		18	64,728	3,596		70,221	3,901		70,739	3,930		66,675	3,704	
1	Penicuik	3	10,932	3,644	1.3	11,087	3,696	-5.3	11,030	3,677	-6.4	10,481	3,494	-5.7
2	Bonnyrigg	3	12,770	4,257	18.4	13,718	4,573	17.2	13,713	4,571	16.3	12,355	4,118	11.2
3	Dalkeith	3	9,246	3,082	-14.3	10,351	3,450	-11.6	10,496	3,499	-11.0	10,274	3,425	-7.5
4	Midlothian West	3	11,041	3,680	2.3	12,072	4,024	3.1	12,278	4,093	4.1	11,847	3,949	6.6
5	Midlothian East	3	10,785	3,595	0.0	11,843	3,948	1.2	11,795	3,932	0.0	10,710	3,570	-3.6
6	Midlothian South	3	9,954	3,318	-7.7	11,150	3,717	-4.7	11,427	3,809	-3.1	11,008	3,669	-0.9

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	17	18
2017	18	18
2018	19	18

Moray Ward 7 – Elgin City South

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		26	70,326	2,705		72,958	2,806		72,094	2,773		70,242	2,702	
1	Speyside Glenlivet	3	7,270	2,423	-10.4	7,374	2,458	-12.4	7,275	2,425	-12.5	7,283	2,428	-10.1
2	Keith and Cullen	3	8,008	2,669	-1.3	8,150	2,717	-3.2	7,990	2,663	-3.9	7,893	2,631	-2.6
3	Buckie	3	7,581	2,527	-6.6	7,940	2,647	-5.7	7,873	2,624	-5.4	7,831	2,610	-3.4
4	Fochabers Lhanbryde	3	7,893	2,631	-2.7	8,031	2,677	-4.6	7,925	2,642	-4.7	7,748	2,583	-4.4
5	Heldon and Laich	4	10,515	2,629	-2.8	10,713	2,678	-4.6	10,534	2,634	-5.0	10,384	2,596	-3.9
6	Elgin City North	3	8,885	2,962	9.5	9,075	3,025	7.8	8,972	2,991	7.9	8,746	2,915	7.9
7	Elgin City South	3	8,743	2,914	7.7	9,539	3,180	13.3	9,622	3,207	15.7	8,896	2,965	9.8
8	Forres	4	11,431	2,858	5.7	12,136	3,034	8.1	11,903	2,976	7.3	11,461	2,865	6.1

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	25	26
2017	26	26
2018	26	26

Perth and Kinross Ward 4 – Highland

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		40	111,905	2,798		114,382	2,860		114,631	2,866		116,438	2,911	
1	Carse of Gowrie	3	7,428	2,476	-11.5	7,853	2,618	-8.5	7,857	2619	-8.6	7,827	2,609	-10.4
2	Strathmore	4	11,855	2,964	5.9	12,142	3,036	6.2	12,122	3031	5.7	12,430	3,108	6.8
3	Blairgowrie and Glens	3	8,640	2,880	2.9	8,622	2,874	0.5	8,630	2877	0.4	8,993	2,998	3.0
4	Highland	3	7,139	2,380	-14.9	7,268	2,423	-15.3	7,292	2431	-15.2	7,469	2,490	-14.5
5	Strathtay	3	8,678	2,893	3.4	9,052	3,017	5.5	9,108	3036	5.9	8,965	2,988	2.7
6	Strathearn	3	8,515	2,838	1.5	8,418	2,806	-1.9	8,415	2805	-2.1	8,824	2,941	1.0
7	Strathallan	3	7,923	2,641	-5.6	8,584	2,861	0.1	8,759	2920	1.9	8,544	2,848	-2.2
8	Kinross-shire	4	10,023	2,506	-10.4	10,699	2,675	-6.5	10,776	2694	-6.0	10,656	2,664	-8.5
9	Almond and Earn	3	7,280	2,427	-13.3	7,552	2,517	-12.0	7,565	2522	-12.0	7,935	2,645	-9.1
10	Perth City South	4	12,585	3,146	12.5	12,887	3,222	12.7	12,907	3227	12.6	12,737	3,184	9.4
11	Perth City North	3	9,406	3,135	12.1	9,016	3,005	5.1	8,916	2972	3.7	9,439	3,146	8.1
12	Perth City Centre	4	12,433	3,108	11.1	12,289	3,072	7.4	12,284	3071	7.2	12,619	3,155	8.4

