



## **INFORMATION PAPER**

# **UK PARLIAMENT CONSTITUENCIES IN SCOTLAND: 2005 - 2024**

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This paper explains the 59 UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland from 2005 to 2024, and their relationship with local government boundaries in Scotland.

These constituencies resulted from our Fifth Periodical Report which was published in November 2004. The recommendations of the report were enacted by the Parliamentary Constituencies (Scotland) Order 2005 (SI 2005/250).

A summary of the main rules and their application during the Fifth Review were:

- no minimum number of constituencies in Scotland.
- all constituencies should be as near the electoral quota as practicable. The electorate quota was based on the quota for England. This was 69,934. As a consequence this had a significant impact on the number of recommended constituencies which was 59.
- the Commission may depart from the strict application of electoral parity if special geographical considerations apply. According to the report this rule was not applied, although a: Western Isles constituency, renamed Na h-Eileanan an Iar, with 21,884 electors; Ross, Skye and Lochaber constituency with 49,544 electors; and Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross constituency with 46,533 electors were recommended. All other constituencies were within a range of 62,214 and 78,675 electors, within 15% of the electorate quota.
- regard shall be had to the boundaries of local authority areas.
- Orkney and Shetland was designated a reserved constituency and out-with the review.

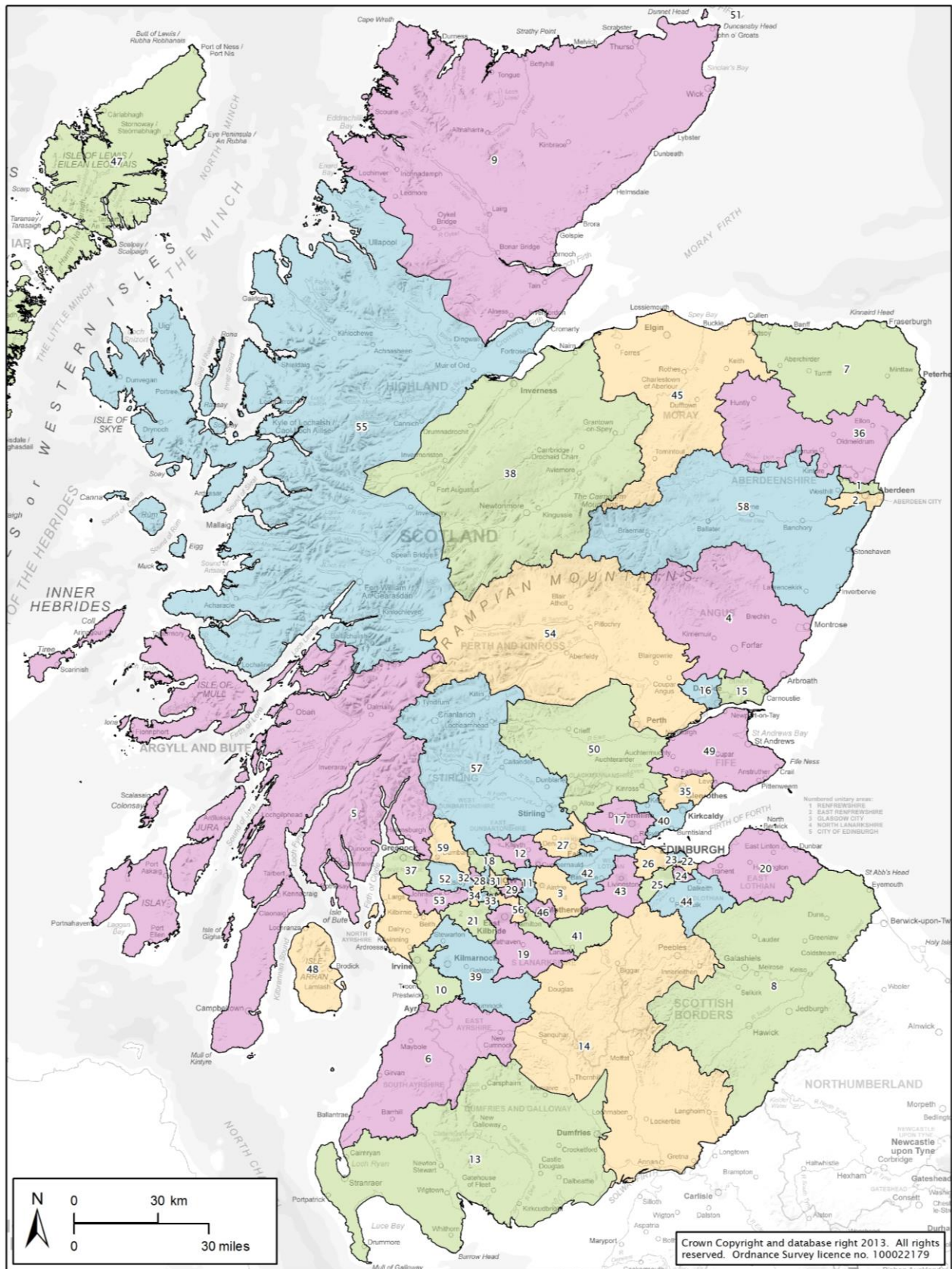
These constituencies were contested in General Elections on 5 May 2005, 6 May 2010, 7 May 2015, 8 June 2017 and 12 December 2019.

