

# SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

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## **The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland consults public on ward boundaries**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has begun its public consultation on proposed electoral wards for each council area as part of the Fifth Reviews of Electoral Arrangements. Its proposals contain recommendations for councillor numbers in each of Scotland's 32 council areas and the number, boundaries and names of wards.

Ronnie Hinds, Chair of the Commission, said:

“Consultation is a vital part of our work and having completed our consultation with councils, and amended a number of our proposals in the light of these, we now want to hear from local residents, community groups and organisations.

We have a statutory obligation to conduct reviews and we are required to ensure that the number of electors per councillor in each ward in a council area is as nearly as may be the same - but subject to that we also need to take account of local ties and the public are best placed to tell us about these.

We look forward to positive engagement with communities across Scotland over the next 12 weeks and have today launched our consultation portal which will allow people to see our proposals and submit their comments to us online including suggested revisions to the maps setting out ward boundaries. Paper copies of our proposals are available at display points across council areas.”

When reviewing electoral arrangements the Commission is required to take account of the following factors:

- the interests of effective and convenient local government;
- within each council, 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 geographical considerations.

The proposals for consultation with the public:

- provide for 1,219 councillors in 352 wards: a decrease of 4 councillors and 1 ward relative to existing arrangements.

- preserve 120 existing wards.
- contain 95% of wards that are forecast to be within 10% of parity (only 83% of existing wards are within 10% of parity).
- contain only 3 wards that are forecast to be 15% or more from parity (19 existing wards are forecast to be 15% or more from parity).
- mean that councillors will, on average, represent electorates that are forecast to be 4.6% larger or smaller than the council average – under the existing arrangements councillors would represent electorates that are forecast to be on average 6.0% larger or smaller than the council average.

Details of the Commission's proposals in each council area, and the display points, are available on its website: <http://www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/> Attached at Appendix A is a summary of the proposals in each of the 32 council areas. The consultation portal is available at: <https://www.consultation.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk/>

The reviews will result in recommendations to Scottish Ministers for the number of councillors on each council, the number and boundaries of wards; and the number of councillors in each ward.

The Commission expects to make its recommendations to Scottish Ministers in 2016, and that the resulting wards will be available for the local government elections in May 2017.

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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. The 1973 Act also defines our constitution and procedures (in Part II and Schedules 4 and 6 of the Act).

We are an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) which is sponsored and financed by Scottish Ministers. We are required to conduct electoral reviews of each local authority at intervals of 8 to 12 years.

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 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.

The Commission began its Fifth Reviews of Electoral Arrangements in 2014, when it consulted with councils and the public on its recommendations for the number of councillors on each council. The Commission consulted with councils on its ward boundary proposals between March and May this year.

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**

Our proposals for wards in Aberdeen City council area present an electoral arrangement for 45 councillors representing 7 3-member wards and 6 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 8 (George St/ Harbour), ward 9 (Lower Deeside) and ward 10 (Hazlehead / Ashley / Queens Cross);
- increase the number of councillors in ward 8 (George St/ Harbour) by 1 and increase the number of councillors in ward 13 (Kincorth/ Loirston) by 1;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Countesswells, Grandhome and Pittodrie;
- make no changes to wards 3 (Kingswells / Sheddocksley), 4 (Northfield), 5 (Hilton / Stockethill), 7 (Midsocket / Rosemount), 11 (Airyhall / Broomhill / Garthdee), 12 (Torry / Ferryhill) and 13 (Kincorth/ Loirston); and
- adopt the ward names: Kingswells / Sheddocksley / Summerhill; Northfield/ Mastrick North; Hilton / Woodside / Stockethill; Kincorth / Nigg / Cove; and Hazlehead / Queens Cross / Countesswells but make no changes to other ward names.

### **Aberdeenshire**

Our proposals for wards in Aberdeenshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 70 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 13 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 2 (Troup) and ward 12 (East Garioch);
- increase the number of councillors in ward 7 (Turiff and District) by 1 and increase the number of councillors in ward 12 (East Garioch) by 1;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Kirkton of Maryculter, Methlick and near Aberchirder and Kemnay;
- make no changes to wards 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 19; and
- make no changes to the existing ward names.

### **Angus**

Our proposals for wards in Angus council area present an electoral arrangement for 28 councillors representing 4 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, reducing councillor numbers in the area by 1. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 27 councillors but during our consideration of ward designs we agreed 28 councillors because otherwise we would need to divide ward 3 between 3 wards.