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	40	40
2017	41	40
2018	41	40

Renfrewshire Ward 11 – Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		43	130,443	3,034		132,443	3,080		137,803	3,205		130,967	3,046	
1	Renfrew North and Braehead	4	11,192	2,798	-7.8	12,288	3,072	-0.3	13,157	3289	2.6	11,646	2,912	-4.4
2	Renfrew South and Gallowhill	3	9,329	3,110	2.5	9,233	3,078	-0.1	9,400	3133	-2.2	9,054	3,018	-0.9
3	Paisley Northeast and Ralston	3	8,954	2,985	-1.6	8,904	2,968	-3.6	9,206	3069	-4.2	8,676	2,892	-5.0
4	Paisley Northwest	4	12,406	3,102	2.2	12,658	3,165	2.7	13,245	3311	3.3	12,466	3,117	2.3
5	Paisley East and Central	3	8,930	2,977	-1.9	9,123	3,041	-1.3	9,681	3227	0.7	9,726	3,242	6.4
6	Paisley Southeast	3	9,276	3,092	1.9	9,260	3,087	0.2	9,515	3172	-1.0	9,102	3,034	-0.4
7	Paisley Southwest	4	11,932	2,983	-1.7	11,586	2,897	-6.0	11,965	2991	-6.7	11,641	2,910	-4.4
8	Johnstone South and Elderslie	4	12,174	3,044	0.3	12,479	3,120	1.3	12,989	3247	1.3	12,453	3,113	2.2
9	Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood & ...	4	11,785	2,946	-2.9	11,494	2,874	-6.7	11,888	2972	-7.3	11,549	2,887	-5.2
10	Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	4	12,021	3,005	-0.9	11,836	2,959	-3.9	12,220	3055	-4.7	12,123	3,031	-0.5
11	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	3	9,095	3,032	-0.1	10,503	3,501	13.7	11,201	3734	16.5	9,580	3,193	4.8
12	Erskine and Inchinnan	4	13,349	3,337	10.0	13,079	3,270	6.2	13,336	3334	4.0	12,951	3,238	6.3

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	43	43
2017	44	43
2018	46	43

Stirling Ward 2 – Forth and Endrick

Ward			LGBCS Sept 2013 Electorate			NRS Dec 2017 Electorate			NRS Dec 2018 Electorate			LGBCS 2018 Forecast Electorate(2013)		
No	Name	Cnclrs	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity	Elect'ate	Per Cnclr	Parity
		23	65,032	2,827		68,423	2,975		67,905	2,952		67,229	2,923	
1	Trossachs and Teith	3	8,683	2,894	2.4	9,141	3,047	2.4	9,113	3038	2.9	8,669	2,890	-1.1
2	Forth and Endrick	3	9,641	3,214	13.7	10,414	3,471	16.7	10,391	3464	17.3	9,650	3,217	10.0
3	Dunblane and Bridge of Allan	4	10,723	2,681	-5.2	11,494	2,874	-3.4	11,303	2826	-4.3	10,502	2,626	-10.2
4	Stirling North	4	10,870	2,718	-3.9	10,480	2,620	-11.9	10,403	2601	-11.9	11,558	2,890	-1.1
5	Stirling West	3	8,674	2,891	2.3	9,721	3,240	8.9	9,621	3207	8.6	9,203	3,068	4.9
6	Stirling East	3	8,208	2,736	-3.2	8,491	2,830	-4.9	8,461	2820	-4.5	8,270	2,757	-5.7
7	Bannockburn	3	8,233	2,744	-2.9	8,682	2,894	-2.7	8,613	2871	-2.8	9,377	3,126	6.9

	Theoretical no. cllrs	Actual no. cllrs
2013	23	23
2017	24	23
2018	24	23