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**The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland**



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**Recommendations for councillor numbers and wards  
submitted to Scottish Ministers**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has submitted its recommendations on councillor numbers and wards for each of Scotland's 32 council areas to Scottish Ministers.

These recommendations arise from the 5th Reviews of Local Government Electoral Arrangements which began in February 2014.

The recommendations provide for 351 wards and 1219 councillors across Scotland, an overall decrease of 2 wards and 4 councillors relative to existing arrangements.

Under the recommendations, representation of the electorate within council areas will be more evenly shared between councillors and across Scotland there will be greater equity in electoral representation.

Ronnie Hinds, Chair of the Commission, said:

"Today we have submitted to Scottish Ministers our recommendations for electoral arrangements which we believe are in the interests of effective and convenient local government across Scotland. These recommendations set out the number of councillors for each council area and the boundaries of the wards they will represent.

We are grateful to councils and to the public who responded to our consultations over the last two years. Their input has been invaluable in shaping our proposals and while we must take account of our obligations under the legislation and consider the interests of the whole council area, we have been able to take on board many of the views expressed.

The legislation which governs our reviews places equality of representation at the heart of what we do and we have delivered a set of recommendations that significantly improves electoral parity across Scotland and so provides for fairer local democracy and more effective local government ."

A summary of the recommendations for each council area is contained in the appendix to this release. Full reports and background papers for each council area are available on our website: [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk)

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Information on the review can also be found on the Commission's website: [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk)

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## Notes for News Editors

We are the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland, and have been responsible for reviewing local government boundaries and electoral arrangements in Scotland since we were established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

We are an independent, non-political body which is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations for:

- the overall number of councillors in each local authority and number of councillors in each ward (each ward must elect either 3 or 4 councillors);
- the number of wards for local government elections and their boundaries; and
- the extent of council areas.

We are required to conduct electoral reviews of each local authority at intervals of 8 to 12 years. The current reviews are the 5<sup>th</sup> reviews since 1974 and the first since 1998 to propose changes to councillor numbers.

When reviewing electoral arrangements the Commission is required to make its decisions in the interests of effective and convenient local government, and to take account of the following factors:

- within each council, each councillor should represent the same number of electors as nearly as may be (known as parity, this is the over-riding factor);
- local ties which would be broken by making a particular boundary;
- the desirability of fixing boundaries that are easily identifiable; and
- special geographical considerations.

Under the 5th Reviews:

- the variation from parity between councillors will reduce from 6% currently to 5%. **This means that representation of the electorate within council areas will be more evenly shared between councillors.**
- variations in the number of electors represented by councillors in different councils in Scotland will be reduced. At present, these range from an average of 694 electors per councillor in Na-h Eileanan an Iar to 6,283 in City of Edinburgh, a range of 5,589 forecast electors. This range will become 813 electors per councillor in Orkney Islands to 5,785 in City of Edinburgh, a range of 4,972 forecast electors. **This means that there will be greater equity in electoral representation across Scotland.**
- in the most sparsely populated areas of Scotland, almost 99% of the electors will be in wards which are within 15% of parity for the council, compared to less than 94% under current arrangements.
- in more than three quarters (77%) of the most deprived datazones in Scotland, people will benefit from enhanced electoral representation.

We conducted our Fourth Reviews between 2004 and 2006. The Fourth Reviews recommended the multi-member wards for use in local government elections in Scotland in 2007 and 2012. The number of councillors on each council was last reviewed shortly after the councils' establishment in 1996.

We have scheduled these reviews so that our recommendations are capable of being implemented in time for the local government elections in 2017.

Full information about the Commission and its work is available on the Commission's website: [www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk) .

A general introduction to the Commission and its work appears in our Information Paper "The Commission: a general guide" which is available from the Publications section of the website <http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/publications/> .

Information on this review is available from the **Reviews in Progress** section of the website:

[http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th\\_electoral/](http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/reviews/5th_electoral/).

