

## 2018 Review of Westminster Constituencies Constituency names and designations

### Action required

1. The Commission is invited to agree the names and designations of the constituencies forming its Initial Proposals which are due for publication for public consultation on 20 October 2016.

### Background

2. The Commission has agreed most of the boundaries of the constituencies which will form its Initial Proposals in a series of papers at its meetings since June 2016. In those papers, a provisional name has been given to each constituency. The papers did not propose a county or burgh designation for constituencies. It is expected that the Commission will agree its final Initial Proposals at its September 2016 meeting.
3. The Commission has set out its policies on the naming and designation of constituencies in its Policies and Procedures booklet for the Review, which is reproduced at Appendix A.
4. This paper draws together the provisional names for all constituencies, suggests possible alternatives in some cases, and suggests a burgh or county designation for each constituency. That information appears at Appendix B.
5. The Commission published an Information Paper in February 2011 listing and indexing past constituency names. That 15-page Information Paper is not included as part of this paper, but is available on the Commission's website, [http://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/publications/information\\_papers/constituency\\_names\\_since\\_1950.pdf](http://www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/publications/information_papers/constituency_names_since_1950.pdf)

### Constituency names

6. Appendix B lists for each council area the names of Initial Proposal constituencies as presented in papers considered at meetings, including those tabled for the September meeting, current UK Parliament constituencies and current Scottish Parliament constituencies. For each constituency an asterisk in the column headed "Pt" indicates that the constituency is only *partly* within that council area.

### Recommendation

7. The Commission is invited to agree names and designations for its Initial Proposal constituencies

Secretariat  
August 2016

## Appendix A

### Extract from 2018 Review of Westminster Constituencies: Policies and Procedures

#### Naming and designation of constituencies

1.1 As part of a review, we recommend a name for each constituency, and whether it should be designated as a county constituency or a burgh constituency. The designation affects the expenses allowable at elections.

1.1.1 We have developed a set of guidelines when proposing names for constituencies:

- to use an existing constituency name where there is a successor constituency that is recognisably similar;
- to prefer constituency names that are short rather than attempt to describe an area exhaustively;
- to ensure that names of Scottish Parliament constituencies in general differ from those of Westminster constituencies where an appropriate and distinct alternative is available. Relying on word order alone (e.g. "Glasgow East" and "East Glasgow") or conjunctions (e.g. "North and East Fife" and "North East Fife") is generally not a sufficient difference;
- not to place compass points at the beginning of a name, in order to help make an alphabetically sorted list easier to use. We make an exception if a constituency is named after a council area or town which has a compass point at the start of its name (such as East Lothian or East Kilbride); and
- not to use the same name for a constituency and a council area unless the two are coterminous.

1.1.2 We take account of local views when recommending names for constituencies, and find suggestions from local authorities particularly useful.

1.1.3 We are required to designate each constituency as either a burgh or a county constituency, but the legislation does not define these terms. We consider that constituencies comprising predominantly urban areas will normally be designated as burgh constituencies, and constituencies which are predominantly rural will normally be designated as county constituencies.