Our proposals for the council area:

- reduce the number of councillors in ward 7 (Arbroath East and Lunan) by 1;
- make changes to ward boundaries by East Haven and Friockheim;
- make no changes to wards 1 (Kirriemuir and Dean), 2 (Breachin and Edzell), 3 (Forfar and District), 4 (Monifieth and Sidlaw), and 8 (Montrose and District); and
- rename *Arbroath West and Letham* ward to *Arbroath West, Letham and Friockheim* but make no changes to the other ward names.

### **Argyll and Bute**

Our proposals for wards in Argyll and Bute council area present an electoral arrangement for 33 councillors representing 7 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and councillor numbers by 3.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt suggestions from Argyll and Bute Council to improve polling district boundary alignment and provide a more administratively convenient set of arrangements;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 8 (Isle of Bute);
- decrease the number of councillors in the Oban North and Lorn ward by 1 and increase the number of councillors in the Dunoon ward by 1;
- make changes to ward boundaries in Kintyre, Argyll, Cowal and Lomond;
- make no changes to ward 4 (Oban South and the Isles);
- rename *Isle of Bute* ward to *Bute* but make no changes to other ward names; and
- place the Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area that overlies the council area within a single ward.

### **Clackmannanshire**

Our proposals for wards in Clackmannanshire council area retain an electoral arrangement for 18 councillors representing 2 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 4 by amending the boundary between ward 4 and ward 5 in Comely Bank, Alloa;
- make no changes to ward 1 (Clackmannanshire West), ward 2 (Clackmannanshire North) and ward 3 (Clackmannanshire Central);
- make no changes to ward names; and
- make no changes to the number of councillors in each ward.

### **Dumfries and Galloway**

Our proposals for wards in Dumfries and Galloway council area present an electoral arrangement for 43 councillors representing 5 3-member wards and 7 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 4.

Our proposals for the council area:

- address forecast disparities in existing ward 2 (Wigtown West);
- place Stranraer in a single ward;
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area but make no changes to existing wards 7 (North West Dumfries) and 11 (Annandale South); and
- name new wards in Galloway: *Stranraer and the Rhins*; *Mid Galloway and Wigtown West*; *Dee and New Galloway*; and *Castle Douglas and Crocketford* but make no changes to other ward names.

### **Dundee City**

Our proposals for wards in Dundee City council area present an electoral arrangement for 31 councillors representing 1 3-member ward and 7 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt Dundee City Council's suggested electoral arrangements;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 5 (Maryfield);
- increase the number of councillors in each of ward 5 (Maryfield) and ward 6 (North East);
- make no changes to ward 1 (Strathmartine), ward 2 (Lochee) and ward 3 (West End);
- make no changes to ward names; and
- amend ward boundaries at Craigie, Happyhillock, Maryfield and West Ferry.

### **East Ayrshire**

Our proposals for wards in East Ayrshire council area retain an electoral arrangement for 32 councillors representing 4 3-member wards and 5 4-member wards.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 1 (Annick);
- make no changes to the number of councillors in each ward;
- make no changes to wards 3 (Kilmarnock West and Crosshouse), 5 (Kilmarnock South), 7 (Ballochmyle), 8 (Cumnock and New Cumnock) and 9 (Doon Valley);
- make no changes to ward names; and
- make changes to ward boundaries by Dean Castle Country Park and Fullwood.

### **East Dunbartonshire**

Our proposals for wards in East Dunbartonshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 22 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 1 4-member ward, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in existing ward 8 (Kirkintilloch East and Twechar);
- make changes to ward boundaries by Bishopbriggs Burn and Hayston as well as merging large areas of existing wards 4 (Campsie and Kirkintilloch North) and 5 (Bishopbriggs North and Torrance);
- make no changes to existing: ward 1 (Milngavie), ward 2 (Bearsden North), ward 3 (Bearsden South) and ward 7 (Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South); and
- name new wards *Bishopbriggs North*, *Campsie and Torrance* and *Kirkintilloch East and North and Twechar* but make no changes to other ward names.