## Aberdeen City Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Aberdeen City Council area should provide for a council of 45 councillors in 13 wards, comprising 6 wards each returning 4 members and 7 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Dyce/Bucksburn/Danestone	4	14,689	-3%	16,603	4%
2	Bridge of Don	4	14,607	-3%	15,985	1%
3	Kingswells/Sheddocksley/Summerhill	3	11,131	-2%	11,503	-3%
4	Northfield/Mastrick North	3	12,376	9%	12,289	3%
5	Hilton/Woodside/Stockethill	3	11,753	4%	11,666	-2%
6	Tillydrone/Seaton/Old Aberdeen	3	12,036	6%	11,915	0%
7	Midsocket/Rosemount	3	11,857	5%	11,925	0%
8	George St/Harbour	4	15,610	3%	16,300	3%
9	Lower Deeside	3	11,551	2%	12,233	3%
10	Hazlehead/Queens Cross/Countesswells	4	14,034	-7%	16,004	1%
11	Airyhall/Broomhill/Garthdee	3	12,355	9%	12,341	4%
12	Torry/Ferryhill	4	15,671	4%	15,656	-1%
13	Kincorth/Nigg/Cove	4	12,350	-18%	14,364	-10%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>170,020</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>178,784</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Aberdeenshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Aberdeenshire Council area should provide for a council of 70 councillors in 19 wards, comprising 13 wards each returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Banff and District	3	8,850	5%	8,869	2%
2	Troup	3	7,876	-6%	7,876	-10%
3	Fraserburgh and District	4	11,748	5%	11,870	2%
4	Central Buchan	4	10,548	-6%	10,917	-6%
5	Peterhead North and Rattray	4	11,408	2%	12,027	3%
6	Peterhead South and Cruden	3	8,996	7%	9,100	4%
7	Turriff and District	4	10,579	-5%	10,659	-8%
8	Mid Formartine	4	11,083	-1%	11,398	-2%
9	Ellon and District	4	11,517	3%	12,010	3%
10	West Garioch	3	8,689	4%	8,829	1%
11	Inverurie and District	4	10,659	-5%	11,682	0%
12	East Garioch	4	9,806	-12%	11,026	-5%
13	Westhill and District	4	11,343	1%	11,509	-1%
14	Huntly, Strathbogie and Howe of Alford	4	11,700	5%	11,865	2%
15	Aboyne, Upper Deeside and Donside	3	8,824	5%	9,061	4%
16	Banchory and Mid Deeside	3	8,568	2%	9,074	4%
17	North Kincardine	4	11,248	1%	12,765	10%

18	Stonehaven and Lower Deeside	4	11,009	-2%	11,369	-2%
19	Mearns	4	11,397	2%	11,867	2%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>195,848</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>203,773</b>	<b>4%</b>

## Angus Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Angus Council area should provide for a Council of 28 councillors in 8 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 4 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Kirriemuir and Dean	3	8,626	-8%	8,550	-9%
2	Brechin and Edzell	3	8,759	-6%	9,095	-3%
3	Forfar and District	4	11,528	-7%	11,511	-8%
4	Monifieth and Sidlaw	4	13,012	4%	12,813	2%
5	Carnoustie and District	3	10,447	12%	10,418	11%
6	Arbroath West, Letham and Friockheim	4	13,379	7%	13,373	7%
7	Arbroath East and Lunan	3	9,658	3%	9,898	5%
8	Montrose and District	4	11,819	-5%	11,928	-5%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>87,228</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>87,586</b>	<b>6%</b>



## Argyll and Bute Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Argyll and Bute Council area should provide for a council of 33 councillors in 10 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 7 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	South Kintyre	3	6,075	-2%	5,914	-2%
2	Kintyre and the Islands	3	6,207	1%	6,129	1%
3	Mid-Argyll	3	5,549	-10%	5,544	-8%
4	Oban South and the Isles	4	7,923	-4%	7,737	-4%
5	Oban North and Lorn	3	6,310	2%	6,363	5%
6	Dunoon	4	8,560	4%	8,215	2%
7	Bute and Cowal	4	8,195	0%	7,845	-3%
8	Lomond North	3	6,209	1%	6,000	-1%
9	Helensburgh Central	3	6,573	7%	6,300	4%
10	Helensburgh and Lomond South	3	6,245	1%	6,539	8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>67,846</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>66,586</b>	<b>4%</b>

## Clackmannanshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Clackmannanshire Council area should provide for a council of 18 councillors in 5 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 2 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Clackmannanshire West	4	8,487	3%	8,281	0%
2	Clackmannanshire North	4	8,219	0%	8,043	-3%
3	Clackmannanshire Central	3	5,931	-4%	5,890	-6%
4	Clackmannanshire South	4	8,443	2%	8,515	2%
5	Clackmannanshire East	3	6,074	-2%	6,673	7%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37,154</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>37,402</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Dumfries and Galloway Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Dumfries and Galloway Council area should provide for a council of 43 councillors in 12 wards, comprising 7 wards each returning 4 members and 5 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Stranraer and the Rhins	4	11,615	8%	11,739	9%
2	Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	4	10,521	-2%	10,383	-3%
3	Dee and Glenkens	3	8,039	0%	7,855	-2%
4	Castle Douglas and Crocketford	3	7,467	-7%	7,332	-9%
5	Abbey	3	8,377	4%	8,172	2%
6	North West Dumfries	4	10,042	-7%	9,828	-8%
7	Mid and Upper Nithsdale	3	8,124	1%	8,181	2%
8	Lochar	4	10,140	-6%	10,528	-2%
9	Nith	4	10,461	-3%	10,465	-2%
10	Annandale South	4	10,886	1%	10,757	0%
11	Annandale North	4	11,486	7%	11,396	6%
12	Annandale East and Eskdale	3	8,538	6%	8,646	7%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>115,696</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>115,282</b>	<b>4%</b>

## Dundee City Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Dundee City Council area should provide for a council of 31 councillors in 8 wards, comprising 7 wards each returning 4 members and 1 ward returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Strathmartine	4	14,679	6%	15,078	6%
2	Lochee	4	13,777	0%	14,180	0%
3	West End	4	13,093	-5%	13,684	-4%
4	Coldside	4	13,953	1%	14,232	0%
5	Maryfield	4	12,762	-8%	13,457	-6%
6	North East	4	14,126	2%	14,415	1%
7	East End	3	10,828	4%	11,045	3%
8	The Ferry	4	14,023	1%	14,308	0%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>107,241</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>110,399</b>	<b>3%</b>

## East Ayrshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for East Ayrshire Council area should provide for a Council of 32 councillors in 9 wards, comprising 5 wards each returning 4 members and 4 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Annick	4	11,415	-4%	11,773	-2%
2	Kilmarnock North	3	9,000	1%	9,194	2%
3	Kilmarnock West and Crosshouse	4	12,623	6%	12,754	6%
4	Kilmarnock East and Hurlford	4	12,291	3%	12,042	0%
5	Kilmarnock South	3	8,455	-6%	8,592	-5%
6	Irvine Valley	3	9,853	10%	9,771	9%
7	Ballochmyle	4	11,609	-3%	11,705	-2%
8	Cumnock and New Cumnock	4	11,209	-6%	11,143	-7%
9	Doon Valley	3	9,024	1%	9,042	0%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>95,479</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>96,016</b>	<b>4%</b>

## East Dunbartonshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for East Dunbartonshire Council area should provide for a Council of 22 councillors in 7 wards, comprising 1 ward returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Milngavie	3	10,385	-7%	10,040	-9%
2	Bearsden North	3	10,979	-1%	10,940	-1%
3	Bearsden South	3	10,657	-4%	10,285	-7%
4	Bishopbriggs North and Campsie	4	15,181	3%	15,278	4%
5	Bishopbriggs South	3	11,877	7%	11,683	6%
6	Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	3	10,782	-3%	11,329	3%
7	Kirkintilloch East and North and Twechar	3	11,590	4%	11,226	2%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81,451</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>80,781</b>	<b>4%</b>

## East Lothian Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for East Lothian Council area should provide for a Council of 22 councillors in 6 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 2 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Musselburgh	4	15,709	11%	16,185	10%
2	Preston, Seton and Gosford	4	14,081	0%	13,995	-5%
3	Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry	4	14,087	0%	14,916	1%
4	North Berwick Coastal	3	10,059	-5%	10,652	-4%
5	Haddington and Lammermuir	4	13,622	-4%	14,468	-2%
6	Dunbar and East Linton	3	10,081	-5%	10,950	-1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>77,639</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>81,166</b>	<b>4%</b>

## East Renfrewshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for East Renfrewshire Council area should provide for a council of 18 councillors in 5 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 2 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor	4	13,779	-11%	13,944	-10%
2	Newton Mearns North and Neilston	3	10,864	-6%	11,711	1%
3	Giffnock and Thornliebank	3	12,660	10%	12,397	7%
4	Clarkston, Netherlee and Williamwood	4	15,938	3%	15,674	1%
5	Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham	4	16,081	4%	16,100	4%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>69,322</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>69,826</b>	<b>5%</b>



