

2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies Final recommendations – East Renfrewshire Council Area

Action required

1. The Commission is invited to agree paragraphs 2 to 16 of this report as part of the text for its Final Report. The Commission is also invited, in paragraph 17, to agree its Final Recommendations for constituencies in East Renfrewshire Council area.

Constituencies at the start of this review

2. At the start of this review, East Renfrewshire Council area was covered by a single constituency, coterminous with East Renfrewshire Council area boundary. The constituency is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - Constituencies at the start of this review

Current constituency	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	County	72,959

Initial Proposals

3. Our proposed grouping for this area included one constituency exactly covering the extent of East Renfrewshire Council area.
4. We discussed our Initial Proposals for this council area in Paper 2021/10. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 12 April 2021. We agreed proposed constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2021/24. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 23 August 2021.
5. In deciding upon our Initial Proposals for East Renfrewshire Council area we agreed to retain the existing constituency, it followed the East Renfrewshire Council area boundary.
6. Our Initial Proposals were as shown in Table 2. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Initial Proposals were included in the maps of our Initial Proposals which are available on our website.

Table 2 – Initial Proposals

Constituency name	Council area	Designation	Electorate
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	County	72,959

7. On 14 October 2021 we published our Initial Proposals for this council area for the specified initial consultation period of eight weeks.
8. We received 12 representations in response to the initial consultation on our Initial Proposals for East Renfrewshire Council area.
9. On 10 February 2022 we published the representations we received during the consultation for the specified secondary consultation period of six weeks. In

response, we received a further two representations concerning East Renfrewshire Council area.

Revised Proposals

10. We considered the representations received on our Initial Proposals in this council area in Paper 2022/07. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 9 May 2022.
11. There was little support or opposition to the proposals and no alternative suggestions were submitted.
12. Some representations contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review. These mainly opposed a reduction in the number of MP's in Scotland. We did not consider those suggestions further.
13. After considering all responses to the consultation we decided to retain our Initial Proposals.
14. We agreed revised constituency names and designations after considering Paper 2022/20. Our discussion and conclusions are recorded in the minutes of our meeting of 18 July 2022.
15. Our Revised Proposals are shown in Table 3. Details of the wards contained within each constituency in the Revised Proposals were included in the maps of our Revised Proposals which are available on our website.

Table 3 - Revised Proposals

Constituency name	Council areas	Designation	Electorate
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire	County	72,959

16. On 8 November 2022 we published our Revised Proposals for an East Renfrewshire constituency for the specified consultation period of four weeks. A map of the Revised Proposals is at Appendix A.

Draft Final Recommendations

17. The Commission is invited to consider the representations received, agree if any changes are required to its Revised Proposals and agree its Final Recommendations.

Responses to Revised Proposals Public Consultation

18. Two responses (see Annex) were received during the consultation on the Revised Proposals for East Renfrewshire Council area.
19. Some representations were made nationally, that contained suggestions that did not comply with the statutory rules governing this review or which reflected general opposition to the 2023 Review, they mainly opposed a reduction in the number of MP's in Scotland.

Consideration of Representations

20. There were two responses for the Revised Proposals in East Renfrewshire.

21. One response supported the Revised Proposals. The other respondent suggested restoring the historical county of Renfrewshire.
22. The Renfrewshire County included: East Renfrewshire; Inverclyde; and Renfrewshire Council areas. The electorate of these areas is 271,515, too many for a single constituency.
23. The existing East Renfrewshire constituency has broadly remained unchanged since the 1950's, although its name was Eastwood between 1983 – 2005.

Constituency Name

24. The Commission will have the opportunity to review the constituency name and designation prior to the publication of its Final Recommendations.

Conclusion and Recommendations

25. Taking into account all of the evidence arising from the public consultation on the Revised Proposals, the Secretariat invites the Commission to agree its Final Recommendations for East Renfrewshire Council area, subject to consideration of all other constituencies.

Secretariat
February 2023

Annex: Summary of Representations received during public consultation on Revised Proposals

Members of the public

1. A member of the public (12551) stated “I support strongly restoration of the historic county of Renfrewshire. East Renfrewshire was created by political expediency in 1996. The Review is an opportunity to restore Renfrewshire's old boundaries.”

National political parties

2. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist party (13039) stated they “accept the constituencies proposed for this grouping of councils.”

Others

3. There were nearly 90 local and nationwide responses that made general comments regarding the review or made comments out-with the legislation for this review.

Appendix A

East Renfrewshire - Existing Constituency, Initial Proposals and Revised Proposals

