

## **Draft BCS Corporate Plan 2019-2022**

### **Action required**

- The Commission is invited to consider the Draft Corporate Plan for the period April 2019 to March 2022 which appears at Appendix A.

### **Discussion**

- There is a degree of uncertainty over the workload of the Commission, as at the time of writing, the recommendations of the UK Boundaries Commissions from the 2018 Review have not been laid before Parliament. This Corporate Plan assumes that the Commission will not undertake further review work until the 2023 Review, which is expected to begin in early 2021, and is required to report by 1 October 2023. Primary legislation would be required to change the reporting date of the 2023 Review.
- The costs in the Corporate Plan are therefore based upon minimal Commission activity in 2019-20 and for most of 2020-21: with the Commission becoming more active in the final quarter of 2020-21, and being very active in 2021-22, when it expects to decide and consult upon its Initial Proposals for Constituencies for the 2023 Review.
- There is also a degree of uncertainty in the workload of Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS), with which the Commission shares the Secretariat. The LGBCS is yet to confirm its work timetable for the next Scottish Parliament and local authority electoral reviews. This may affect the staffing level of the Secretariat.
- Once the Plan has been agreed with the Commission and with the Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland, it will be placed on the Commission's website.

### **Conclusion**

- The Commission is invited to provide any comments on the draft Corporate Plan.

**Secretariat  
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