## City of Edinburgh Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for City of Edinburgh Council area should provide for a council of 63 councillors in 17 wards, comprising 12 wards each returning 4 members and 5 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Almond	4	22,830	4%	25,197	9%
2	Pentland Hills	4	22,162	1%	23,298	1%
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	3	17,159	4%	17,794	3%
4	Forth	4	21,210	-3%	22,736	-2%
5	Inverleith	4	23,172	6%	23,704	2%
6	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	3	18,403	12%	18,619	7%
7	Sighthill / Gorgie	4	19,799	-10%	20,816	-10%
8	Colinton / Fairmilehead	3	18,032	10%	18,626	7%
9	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	3	15,894	-3%	17,341	0%
10	Morningside	4	22,964	5%	23,359	1%
11	City Centre	4	18,593	-15%	20,823	-10%
12	Leith Walk	4	22,724	4%	24,178	4%
13	Leith	3	15,557	-5%	16,472	-5%
14	Craigtinny / Duddingston	4	21,585	-2%	22,232	-4%
15	Southside / Newington	4	21,918	0%	22,861	-1%
16	Liberton / Gilmerton	4	23,433	7%	25,025	8%
17	Portobello / Craigmillar	4	19,966	-9%	21,352	-8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>345,401</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>364,433</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Na h'Eileanan an Iar Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Na h-Eileanan an Iar Council area should provide for a Council of 26 councillors in 8 wards, comprising 2 wards each returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eirisgeigh agus Uibhist a Deas	3	2,541	0%	2,490	0%
2	Beinn na Foghla agus Uibhist a Tuath	3	2,394	-6%	2,297	-7%
3	Na Hearadh, Sgìre nan Loch, Uig agus Beàrnaraigh	4	3,585	6%	3,522	6%
4	Sgìre an Rubha agus Sanndabhaig	3	2,423	-5%	2,356	-5%
5	Steòrnabhagh a Deas	3	2,707	7%	2,804	13%
6	Steòrnabhagh a Tuath	3	2,905	14%	2,797	13%
7	Loch a Tuath	3	2,094	-17%	2,026	-18%
8	Nis, An Taobh Siar agus Càrlabhagh	4	3,340	-1%	3,216	-3%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21,989</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>21,508</b>	<b>8%</b>

