

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL SUB COMMITTEE OF POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 28 NOVEMBER 2022**

**2023 REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES**

**REPORT BY MARGO WILLIAMSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises members of the Sub Committee of the Boundary Commission for Scotland revised proposals for UK Parliamentary constituencies boundaries which were published on 8 November 2022. Representations and any counter proposals require to be made to the Commission by 5 December 2022.

**1. RECOMMENDATION(S)**

It is recommended that the Sub-Committee:

- (i) Note the Commission's revised proposals for UK Parliamentary Constituencies;
- (ii) Agree any representation including any counter proposals to be submitted to the Commission; and.
- (iii) Authorise the Chief Executive to prepare and submit a response to the Commission in light of the Sub Committee's discussions.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN**

Place: We want our communities to be strong, resilient, and led by citizens.

**3. BACKGROUND**

The Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for keeping UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland under review and submitting recommendations to the Speaker, under the Parliamentary constituencies Act 1986. The 2023 Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies commenced in January 2021. Under this review the total number of constituencies in Scotland is to reduce from 59 to 57 with each constituency to have an electorate of no less than 69,724 and no more than 77,062.

The initial proposals for the 2023 review were published on 14 October 2021 and the Commission consulted on these during late 2021 and early 2022. In February and March 2022, the Commission also conducted five public hearings across Scotland as part of their secondary consultation. A representation was sent to the Commission on behalf of Angus Council by the Chief Executive on 23 November 2021 objecting to these initial proposals and offering a counter proposal for consideration (Appendix 1). The intention had been to attend in person but due to extreme adverse weather conditions this was not possible.

The Boundary Commission has advised that all representations received during the consultation period and public hearings were fully considered by them in developing their revised proposals. These are available to view on the [Commission's website](#).

**4. CURRENT POSITION**

Maps detailing the Commission's revised proposals for two new constituencies (Dundee East and Arbroath/North Tayside) covering the Angus local government area are contained in Appendices 2,3, and 4).

The consultation period for representations on these proposals runs until 5 December 2022 and the Commission are inviting representations from all interested parties both in support of or in opposition to these proposals.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

**NOTE:** No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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List of Appendices:

- Appendix 1: Representation to Boundary Commission dated 23 November 2021
- Appendix 2: Map of proposed North Tayside constituency
- Appendix 3: Map of proposed Dundee East and Arbroath constituency
- Appendix 4: Map of revised proposals – All Scotland
- Appendix 5: Electorate data



## Equality Impact/Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment Form

(To be completed with reference to Guidance Notes)

### Step 1

**Name of Proposal** (includes e. g. budget savings, committee reports, strategies, policies, procedures, service reviews, functions):

Review of 2023 UK Parliamentary Constituencies

### Step 2

Is this only a **screening** Equality Impact Assessment

Yes

**(A)** If Yes, please choose from the following options **all** reasons why a full EIA/FSD is not required:

(i) It does not impact on people

No

(ii) It is a percentage increase in fees which has no differential impact on protected characteristics

No

(iii) It is for information only

Yes

(iv) It is reflective e.g. of budget spend over a financial year

No

(v) It is technical

Yes

If you have answered yes to any of points above, please go to **Step 16**, and sign off the Assessment.

**(B)** If you have answered No to the above, please indicate the following:

Is this a full Equality Impact Assessment

Yes/No

Is this a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment

Yes/No

If you have answered Yes to either or both of the above, continue with Step 3.

If your proposal is a **strategy** please ensure you complete Step 13 which is the Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.

**Step 16: Sign off and Authorisation.** Please state name, post, and date for each:

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Reviewed by:

Approved by:

NB. There are several worked examples of separate EIA and FSD Assessments in the Guidance which may be of use to you.

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