

2018 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Preparation for publication of Revised Proposals

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to note the preparations being made for publication of its Revised Proposals for constituencies and offer comment on the general approach and draft materials.

Background

2. At its meeting of 8 August 2017, the Commission considered Paper 2017/80 and made suggestions on early draft versions of its Summary of Revised Proposals Booklet and Display Posters.

Publication date

3. The Boundary Commission for England and Boundary Commission for Wales have confirmed that they will both publish their Revised Proposals on Tuesday 17 October 2017. If the Commission agrees to publish its Revised Proposals on this date it will likely increase media coverage.

Consultation Portal

4. The boundaries of the Revised Proposals, Initial Proposals and existing constituency boundaries, as well as other boundaries will be available to view on the consultation portal. Constituencies can be searched by postcode or council area. Further information, such as comments from the consultations on the Initial Proposals, Revised Proposals Booklet, Policies and Procedures Booklet, maps etc will be available to view and download as well. The Secretariat have commenced user-acceptance testing and will the Commission informed if there are any issues.

Publication Materials

5. The following revised materials are attached for comment:
 - draft News Release – see Appendix A;
 - draft Summary of Revised Proposals Booklet – see Appendix B; and
 - draft Display Poster – see Appendix C.

Media briefing

6. A media briefing will be arranged for the day prior to publication. Professor Henderson has agreed to handle media interviews, subject to availability and the Scotland Office media office have agreed to offer guidance and support for the briefing.

Delivery of materials to MPs

7. The Boundary Commission for England and Boundary Commission for Wales will both deliver their revised proposals to MPs at Westminster on Monday 16th October 2017. If the Commission agrees to publish its revised proposals on the same date, members of the Secretariat will join them and distribute materials to Scottish MPs at the same time.

Website and social media

8. The website will be updated and have all the revised proposals publication materials available to download as well as all the minutes and meeting papers from the Commission's meetings where the Revised Proposals have been discussed and developed.

9. Social media (Twitter and Facebook) will also be used to publicise the Revised Proposals.

Recommendation

10. The Secretariat recommends that the Commission:

- agree to publish its Revised Proposals on 17 October 2017; and
- provides any suggestions and comments on the draft publication material for its Revised Proposals.

**Secretariat
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