## Falkirk Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Falkirk Council area should provide for a council of 30 councillors in 9 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Bo'ness and Blackness	3	11,476	1%	11,526	-1%
2	Grangemouth	3	12,298	8%	12,101	4%
3	Denny and Banknock	4	13,797	-9%	14,694	-5%
4	Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst	4	14,920	-2%	15,596	0%
5	Bonnybridge and Larbert	3	11,943	5%	11,980	3%
6	Falkirk North	4	14,964	-2%	15,195	-2%
7	Falkirk South	3	12,455	9%	12,432	7%
8	Lower Braes	3	10,696	-6%	11,117	-5%
9	Upper Braes	3	11,482	1%	11,975	3%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>114,031</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>116,616</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Fife Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Fife Council area should provide for a council of 75 councillors in 22 wards, comprising 9 wards each returning 4 members and 13 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	West Fife and Coastal Villages	3	12,901	14%	12,625	10%
2	Dunfermline North	3	11,950	5%	12,452	8%
3	Dunfermline Central	4	14,322	-5%	16,134	5%
4	Dunfermline South	4	15,908	5%	16,222	6%
5	Rosyth	3	11,590	2%	11,445	-1%
6	Inverkeithing and Dalgety Bay	4	14,311	-5%	14,182	-8%
7	Cowdenbeath	4	15,997	6%	16,017	4%
8	Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty	4	14,059	-7%	14,246	-7%
9	Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy	3	11,521	2%	11,871	3%
10	Kirkcaldy North	3	12,109	7%	12,187	6%
11	Kirkcaldy Central	3	11,513	2%	11,423	-1%
12	Kirkcaldy East	3	10,730	-5%	11,273	-2%
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	3	12,082	7%	11,840	3%
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	4	14,586	-4%	14,510	-5%
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	3	12,245	8%	12,204	6%
16	Howe of Fife and Tay Coast	3	11,181	-1%	11,230	-2%
17	Tay Bridgehead	3	11,905	5%	12,093	5%
18	St Andrews	4	14,245	-6%	14,455	-6%
19	East Neuk and Landward	3	10,251	-10%	10,877	-6%
20	Cupar	3	11,195	-1%	11,526	0%
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	4	14,816	-2%	15,011	-2%
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	4	14,096	-7%	14,026	-9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>283,513</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>287,849</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Glasgow City Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Glasgow City Council area should provide for a council of 85 councillors in 23 wards, comprising 16 wards each returning 4 members and 7 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Linn	4	22,534	3%	22,805	2%
2	Newlands / Auldburn	3	18,368	12%	17,913	6%
3	Greater Pollok	4	22,757	4%	23,348	4%
4	Cardonald	4	23,247	6%	22,544	0%
5	Govan	4	20,305	-7%	20,496	-9%
6	Pollokshields	4	21,826	0%	21,622	-4%
7	Langside	4	24,350	11%	23,373	4%
8	Southside Central	4	19,442	-11%	20,458	-9%
9	Calton	4	18,788	-14%	22,782	1%
10	Anderston / City / Yorkhill	4	21,658	-1%	25,151	12%
11	Hillhead	3	18,055	10%	18,444	10%
12	Victoria Park	3	17,377	6%	18,540	10%
13	Garscadden / Scotstounhill	4	23,127	6%	23,280	4%
14	Drumchapel / Anniesland	4	21,769	0%	21,582	-4%
15	Maryhill	3	15,995	-2%	16,262	-3%
16	Canal	4	20,673	-5%	20,919	-7%
17	Springburn / Robroyston	4	20,425	-6%	21,625	-4%
18	East Centre	4	20,016	-8%	20,434	-9%
19	Shettleston	4	21,830	0%	21,850	-3%
20	Baillieston	3	16,947	3%	17,521	4%
21	North East	3	15,356	-6%	16,816	0%
22	Dennistoun	3	17,406	6%	16,407	-3%
23	Partick East / Kelvindale	4	21,942	0%	23,030	3%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>464,193</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>477,202</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Highland Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for The Highland Council area should provide for a Council of 74 councillors in 21 wards, comprising 11 wards each returning 4 members and 10 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	cllrs	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	North, West and Central Sutherland	3	4,940	-32%	5,048	-32%
2	Thurso and Northwest Caithness	4	10,175	5%	9,875	0%
3	Wick and East Caithness	4	10,189	5%	10,414	6%
4	East Sutherland and Edderton	3	6,219	-14%	6,394	-13%
5	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh	4	9,750	1%	10,439	6%
6	Cromarty Firth	4	9,475	-2%	9,484	-4%
7	Tain and Easter Ross	3	7,103	-2%	7,152	-3%
8	Dingwall and Seaforth	4	9,681	0%	9,689	-2%
9	Black Isle	3	7,971	10%	8,059	9%
10	Eilean a' Chèò	4	8,378	-13%	8,867	-10%
11	Caol and Mallaig	3	6,861	-5%	7,461	1%
12	Aird and Loch Ness	4	9,223	-5%	9,484	-4%
13	Inverness West	3	8,162	13%	8,080	9%
14	Inverness Central	3	8,461	17%	8,082	9%
15	Inverness Ness-side	3	7,760	7%	7,595	3%
16	Inverness Millburn	3	7,745	4%	7,478	1%
17	Culloden and Ardersier	3	7,958	12%	8,106	10%
18	Nairn and Cawdor	4	9,800	1%	9,933	1%
19	Inverness South	4	9,983	3%	10,712	9%
20	Badenoch and Strathspey	4	10,299	7%	10,683	8%
21	Fort William and Ardnamurchan	4	8,705	-10%	9,260	-6%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>178,838</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>182,295</b>	<b>7%</b>

## Inverclyde Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Inverclyde Council area should provide for a council of 22 councillors in 7 wards, comprising 4 ward returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Inverclyde East	3	8,515	2%	8,260	2%
2	Inverclyde East Central	3	8,084	-3%	7,841	-3%
3	Inverclyde Central	3	8,271	-1%	8,023	-1%
4	Inverclyde North	4	10,854	-3%	10,528	-3%
5	Inverclyde West	3	8,655	4%	8,395	4%
6	Inverclyde South West	3	8,832	6%	8,567	6%
7	Inverclyde South	3	8,030	-4%	7,789	-4%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>61,241</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>59,403</b>	<b>3%</b>