### **East Lothian**

Our proposals for wards in East Lothian council area present an electoral arrangement for 22 councillors representing 2 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 1. Our methodology for

calculating councillor numbers proposed 21 councillors but during our consideration of ward designs we agreed 22 councillors to allow for the maintenance of local community ties.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in existing ward 1 (Musselburgh West);
- place Musselburgh in a single ward to improve local community ties;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Inveresk and Pencaitland;
- make no changes to existing wards: 3 (Preston, Seton, Gosford), 5 (North Berwick Coastal) and 7 (Dunbar and East Linton); and
- name new wards: *Musselburgh* and *Tranent*, *Wallyford* and *Macmerry* but make no changes to other ward names.

### **East Renfrewshire**

Our proposals for wards in East Renfrewshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 18 councillors representing 2 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- link Uplawmoor with Barrhead, and Eaglesham with Newton Mearns;
- adopt the M77 motorway and railway lines as easily-identifiable boundaries;
- include the planned Hillfield development in a ward with Newton Mearns;
- avoid any new division of settlements between wards; and
- take into account community council area geographies.

### **City of Edinburgh**

Our proposals for wards in City of Edinburgh council area present an electoral arrangement for 63 councillors representing 5 3-member wards and 12 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 5.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- increase the number of councillors by 1 in ward 1 (Almond), ward 2 (Pentland Hills), ward 11 (City Centre), ward 14 (Craigentinny / Duddingston) and ward 17 (Portobello / Craigmillar);
- address forecast disparities in ward 1 (Almond) and 11 (City Centre);
- re-name ward 10 to *Morningside* and ward 16 to *Gilmerton* but make no changes to other ward names; and
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area to reflect the change in councillor numbers and to align with “natural communities” (a local geography used by City of Edinburgh Council).

### **Comhairle nan-Eilean Siar**

Our proposals for wards in Comhairle nan-Eilean Siar present an electoral arrangement for 26 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 2 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 5. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 28 councillors but during our consideration of

ward designs we agreed 26 councillors because the Lochs area could not be contained within one ward with 27 or 28 councillors.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- make no changes to the boundary of existing wards: 1 (Barraigh, Bhatarsaigh, Eirisgeigh agus Uibhist a Deas) and 2 (Beinn na Foghla agus Uibhist a Tuath);
- make changes to ward boundaries by Arnish, Carloway, Gleann Dubh, Stornoway and the Lochs; and
- name new wards: Na Hearadh, Sgìre nan Loch, Uig agus Beàrnaraigh; Càrlabhagh, An Taobh Siar agus Nis; and Sgìre an Rubha agus Sanndabhaig (ward 4), but make no changes to other ward names.

### **Falkirk**

Our proposals for wards in Falkirk council area present an electoral arrangement for 30 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards, reducing councillor numbers in the area by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 2 (Grangemouth);
- reduce the number of councillors by 1 in ward 2 (Grangemouth) and ward 7 (Falkirk South);
- make changes to ward boundaries in Falkirk town, Larbert and Skinflats;
- make no changes to ward 1 (Bo'ness and Blackness), ward 3 (Denny and Banknock), ward 8 (Lower Braes) and ward 9 (Upper Braes);
- make no changes to ward names; and
- adopt the Forth and Clyde Canal, the River Carron and a railway line as easily-identifiable boundaries.

### **Fife**

Our proposals for wards in Fife council area present an electoral arrangement for 75 councillors representing 13 3-member wards and 9 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 3.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt suggestions from Fife Council to maintain local ties;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 4 (Dunfermline South);
- make no changes to existing wards 10 to 12, and 19 to 22;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Coaltown of Wemyss, Dunfermline, Gauldry, Glenrothes, Kelty, Milton of Balgonie, North Queensferry and Torryburn; and
- make no changes to ward names.



## Glasgow City

Our proposals for wards in Glasgow City council area present an electoral arrangement for 85 councillors representing 7 3-member wards and 16 4-member wards, increasing the number of wards in the area by 2 and increasing councillor numbers in the area by 6 which generates significant change.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in wards 9, 10, 11, 12, 17 and 21;
- make no changes to wards 1, 4, 14 and 19;
- increase the number of councillors by 1 in each of wards 6, 7, 9 and 17;
- reduce the number of councillors by 1 in each of wards 11, 12, 15, 20 and 21;
- introduce 2 new wards: ward 22 (Dennistoun) and ward 23 (Dowanhill / Kelvindale);
- rename the following wards: ward 10 (Anderston/City/Yorkhill), ward 15 (Maryhill), and ward 17 (Springburn/Robroyston); and
- take into account “neighbourhood” local area geographies used by Glasgow City Council.

