

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements

Angus Council Area

Proposals for wards

Overview of Proposals

The Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements commenced in February 2014 and the Boundary Commission consulted with us in March 2014 on their proposals for councillor numbers.

The Commission are now consulting with local authorities on their proposals for wards. The consultation period runs from 19 March 2015 to 19 May 2015. A twelve week public consultation will take place between July and October 2015.

They have made recommendations on electoral ward boundaries, names and the number of councillors to represent the ward.

As per legislative requirements the Boundary Commission have taken account of the following factors when determining their proposals for Angus:

- the interests of effective and convenient local government;
- within each council, that each councillor should represent the same number of electors as nearly as may be;
- local ties which would be broken by making a particular boundary;
- the desirability of fixing boundaries that are easily identifiable; and
- special geographic considerations.

Proposals for Angus

Elected Members should note that there is no change to the Angus local government boundary itself, only the ward boundaries contained therein. The proposals for Angus are as follows:

- A reduction in the number of councillors from 29 to 28;
- Reduce the number of councillors in Ward 7 (Arbroath East & Lunan) by 1 (from 4 to 3);
- Make changes to the ward boundaries by East Haven and Friockheim;
- Make no changes to wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8; and
- Rename Arbroath West & Letham to Arbroath West, Letham and Friockheim but make no changes to the other ward names.

The proposal to amend the boundary by East Haven would correct a current anomaly for the 180 or so electors who live in polling district AST (The Scryne) which is currently in Arbroath West & Letham but who vote at St Brides Hall, Carnoustie.

The proposal to amend the boundary by Friockheim would result in only minor amendments to polling arrangements for a small number of electors in polling districts ATB and ASY, if current polling districts were to be maintained. No other polling districts are affected by this proposal.

A map showing existing ward boundaries and proposed ward boundaries prepared by the LGBC is attached for information, along with a map showing proposed ward boundaries and current polling districts. Additional larger maps showing the boundaries of each ward (as shown in the guidance booklet attached) will be available at the meeting.

Electorate Number (Actual & Forecast)

The above proposals have been developed using electorate data from 1 September 2013. More details regarding their methodology are contained in the guidance booklet.

Across Scotland, 96% of proposed wards are forecast to be within 10% of parity for the council area. At present 17% of existing wards are 10% or more from parity. Only 2 proposed wards are forecast to be more than 15% from parity, compared to 19 existing wards.

Figures for the Angus area are shown in the table below:

Ward No	Ward Name	Cllrs	Electorate Sept 2013	Actual variation from parity	Forecast Electorate 2019	Forecast variation from parity
1.	Kirriemuir & Dean	3	8,626	-8%	8,550	-9%
2.	Brechin & Edzell	3	8,759	-6%	9,095	-3%
3.	Forfar & District	4	11,528	-7%	11,511	-8%
4.	Monifieth & Sidlaw	4	13,012	4%	12,813	2%
5.	Carnoustie & District	3	10,447	12%	10,418	11%
6.	Arbroath West, Letham & Friockheim	4	13,379	7%	13,373	7%
7.	Arbroath East & Lunan	3	9,658	3%	9,898	5%
8.	Montrose & District	4	11,819	-5%	11,928	-5%
	Totals	28	87,228	7%	87,586	6%

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