## Midlothian Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Midlothian Council area should provide for a Council of 18 councillors in 6 wards, comprising 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Penicuik	3	10,932	1%	10,481	-6%
2	Bonnyrigg	3	12,770	18%	12,355	11%
3	Dalkeith	3	9,246	-14%	10,274	-8%
4	Midlothian West	3	11,041	2%	11,847	7%
5	Midlothian East	3	10,785	0%	10,710	-4%
6	Midlothian South	3	9,954	-8%	11,008	-1%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>64,728</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>66,675</b>	<b>6%</b>



## Moray Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Moray Council area should provide for a Council of 26 councillors in 8 wards, comprising 2 wards each returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Speyside Glenlivet	3	7,270	-10%	7,283	-10%
2	Keith and Cullen	3	8,008	-1%	7,893	-3%
3	Buckie	3	7,581	-7%	7,831	-3%
4	Fochabers Lhanbryde	3	7,893	-3%	7,748	-4%
5	Heldon and Laich	4	10,515	-3%	10,384	-4%
6	Elgin City North	3	8,885	9%	8,746	8%
7	Elgin City South	3	8,743	8%	8,896	10%
8	Forres	4	11,431	6%	11,461	6%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>70,326</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>70,242</b>	<b>6%</b>

## North Ayrshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for North Ayrshire Council area should provide for a council of 33 councillors in 10 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 7 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Irvine West	4	12,077	-8%	12,037	-8%
2	Irvine East	3	9,592	-3%	9,551	-3%
3	Kilwinning	4	13,488	2%	13,386	2%
4	Stevenston	3	9,777	-1%	9,679	-1%
5	Ardrossan and Arran	3	9,901	0%	9,892	1%
6	Dalry and West Kilbride	3	10,179	3%	10,126	3%
7	Kilbirnie and Beith	3	10,762	9%	10,654	9%
8	North Coast and Cumbraes	4	13,631	4%	13,533	4%
9	Saltcoats	3	10,129	3%	10,028	2%
10	Irvine South	3	9,028	-9%	8,938	-9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>108,564</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>107,824</b>	<b>4%</b>

## North Lanarkshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for North Lanarkshire Council area should provide for a Council of 77 councillors in 21 wards, comprising 14 wards each returning 4 members and 7 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Kilsyth	3	9,206	-5%	9,571	-2%
2	Cumbernauld North	4	13,448	4%	13,619	5%
3	Cumbernauld South	4	12,476	-4%	12,149	-7%
4	Cumbernauld East	4	12,808	-1%	13,037	0%
5	Stepps, Chryston and Muirhead	3	8,530	-12%	9,417	-3%
6	Glenboig and Moodiesburn	3	9,132	-6%	10,164	4%
7	Coatbridge North	4	11,843	-9%	11,693	-10%
8	Airdrie North	4	14,015	8%	13,824	6%
9	Airdrie Central	4	12,496	-4%	12,048	-7%
10	Coatbridge West	3	9,930	2%	9,563	-2%
11	Coatbridge South	4	12,166	-6%	12,072	-7%
12	Airdrie South	4	14,281	10%	13,840	6%
13	Fortissat	4	11,701	-10%	11,849	-9%
14	Thorniewood	3	10,478	8%	10,334	6%
15	Bellshill	4	12,304	-5%	11,813	-9%
16	Mossend and Holytown	3	9,438	-3%	9,796	0%
17	Motherwell West	3	10,618	9%	10,302	6%
18	Motherwell North	4	13,426	3%	13,716	5%
19	Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig	4	13,475	4%	13,847	6%
20	Murdostoun	4	14,303	10%	13,789	6%
21	Wishaw	4	13,961	7%	13,977	7%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>250,035</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>250,420</b>	<b>6%</b>