Council area	Draft Initial Proposals	Pt	Desig.	Approx. Area	Existing constituencies	Desig.	Pt	Scottish Parliament constituencies	Desig.	Pt	Comments. Suggested alternative names
Aberdeen City	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South	Burgh Burgh		104 101	Aberdeen North Aberdeen South Gordon	Burgh Burgh County *		Aberdeen Central Aberdeen Donside Aberdeen South and North Kincardine	Burgh Burgh County *		
Aberdeenshire	Banff and Buchan Aberdeenshire Central Kincardine and Angus East	County County * County		1,760 3,411 1,527	Banff and Buchan Gordon West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine	County County County		Aberdeen South and North Kincardine Aberdeenshire East Aberdeenshire West Angus North and Mearns Banffshire and Buchan Coast	County County County County County *		'Aberdeenshire Central' alternative suggestion of Gordon and West Aberdeenshire or Gordon and Deeside
Angus	Kincardine and Angus East Dundee East and the Glens	* County * County		1,527 1,861	Angus Dundee East Dundee West	County Burgh Burgh *		Angus North and Mearns Angus South	County County		'Dundee East and the Glens' - Commission suggested Angus Glens and Dundee East
Argyll and Bute	Argyll and Lochaber	* County		10,301	Argyll and Bute	County		Argyll and Bute Dumbarton	County County *		'Argyll and Lochaber' - alternative suggestion of Argyll, Bute and Lochaber. Bute has appeared in a constituency name continuously since at least 1950
Clackmannanshire	Stirling North and Clackmannanshire	* County		1,803	Ochil and South Perthshire	County		Clackmannanshire and Dunblane	County *		
Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries and Galloway Clydesdale and Eskdale	County * County		4,126 3,765	Dumfries and Galloway Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	County County *		Dumfriesshire Galloway and West Dumfries	County County		'Dumfries and Galloway' - does not exactly cover Dumfries and Galloway council area. 'Clydesdale and Eskdale' alternative suggestion of Lanark and Eskdale
Dundee City	Dundee East and the Glens Dundee Central	* County Burgh		1,861 43	Dundee East Dundee West	Burgh Burgh *		Dundee City East Dundee City West	Burgh Burgh		'Dundee East and the Glens' - Commission suggested Angus Glens and Dundee East
East Ayrshire	Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley East Renfrewshire and Irvine Valley	* County * County		1,082 438	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock Kilmarnock and Loudoun	County County *		Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley Kilmarnock and Irvine Valley	County County		'East Renfrewshire and Irvine Valley' does not include all of East Renfrewshire council area. Eastwood, Annick and Irvine Valley - adopts Scottish Parliament and ward names
East Dunbartonshire	Bearsden and Kirkintilloch (Option 1) Milngavie and Kirkintilloch (Option 2) Glasgow North and Bishopbriggs (Option 3) Glasgow Northwest and Bearsden (Option 3)	County County * County * Burgh		152 166 145 58	Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East East Dunbartonshire	County County		Clydebank and Milngavie Glasgow Provan Strathkelvin and Bearsden	County Burgh County *		
East Lothian	East Lothian	County		700	East Lothian	County		East Lothian Midlothian North and Musselburgh	County County *		
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire and Irvine Valley Paisley and Barrhead	* County * Burgh		438 102	East Renfrewshire	County		Eastwood Renfrewshire South	County County *		'East Renfrewshire and Irvine Valley' does not include all of East Renfrewshire council area. Eastwood, Annick and Irvine Valley - adopts Scottish Parliament and ward names 'Paisley and Barrhead' alternative suggestion of Paisley and Renfrew
Edinburgh, City of	Edinburgh East (Option 2) Edinburgh North and Leith (Option 2) Edinburgh South West and Central (Option 2) Edinburgh West (Option 2) Livingston and Pentland	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh * Burgh		40 22 36 89 226	Edinburgh East Edinburgh North and Leith Edinburgh South Edinburgh South West Edinburgh West	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh		Edinburgh Central Edinburgh Eastern Edinburgh Northern and Leith Edinburgh Pentlands Edinburgh Southern Edinburgh Western	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh		
Falkirk	Stirling South and Falkirk North (Option 1) Falkirk South (Option 1)	* County County		750 181	Falkirk Linlithgow and East Falkirk	County County *		Falkirk East Falkirk West	County County		
Fife	Cupar and St Andrews (Option 1 updated) Dunfermline (Option 1 updated) Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy (Option 1 updated) Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath (Option 1 updated)	County County County * County		967 236 133 1,608	Dunfermline and West Fife Glenrothes Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath North East Fife	County County County County		Cowdenbeath Dunfermline Kirkcaldy Mid Fife and Glenrothes North East Fife	County County County County County		'Cupar and St Andrews' - alternative suggestion Fife East. (North East Fife retains UK Parliament name but also used by Scottish Parliament). 'Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath' - alternative suggestion of Kinross-shire and Mid-Fife or Kinross-shire and Fife Central
