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at Cardowan by Stepps, between
Glasgow Provan constituency and
Coatbridge and Chryston constituency and
between Glasgow region and
Central Scotland region

Report to Scottish Ministers

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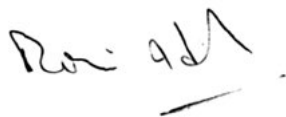
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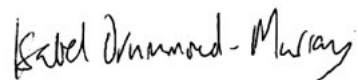
Scottish Ministers

As the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, we present our Report on the Interim Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries at Cardowan by Stepps between Glasgow Provan constituency and Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, and the Scottish Parliament region boundary between Glasgow region and Central Scotland region.

We have conducted this review under Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998, as amended.



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1 Background to the review

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (the Commission) was established under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and since 2017 is responsible for carrying out reviews of constituency and region boundaries for the Scottish Parliament. Previously this responsibility rested with the Boundary Commission for Scotland who retain responsibility for reviewing UK Parliament constituency boundaries. The Commission is also responsible for making recommendations to Scottish Ministers for changes to local authority areas or their electoral arrangements in the interests of effective and convenient local government.
- 1.2 The Commission has conducted this review to address a misalignment between council area boundaries and Scottish Parliament boundaries which arose after the current Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions were defined.
- 1.3 In its report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (published in May 2010), the Boundary Commission for Scotland recommended Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundaries which coincided with the council area boundary between North Lanarkshire and Glasgow City council areas. These recommendations were implemented in time for the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections.
- 1.4 The Commission completed an administrative area boundary review of the boundary between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas in April 2018, focussing on the boundary at Cardowan by Steps. In its report, the Commission recommended amendments which transferred an area from Glasgow City ward 21 (North East) to North Lanarkshire ward 5 (Steps, Chryston and Muirhead) in order to effect the Commission's view that there is a clear advantage for the effective planning and delivery of local services in putting the complete Cardowan housing development area in a single local authority. Scottish Ministers made an Order in October 2018 (SSI 2018/308) implementing the recommended changes, which came into force on 1 April 2019.

- 1.5 The result of Order SSI 2018/308 is that the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in the vicinity of Cardowan by Stepps differs from the boundary between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas. The difference is relatively small, affecting 319 electors. Outwith this vicinity, Coatbridge and Chryston Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in North Lanarkshire council area, and Glasgow Provan Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in Glasgow City council area. Similarly, outwith this vicinity, North Lanarkshire council area is wholly contained in Central Scotland Scottish Parliament region, and Glasgow City council area is wholly contained in Glasgow Scottish Parliament region.
- 1.6 The boundary between Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill UK Parliament constituency and Glasgow East UK Parliament constituency is also out of alignment with the revised council area boundary in this area. UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries are the responsibility of the Boundary Commission for Scotland which under current legislation must complete its next full review of UK Parliament constituencies before October 2023. Under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, there is no mechanism for an Interim Review of UK Parliament constituencies.

2 Enumeration date

- 2.1 The Commission gave notice of its intention to carry out the review by writing to Scottish Ministers and publishing a notice in the *Edinburgh Gazette*. The enumeration date for the review is therefore 27 September 2019 and the electorate data for the review is based on the number of local government electors on the electoral register at that time.

3 Initial Proposals

- 3.1 The Commission considered that the best arrangement in this area would be for the Scottish Parliament boundaries to align with the boundary of the council areas, as was the case when the constituencies were defined. The Commission agreed its Initial Proposals at its meeting of 17 June 2019. The earliest opportunity for the changes to come into force is at the next Scottish Parliament elections expected in May 2021.
- 3.2 Based on data from the September 2019 electoral register, the proposed changes would result in the transfer of 319 electors from Glasgow Provan to Coatbridge and Chryston constituency.

Scottish Parliament Constituency	Electorate September 2019	Change	Proposed electorate
Glasgow Provan	55,782	-319	55,463
Coatbridge and Chryston	54,663	+319	54,982
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Electorate September 2019	Change	Proposed electorate
Glasgow Region	516,047	-319	515,728
Central Scotland Region	512,480	+319	512,799

Figure 1 Scottish Parliament Constituency and Region Electorate (including attainers) at September 2019

- 3.3 The effect of the Initial Proposals would be that all of North Lanarkshire Council ward 5 (Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead) would be contained in the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency and all of Glasgow City Council ward 21 (North East) would be contained in Glasgow Provan constituency. The Initial Proposals are illustrated in Figure 2.