## Orkney Islands Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Orkney Islands Council area should provide for a council of 21 councillors in 6 wards, comprising 3 wards each returning 4 members and 3 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Kirkwall East	4	3,404	6%	3,492	7%
2	Kirkwall West and	4	3,376	5%	3,569	10%
3	Stromness and South Isles	3	2,193	-9%	2,244	-8%
4	West Mainland	4	3,431	7%	3,386	4%
5	East Mainland, South Ronaldsay and Burray	3	2,587	8%	2,582	6%
6	North Isles	3	1,839	-24%	1,808	-26%
	Totals	21	16,830	9%	17,081	10%

## Perth and Kinross Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Perth and Kinross Council area should provide for a Council of 40 councillors in 12 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 8 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Carse of Gowrie	3	7,428	-11%	7,827	-10%
2	Strathmore	4	11,855	6%	12,430	7%
3	Blairgowrie and Glens	3	8,640	3%	8,993	3%
4	Highland	3	7,139	-15%	7,469	-14%
5	Strathtay	3	8,678	3%	8,965	3%
6	Strathearn	3	8,515	1%	8,824	1%
7	Strathallan	3	7,923	-6%	8,544	-2%
8	Kinross-shire	4	10,023	-10%	10,656	-8%
9	Almond and Earn	3	7,280	-13%	7,935	-9%
10	Perth City South	4	12,585	12%	12,737	9%
11	Perth City North	3	9,406	12%	9,439	8%
12	Perth City Centre	4	12,433	11%	12,619	8%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>111,905</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>116,438</b>	<b>7%</b>

## Renfrewshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Renfrewshire Council area should provide for a council of 43 councillors in 12 wards, comprising 7 wards each returning 4 members and 5 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Renfrew North and Braehead	4	11,192	-8%	11,646	-4%
2	Renfrew South and Gallowhill	3	9,329	3%	9,054	-1%
3	Paisley Northeast and Ralston	3	8,954	-2%	8,676	-5%
4	Paisley Northwest	4	12,406	2%	12,466	2%
5	Paisley East and Central	3	8,930	-2%	9,726	6%
6	Paisley Southeast	3	9,276	2%	9,102	0%
7	Paisley Southwest	4	11,932	-2%	11,641	-4%
8	Johnstone South and Elderslie	4	12,174	0%	12,453	2%
9	Johnstone North, Kilbarchan, Howwood and Lochwinnoch	4	11,785	-3%	11,549	-5%
10	Houston, Crosslee and Linwood	4	12,021	-1%	12,123	0%
11	Bishopton, Bridge of Weir and Langbank	3	9,095	0%	9,580	5%
12	Erskine and Inchinnan	4	13,349	10%	12,951	6%
	Total	43	130,443	3%	130,967	4%

## Scottish Borders Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Scottish Borders Council area should provide for a council of 32 councillors in 10 wards, comprising 2 wards each returning 4 members and 8 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Tweeddale West	3	7,716	-8%	7,717	-9%
2	Tweeddale East	3	8,247	-2%	8,320	-2%
3	Galashiels and District	4	10,862	-3%	10,530	-7%
4	Selkirkshire	3	7,926	-6%	8,238	-3%
5	Leaderdale and Melrose	3	8,427	0%	8,742	3%
6	Mid Berwickshire	3	8,310	-1%	8,635	1%
7	East Berwickshire	3	8,465	0%	8,990	6%
8	Kelso and District	3	8,952	6%	9,106	7%
9	Jedburgh and Denholm	3	8,576	2%	8,550	0%
10	Hawick and District	4	12,383	10%	12,059	6%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>89,864</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>90,887</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Shetland Islands Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Shetland Islands Council area should provide for a council of 22 councillors in 7 wards, comprising 1 ward returning 4 members and 6 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	North Isles	3	2,297	-5%	2,305	-7%
2	Shetland North	3	2,490	3%	2,484	1%
3	Shetland West	3	2,577	6%	2,606	6%
4	Shetland Central	3	2,258	-7%	2,249	-9%
5	Shetland South	3	2,570	6%	2,576	4%
6	Lerwick North	3	2,420	0%	2,611	6%
7	Lerwick South	4	3,163	-2%	3,258	-1%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17,775</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>18,089</b>	<b>5%</b>