## Highland

Our Proposals for wards in Highland council area present an electoral arrangement for 74 councillors representing 10 3-member wards and 11 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 6. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 72 councillors but during our consideration of ward designs we agreed 74 councillors because it allows better electoral parity and recognises local community ties such as the Caithness and Sutherland county boundary.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in existing wards: 2 (Thurso), 3 (Wick), 6 (Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh), 17 (Inverness Millburn), 20 (Inverness South) and 21 (Badenoch and Strathspey);
- make changes to ward boundaries by Black Isle, Caithness, Cawdor and Inverness;
- make no changes to existing ward boundaries 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 20, 21 and 22;
- apply special geographic circumstances in Caithness and Sutherland to retain local community ties; and
- rename *Nairn* ward to *Nairn and Cawdor*. In Caithness create two new wards called: *Thurso and Northwest Caithness* and *Wick and East Caithness* but make no changes to other ward names.

## Inverclyde

Our proposals for wards in Inverclyde council area present an electoral arrangement for 22 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 1 4-member ward, increasing the number of wards in the area by 1 and increasing councillor numbers by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- reduce the number of councillors by 1 in ward 1 (Inverclyde East);
- introduce a new ward: ward 3 (Inverclyde Central);
- address forecast disparities in Inverclyde East Central ward;
- make no changes to Inverclyde West and Inverclyde South West wards; and
- amend ward boundaries in Port Glasgow and Greenock.

### **Midlothian**

Our proposals for wards in Midlothian council area retain an electoral arrangement for 18 councillors representing 6 3-member wards.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Gladstone Gait, Bonnyrigg;
- make no changes to ward 1 (Penicuik), ward 3 (Dalkeith), ward 4 (Midlothian West) and ward 6 (Midlothian South);
- make no changes to the number of councillors in each ward; and
- make no changes to ward names.

### **Moray**

Our proposals for wards in Moray council area retain an electoral arrangement for 26 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 2 4-member wards. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 25 councillors but during our consideration of ward designs we agreed 26 councillors to allow for the retention of strong recognisable ward boundaries and maintenance of local community ties.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt suggestions from Moray Council to make minor changes to ward boundaries by Spynie Hospital and Burnside Cottages in Elgin, as well as Westerton Cottages by Arradoul;
- make no changes to the number of councillors in each ward;
- make no changes to wards 1 (Speyside Glenlivet), 2 (Keith and Cullen), and 8 (Forres); and
- make no changes to ward names.

### **North Ayrshire**

Our proposals for wards in North Ayrshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 33 councillors representing 7 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards, increasing the number of wards in the area by 2 and increasing councillor numbers by 3.

Our proposals for the council area:

- Adopt, with amendment to address parity issues in Irvine, North Ayrshire Council's suggestion for wards in Irvine and Kilwinning;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- introduce 2 new wards: ward 9 (Saltcoats) and ward 10 (Irvine South);
- reduce the number of councillors by 1 in each of wards 2, 4 and 5;
- make no changes to ward 8 (North Coast and Cumbræes);

- rename ward 4 to *Stevenston*; and
- take account of new neighbourhood planning areas.

### **North Lanarkshire**

Our proposals for wards in North Lanarkshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 77 councillors representing 7 3-member wards and 14 4-member wards, increasing the number of wards in the area by 1 and increasing councillor numbers by 7.

Our proposals for the council area:

- address forecast disparities in existing ward 5 (Strathkelvin);
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area but make no changes to existing wards 1 (Kilsyth), 2 (Cumbernauld North), 15 (Mosscend and Holytown), 16 (Motherwell West), 17 (Motherwell North) and 18 (Motherwell South East and Ravenscraig); and
- propose new ward names: *Coatbridge North; Cumbernauld South and Luggiebank; Abrohill, Kildrum, Seafar and The Village; Chryston, Moodiesburn and Stepps North; Glenboig, Muirhead and Stepps South; and Thorniewood and Shirrel* but make no changes to other ward names.

### **Orkney Islands**

Our proposals for wards in Orkney Islands council area retain an electoral arrangement for 21 councillors representing 3 3-member wards and 3 4-member wards.

Our proposals for the council area make no changes to councillor numbers, ward boundaries or ward names.

