

Further Review of Electoral Arrangements in The Highland Council

Purpose

1. The Commission agreed at its meeting of 9 December 2025 to meet its statutory obligation to conduct a further review of the electoral arrangements for The Highland Council area.
2. This paper introduces a draft report for the Commission to consider and approve, see Appendix A.

For discussion

3. The Commission discussed Paper 210 at its meeting of 29 January 2026 and reached the preliminary view that there should be no proposed changes to the existing electoral arrangements, as recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
4. At that meeting it was agreed that the Secretariat would send a letter to the Council and draft a report for the Commission's approval. The letter to The Highland Council was sent on 25 February 2026.

Next Steps

5. The draft report is at Appendix A for the Commission to consider and approve.

**Secretariat
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