4 Publicising our Initial Proposals

- 4.1 As well as notifying Scottish Ministers in line with the legislation, the Commission wrote to MSPs, the Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament, the Chief Executives of Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire Councils and the electors in 230 local properties advising them of the upcoming review.
- 4.2 The Commission published its Initial Proposals on 1 October 2019 for a statutory one month public consultation period lasting until 31 October 2019.
- 4.3 The legislation sets out certain minimum requirements for publishing our proposals for public consultation. These are that the Commission must publish information in at least one newspaper circulating in each constituency, and make the proposals available for inspection in at least one place in each constituency.
- 4.4 To meet these requirements, the Commission consulted with each council and agreed with them the newspapers and display points to be used in their council area. Public Notices announcing the review were published in the *Evening Times* and the *Kirkintilloch Herald* and our Initial Proposals, with illustrative maps, were made available at three public libraries in the vicinity.
- 4.5 In addition to the statutory requirements, the Commission disseminated information on the review in various ways. Details of the proposals were sent directly to a variety of recipients, including MSPs, Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council, Local Councillors, MPs, the Scottish headquarters of political parties represented at the Scottish Parliament, the Scottish Parliament Information Centre, Electoral Registration Officers, Council Elections teams and local community councils. The Commission also issued news releases and made all of the consultation documents available on its website. The Commission used Twitter and Facebook to publicise the public consultation.

5 Representations

- 5.1 The Commission hosted the public consultation via its online consultation hub. Twenty-five representations were received during the one month period of public consultation.
- 5.2 Responses were generally in favour of the Commission's proposals with 15 responses in support, seven opposed and three responding "don't know".
- 5.3 Twenty-three responses were from members of the public, 17 of whom identified themselves as local residents. Ten of those who identified themselves as local residents were in favour of the proposals, four were against and the remaining three answered "don't know". One response in support of the proposals was received from a local councillor and prospective Scottish Parliament candidate for the area. A further response was received from the local health board confirming the boundary change would have no impact on service provision in the area.
- 5.4 Of the 15 responses in favour of the proposals, five made comments in support of their response. Three comments cited an improvement in local community ties and two responses cited issues regarding education provision as their reasons for supporting the boundary review.
- 5.5 Of the seven responses who opposed the Commission's proposals some supported their responses with comments. One respondent cited the current over-subscription in local schools as a reason for their opposition. One respondent suggested a large scale reorganisation of local electoral boundaries incorporating previous district council boundaries. The final comment was from North Lanarkshire Health Board who did not agree with the proposals but advised that the changes would not impact healthcare provision in North Lanarkshire.

6 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Commission carefully considered all of the representations received at its meeting of 10 December 2019. The Commission concluded that it should adopt its Initial Proposals as its Final Recommendations for the boundary between Glasgow Provan constituency and Coatbridge and Chryston constituency, and the Scottish Parliament region boundary between Glasgow region and Central Scotland region at Cardowan by Steps.

7 Final Recommendations

- 7.1 The Commission recommends that Glasgow Provan constituency and Coatbridge and Chryston constituency should be as listed in Appendix A. The Commission are recommending no change to the names or designation of the constituencies. The Commission recommend that Glasgow region and Central Scotland region should be as listed in Appendix A. The Commission are recommending no change to the name of the regions.
- 7.2 A digitised description of the constituency and region boundaries in the form of GIS shapefiles has been securely stored on magnetic media at the date of publication of our report.

Appendix A - Final Recommendations

1 Recommended constituencies

1.1 The Commission recommend the Scottish Parliament constituencies in Table A.1 as shown in Appendix B.

Name	Designation	Comprising
Glasgow Provan	Burgh	Glasgow City electoral ward 21 and parts of electoral wards 17, 18, 20 and 22
Coatbridge and Chryston	County	North Lanarkshire electoral wards 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11

Table A.1 recommended constituencies

- 1.2 The Glasgow City wards referred to are those defined in The Glasgow City (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/277) incorporating subsequent amendments. The subsequent amendments are that the definition of ward 21 has been amended by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/308).
- 1.3 The North Lanarkshire wards referred to are those defined in The North Lanarkshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/283) and amended by The Glasgow City Council Area and North Lanarkshire Council Area (Cardowan by Steps) Boundaries Amendment Order 2018 (SSI 2018/308).

2 Recommended regions

2.1 The Commission recommends that Glasgow and Central Scotland Scottish Parliament regions continue to be as listed in Table A.2.

Name	Scottish Parliament constituencies
Glasgow	Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollok Glasgow Provan Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside Rutherglen
Central Scotland	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Chryston Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Falkirk East Falkirk West East Kilbride Motherwell and Wishaw Uddingston and Bellshill

Table A.2 recommended regions