### **Perth and Kinross**

Our proposals for wards in Perth and Kinross council area present an electoral arrangement for 40 councillors representing 8 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, reducing councillor numbers in the area by 1.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 5 (Strathtay);
- make no changes to ward 1 (Carse of Gowrie), ward 6 (Strathearn), ward 7 (Strathallan) and ward 10 (Perth City South);
- reduce the number of councillors in ward 8 (Kinross-shire), by 1;
- make changes to ward boundaries by Aberfeldy, Almondbank, Bamff, Logierait, Perth and north of Kinross. These changes incorporate some suggestions from Perth and Kinross Council; and
- make no changes to ward names.

### **Renfrewshire**

Our proposals for wards in Renfrewshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 43 councillors representing 9 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 3.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- introduce 2 new wards in Paisley;
- address forecast disparities in Paisley South West ward; and
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area to align with community council area boundaries.

### **Scottish Borders**

Our proposals for wards in Scottish Borders council area present an electoral arrangement for 32 councillors representing 8 3-member wards and 2 4-member wards, reducing the number of wards in the area by 1 and reducing councillor numbers by 2.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt Scottish Borders Council’s suggestion for electoral arrangements;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in wards 10 and 11;
- make no changes to wards 1, 2, 3 and 5; and
- amend ward boundaries at Charlesfield, Stichill, Horndean, Hawick and Roxburgh.

### **Shetland Islands**

Our proposals for wards in Shetland Islands council area retain an electoral arrangement for 22 councillors representing 6 3-member wards and 1 4-member ward.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 3 (Shetland West) and ward 5 (Shetland South);
- make no changes to ward 1 (North Isles) and ward 2 (Shetland North);
- make no changes to ward names; and
- change ward boundaries in and around Lerwick, Tingwall and Quarff.

### **South Ayrshire**

Our proposals for wards in South Ayrshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 28 councillors representing 4 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, reducing councillor numbers by 2. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 27 councillors but during our consideration of South Ayrshire Council’s response to the consultation with councils on ward boundaries we agreed 28 councillors to better preserve local ties.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in ward 8;
- make no changes to wards 1, 2 and 3;
- amend ward boundaries in Ayr and Carrick; and
- take account of community council areas in ward designs.

### **South Lanarkshire**

Our proposals for wards in South Lanarkshire council area present an electoral arrangement for 64 councillors representing 16 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards, reducing councillor numbers in the area by 3.

Our proposals for the council area:

- adopt suggestions from South Lanarkshire Council to maintain local ties;
- improve overall forecast parity;
- address forecast disparities in wards 9 (East Kilbride West), 10 (East Kilbride East), 13 (Cambuslang West), 14 (Cambuslang East), 15 (Blantyre) and 17 (Hamilton North and East);
- make no changes to wards 1 (Clydesdale West), 2 (Clydesdale North), 3 (Clydesdale East), 4 (Clydesdale South), 16 (Bothwell and Uddingston), 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock) and 20 (Larkhall);
- make changes to ward boundaries by Blantyre, Cambuslang, East Kilbride and Hamilton;
- reduce the number of councillors in the Avondale and Stonehouse ward, East Kilbride Central North ward and Blantyre ward; and
- make no changes to ward names.

### **Stirling**

Our proposals for wards in Stirling council area present an electoral arrangement for 23 councillors representing 5 3-member wards and 2 4-member wards, increasing councillor numbers in the area by 1.

Our proposals for the council area:

- amend ward boundaries in the vicinity of Bridge of Allan, Stirling and Dunblane; and
- use the River Forth and the M9 motorway as easily-identifiable boundaries.

### **West Dunbartonshire**

Our proposals for wards in West Dunbartonshire council area retain an electoral arrangement for 22 councillors representing 2 3-member wards and 4 4-member wards.

Our proposals for the council area:

- improve overall forecast parity;
- make no changes to ward names;
- contain all of Loch Lomond and Trossachs National Park area that overlies the council area within a single ward; and
- make changes to ward boundaries throughout the council area to align with community council areas.

### **West Lothian**

Our proposals for wards in West Lothian council area retain an electoral arrangement for 33 councillors representing 3 3-member wards and 6 4-member wards. Our methodology for calculating councillor numbers proposed 34 councillors but during our consideration of

ward designs we agreed 33 councillors because an additional councillor would result in changes to 3 ward boundaries and break local community ties.

Our proposals for the council area make no changes to councillor numbers, ward boundaries or ward names.