

## 2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Constituency names and designations

### Action required

1. The Commission is invited to finalise constituency names and the designation of constituencies for its Revised Proposals.
2. The constituencies covering Clackmannanshire, Falkirk, Fife, Perth and Kinross and Stirling council areas are provisional as the Commission has not yet agreed its Revised Proposals for those areas.

### Names

3. The Commission's policy governing the naming of constituencies is detailed in the 2018 Review Policies and Procedures booklet, an extract of "Naming and designation of constituencies" is at Appendix A.
4. The Commission's Information Paper "Constituency names in Scotland since 1950" can also be found on the website in the publications section:  
[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). A copy has been printed and is enclosed.
5. Appendix B lists the constituencies that comprise the Revised Proposals. The spreadsheet compares proposed constituency names, names from the initial proposals and suggested names. The notes section identifies constituencies that may warrant further review.

### Designations

6. Appendix C lists each constituency in the Revised Proposals in descending order of area, with its proposed designation.
7. The designation of constituencies in the Initial Proposals was not raised as an issue during the public consultation. Therefore, where the boundary of a constituency has not changed the initially-proposed designation has been preserved.

### Recommendation

8. The Secretariat recommends that the Commission agrees its Revised Proposals for constituency names and designations.

Secretariat  
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## Appendix A – Extract from 2018 Review of Westminster Constituencies: Policies and Procedures Booklet

### 3.8 Naming and designation of constituencies

3.8.1 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.

3.8.2 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.

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

3.8.4 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.

## Appendix C - Revised Proposal constituencies and proposed designations

constituency	area (sq km)	designation
North Highland	12,985	county
Inverness and Skye	10,381	county
Argyll, Bute and Lochaber	9,916	county
Galloway and Dumfries	4,168	county
Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk	3,999	county
Gordon and Deeside	3,775	county
Dumfriesshire and Lanark	3,723	county
Moray and Nairn	2,612	county
Kincardine and Angus North	2,343	county
Banff and Buchan	1,776	county
Ayr and Carrick	1,107	county
Midlothian and Peebles	1,099	county
Kilmarnock, Cumnock and Doon Valley	1,082	county
East Lothian	701	county
Arran and Cunninghame	667	county
Angus South and Dundee East	607	county
Eastwood and Loudoun	437	county
East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow	403	county
West Renfrewshire	382	county
Linlithgow	289	county
Inverclyde	244	county
Edinburgh Pentland and Livingston	226	county
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Monklands East	188	county
West Dunbartonshire and Bearsden North	188	county
Airdrie South and Shotts	175	county
Milngavie and Kirkintilloch	169	county
Aberdeen North	133	burgh
Aberdeen South	131	burgh
Hamilton and Motherwell	125	burgh
Paisley	106	burgh
Edinburgh West	91	burgh
Monklands West	83	burgh
Rutherglen and Hamilton West	57	burgh
Dundee	43	burgh
Edinburgh East	40	burgh
Edinburgh South and South West	38	burgh
Glasgow North	38	burgh
Glasgow East	33	burgh
Glasgow South West	33	burgh
Glasgow West	30	burgh
Glasgow South East	23	burgh
Edinburgh North and Leith	20	burgh
Glasgow Central	20	burgh
<i>TBC</i>	<i>Approx.</i>	
<i>Clackmannanshire and Dunfermline</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>Dunfermline and Mid-Fife</i>	<i>218</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>East Stirlingshire</i>	<i>293</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>Falkirk</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>Burgh</i>
<i>North East Fife</i>	<i>834</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>Perthshire</i>	<i>3,981</i>	<i>County</i>
<i>West Stirlingshire and South Perthshire</i>	<i>3,523</i>	<i>County</i>