Glasgow City	Glasgow East (Option 1, 2, 3) Glasgow Central (Option 1) Glasgow North (Option 1, 2) Glasgow Southeast (Option 1, 2, 3) Glasgow Southwest (Option 1, 2, 3) Glasgow West (Option 1, 2) Glasgow Central (Option 2) Glasgow North and Bishopbriggs (Option 3) Glasgow North East (Option 3) Glasgow Northwest and Bearsden (Option 3) Glasgow West and Central (Option 3) West Dunbartonshire and Yoker (Option 3)	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh * County Burgh * County Burgh * County		42, 33, 31 21 35, 38 27, 20, 27 31, 33, 31 20, 30 21 145 40 58 16 185	Glasgow Central Glasgow East Glasgow North Glasgow North East Glasgow North West Glasgow South Glasgow South West	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh		Glasgow Anniesland Glasgow Cathcart Glasgow Kelvin Glasgow Maryhill and Springburn Glasgow Pollock Glasgow Provan Glasgow Shettleston Glasgow Southside Strathkelvin and Bearsden	Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh County *		'Glasgow Southeast' - alternative suggestion Glasgow South East 'Glasgow Southwest' - alternative suggestion Glasgow South West  'Glasgow Northwest and Bearsden' alternative suggestion Glasgow North West and Bearsden
Highland	Argyll and Lochaber Highland North Inverness and Skye Moray and Nairn	* County County County * County		10,301 12,981 9,999 2,612	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey Ross, Skye and Lochaber	County County County		Caithness, Sutherland and Ross Inverness and Nairn Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch	County County County		'Argyll and Lochaber' - rename as Argyll, Bute and Lochaber. Bute which has appeared in a constituency name continuously since at least 1950 'Highland North' rename as Caithness, Sutherland and Ross and Cromarty
Inverclyde	Inverclyde and Largs	* County		786	Inverclyde	County		Greenock and Inverclyde Renfrewshire North and West	County County *		
Midlothian	Midlothian and Peebles	* County		1,099	Midlothian	County		Midlothian North and Musselburgh Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County County *		Historically been a Midlothian and Peebles constituency
Moray	Moray and Nairn	* County		2,612	Moray	County		Banffshire and Buchan Moray	County County		
North Ayrshire	Cunninghame South West Renfrewshire Inverclyde and Largs	County * County * County		228 283 785	Central Ayrshire North Ayrshire and Arran	County County		Cunninghame North Cunninghame South	County County		'Cunninghame South' - no Cunninghame North, therefore suggest Ayrshire Central and Arran.
North Lanarkshire	Airdrie South and Motherwell North Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill Airdrie and Cumbernauld Hamilton and Motherwell	* County Burgh County County		176 82 187 126	Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East Motherwell and Wishaw	County Burgh County Burgh		Airdrie and Shotts Coatbridge and Chryston Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Motherwell and Wishaw Uddingston and Bellshill	Burgh Burgh County Burgh Burgh *		'Airdrie and Cumbernauld' alternative suggestion Airdrie, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth or Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Monklands East 'Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill' alternative suggestion of Monklands West 'Airdrie South and Motherwell North' alternative suggestion Chapelhall and Motherwell North
Perth and Kinross	Perthshire Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath	County * County		3,981 1,608	Ochil and South Perthshire Perth and North Perthshire	County County		Perthshire North Perthshire South and Kinross-shire	County County		'Perthshire' alternative suggestion of North Tayside or Perth and North Perthshire 'Kinross-shire and Cowdenbeath' - alternative suggestion of Kinross-shire and Mid-Fife or Kinross-shire and Fife Central
Renfrewshire	Paisley and Barrhead West Renfrewshire	* Burgh * County		102 284	Paisley and Renfrewshire North Paisley and Renfrewshire South	County County		Paisley Renfrewshire North and West Renfrewshire South	Burgh County County *		'Paisley and Barrhead' alternative suggestion of Paisley and Renfrew
Scottish Borders	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk Midlothian and Peebles	County * County		3,999 1,099	Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale	County County *		Ettrick, Roxburgh and Berwickshire Midlothian South, Tweeddale and Lauderdale	County County *		
South Ayrshire	Ayr, Troon and South Ayrshire Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	County * County		1,106 1,082	Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock Central Ayrshire	County County *		Ayr Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley	Burgh County *		'Ayr, Troon and South Ayrshire' - alternative suggestion of Ayr and South Ayrshire
South Lanarkshire	Clydesdale and Eskdale East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow Hamilton and Motherwell Rutherglen and Hamilton West	* County County * County Burgh		3,765 403 126 57	Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow Lanark and Hamilton East Rutherglen and Hamilton West	County County County Burgh		Clydesdale East Kilbride Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse Rutherglen Uddingston and Bellshill	County Burgh Burgh Burgh Burgh *		'Clydesdale and Eskdale' alternative suggestion Lanark and Eskdale
Stirling	Stirling North and Clackmannanshire (Option 1) Stirling South and Falkirk North (Option 1)	* County * County		1,803 750	Stirling	County		Clackmannanshire and Dunblane Stirling	County County		
West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire and Milngavie (Option 1) West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden (Option 2) West Dunbartonshire and Yoker (Option 3)	* County * County * County		205 191 185	West Dunbartonshire	County		Clydebank and Milngavie Dumbarton	County County *		
West Lothian	Linlithgow Livingston and Pentland	Burgh * Burgh		290 226	Linlithgow and East Falkirk Livingston	County County		Almond Valley Linlithgow	County County		