

FC60. Boundary Commission for Scotland: 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies – Summary of Revised Proposals

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive which provided a summary of the revised proposals for UK Parliament constituencies for the council area following the Boundary Commission for Scotland's review of its initial proposals. The report invited Council to make representation to the Commission by the consultation deadline of 11 December 2017 on the proposals if so minded.

The Boundary Commission for Scotland (the Commission) started its 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies in February 2016, with the aim of reducing Scotland's current 59 constituencies to 53. The electoral quota was 74,769 with the aim to have every constituency within 5% of this figure, i.e. between 71,031 and 78,507.

The Commission's proposals present a Falkirk South constituency, and a shared constituency with Stirling, to be named Stirling and Falkirk North. A map showing these proposals was appended to the report.

The proposed Falkirk South constituency would have the fewest electors in Scotland at 71,118, which Stirling and Falkirk North had an electorate of 71,177. These constituencies had been produced using the 2007 ward boundaries to aggregate up to the proposed electoral quotas.

Decision

Council:-

- (1) noted the implications of the proposals by the Boundary Commission for Scotland, and**
- (2) agreed to make the following representation to the Boundary Commission for Scotland regarding the proposals:-**

“Council is of the opinion that the current council ward boundary between wards 5 & 7 should be used to separate the Falkirk South and Stirling & Falkirk North constituencies, with the effect that all of ward 7 (Falkirk South) would be included in the Falkirk South constituency.

Council acknowledges that this would result in Stirling and Falkirk North being short of parity and understands that other electors will require to be included in this constituency to redress this.”.