## South Ayrshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for South Ayrshire Council area should provide for a council of 28 councillors in 8 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 4 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Troon	4	12,065	-6%	12,132	-5%
2	Prestwick	4	12,452	-3%	12,085	-5%
3	Ayr North	4	12,946	1%	13,106	3%
4	Ayr East	3	10,307	7%	10,029	5%
5	Ayr West	4	13,783	7%	13,822	8%
6	Kyle	3	9,954	3%	10,215	7%
7	Maybole, North Carrick and Coynton	3	9,407	-2%	9,359	-2%
8	Girvan and South Carrick	3	8,929	-7%	8,742	-9%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>89,843</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>89,490</b>	<b>5%</b>

## South Lanarkshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for South Lanarkshire Council area should provide for a council of 64 councillors in 20 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 16 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Clydesdale West	4	15,069	-1%	15,348	0%
2	Clydesdale North	3	11,778	3%	11,671	2%
3	Clydesdale East	3	9,869	-13%	10,051	-13%
4	Clydesdale South	3	11,703	3%	11,506	0%
5	Avondale and Stonehouse	3	12,731	12%	12,150	6%
6	East Kilbride South	3	11,511	1%	12,669	10%
7	East Kilbride Central South	3	11,991	5%	11,745	2%
8	East Kilbride Central North	3	12,670	11%	12,318	7%
9	East Kilbride West	3	11,697	3%	12,116	5%
10	East Kilbride East	3	10,998	-4%	10,784	-6%
11	Rutherglen South	3	11,078	-3%	10,865	-5%
12	Rutherglen Central and North	3	11,665	2%	11,322	-1%
13	Cambuslang West	3	11,816	4%	11,937	4%
14	Cambuslang East	3	10,223	-10%	11,568	1%
15	Blantyre	3	12,614	11%	12,260	7%
16	Bothwell and Uddingston	3	9,726	-15%	10,374	-10%
17	Hamilton North and East	3	11,413	0%	11,947	4%
18	Hamilton West and Earnock	4	13,877	-9%	14,168	-8%
19	Hamilton South	4	16,188	7%	15,763	3%
20	Larkhall	4	14,538	-4%	14,562	-5%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>243,155</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>245,124</b>	<b>5%</b>

## Stirling Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for Stirling Council area should provide for a council of 23 councillors in 7 wards, comprising 2 wards each returning 4 members and 5 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Trossachs and Teith	3	8,683	2%	8,669	-1%
2	Forth and Endrick	3	9,641	14%	9,650	10%
3	Dunblane and Bridge of Allan	4	10,723	-5%	10,502	-10%
4	Stirling North	4	10,870	-4%	11,558	-1%
5	Stirling West	3	8,674	2%	9,203	5%
6	Stirling East	3	8,208	-3%	8,270	-6%
7	Bannockburn	3	8,233	-3%	9,377	7%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>65,032</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>67,229</b>	<b>6%</b>

## West Dunbartonshire Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for West Dunbartonshire Council area should provide for a council of 22 councillors in 6 wards, comprising 4 wards each returning 4 members and 2 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Lomond	3	9,079	-1%	8,890	-2%
2	Leven	4	13,106	7%	12,898	6%
3	Dumbarton	4	12,935	6%	13,082	8%
4	Kilpatrick	3	9,066	-1%	8,789	-3%
5	Clydebank Central	4	11,643	-5%	11,511	-5%
6	Clydebank Waterfront	4	11,492	-6%	11,448	-5%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>67,321</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>66,618</b>	<b>5%</b>

## West Lothian Council area

We recommend that in the interests of effective and convenient local government the future electoral arrangements for West Lothian Council area should provide for a Council of 33 councillors in 9 wards, comprising 6 wards each returning 4 members and 3 wards each returning 3 members as follows:

ward no.	ward name	councillors	electorate Sept 13	actual variation from parity	forecast electorate	forecast variation from parity
1	Linlithgow	3	12,170	3%	11,960	-2%
2	Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh	4	14,433	-8%	15,393	-5%
3	Livingston North	4	17,143	9%	16,935	4%
4	Livingston South	4	17,232	9%	17,009	5%
5	East Livingston and East Calder	4	15,094	-4%	16,041	-1%
6	Fauldhouse and the Breich Valley	3	11,679	-1%	11,906	-2%
7	Whitburn and Blackburn	4	14,778	-6%	15,022	-7%
8	Bathgate	4	15,815	0%	16,997	5%
9	Armadale and Blackridge	3	11,726	-1%	12,651	4%
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>130,070</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>133,914</b>	<b>4%</b>