Each constituency is designated as either a county constituency or a burgh constituency. These designations affect the allowable expenses by candidates during elections.

An alphabetical list of the constituencies is at Appendix A.

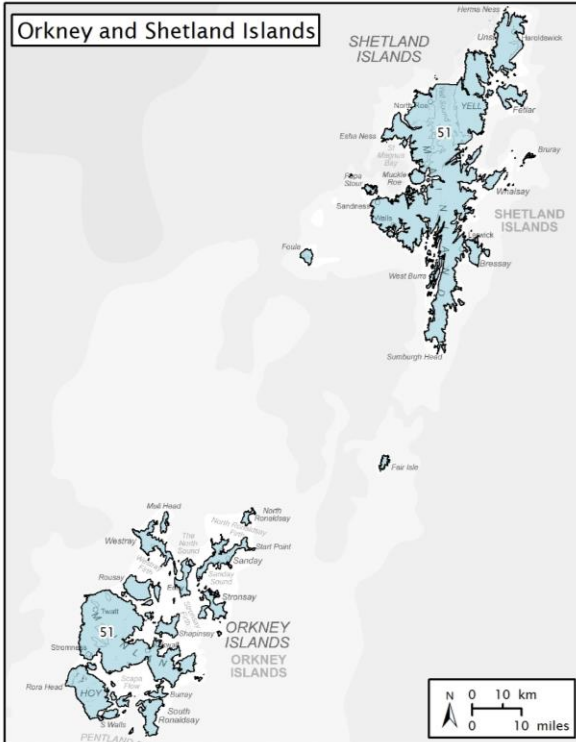
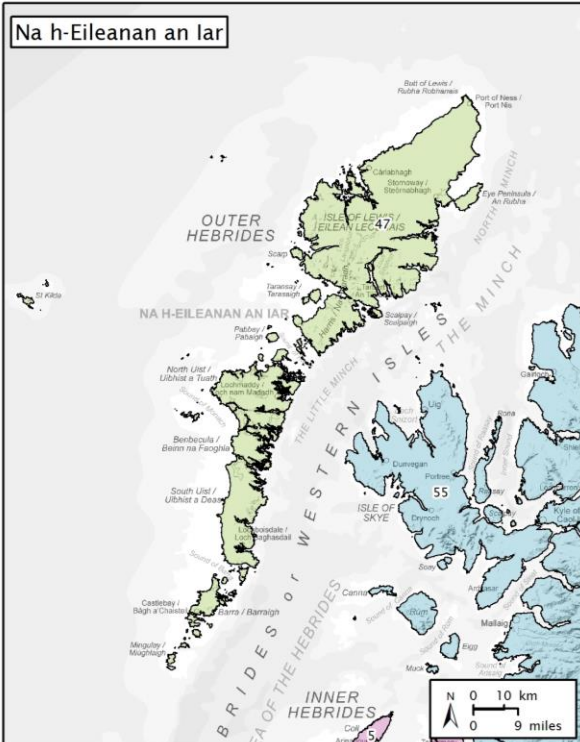
A list of which constituencies cover each of Scotland's 32 local government areas appears at Appendix B.

### UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland: 2005 onwards

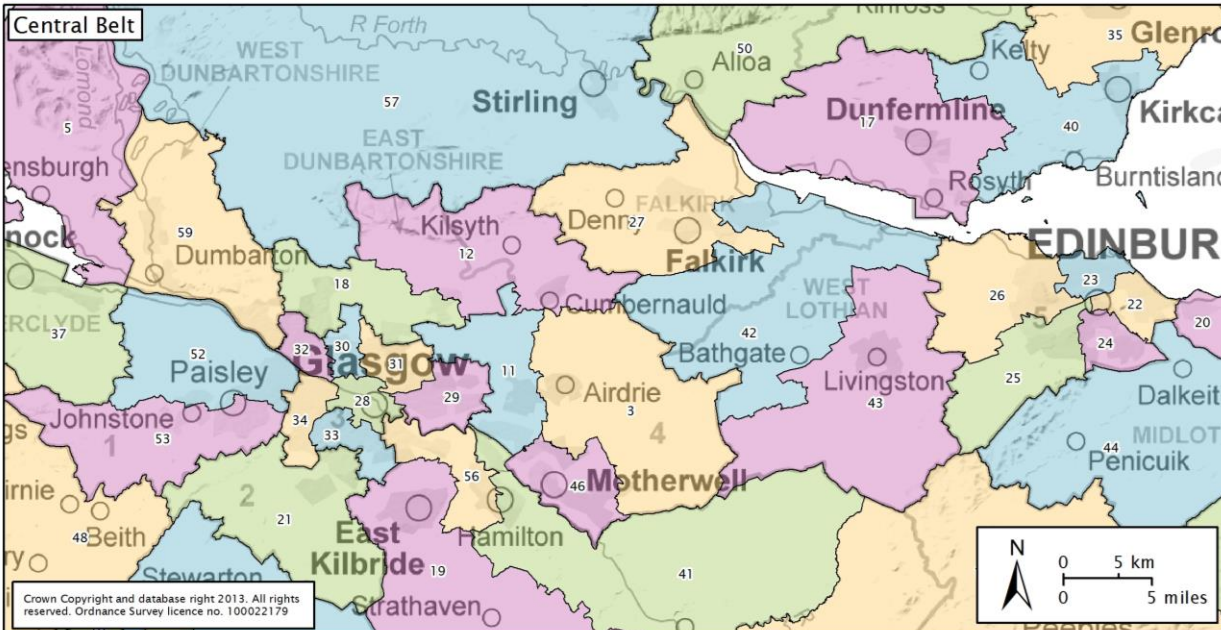




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|----|---------------------------------------------|--------|----|------------------------------------------|--------|----|-------------------------------------------|--------|----|-----------------------------------|--------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Aberdeen North                              | burgh  | 16 | Dundee West                              | burgh  | 31 | Glasgow North East                        | burgh  | 46 | Motherwell and Wishaw             | burgh  | 61 | West Dunbartonshire |
| 2  | Aberdeen South                              | burgh  | 17 | Dunfermline and West Fife                | county | 32 | Glasgow North West                        | burgh  | 47 | Na h-Eileanan an Iar              | burgh  | 62 | West Lothian        |
| 3  | Airdrie and Shotts                          | county | 18 | East Dunbartonshire                      | county | 33 | Glasgow South                             | burgh  | 48 | North Ayrshire and Arran          | burgh  | 63 | West of Scotland    |
| 4  | Angus                                       | county | 19 | East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow | county | 34 | Glasgow South West                        | burgh  | 49 | North East Fife                   | burgh  | 64 | West of Scotland    |
| 5  | Argyll and Bute                             | county | 20 | East Lothian                             | county | 35 | Glenrothes                                | county | 50 | Ochil and South Perthshire        | county | 65 | West of Scotland    |
| 6  | Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock                    | county | 21 | East Renfrewshire                        | county | 36 | Gordon                                    | county | 51 | Orkney and Shetland               | county | 66 | West of Scotland    |
| 7  | Banff and Buchan                            | county | 22 | Edinburgh East                           | burgh  | 37 | Inverclyde                                | county | 52 | Paisley and Renfrewshire North    | county | 67 | West of Scotland    |
| 8  | Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk          | county | 23 | Edinburgh North and Leith                | burgh  | 38 | Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey | county | 53 | Paisley and Renfrewshire South    | county | 68 | West of Scotland    |
| 9  | Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross       | county | 24 | Edinburgh South                          | burgh  | 39 | Kilmarnock and Loudoun                    | county | 54 | Perth and North Perthshire        | county | 69 | West of Scotland    |
| 10 | Central Ayrshire                            | county | 25 | Edinburgh South West                     | burgh  | 40 | Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath                 | county | 55 | Ross, Skye and Lochaber           | burgh  | 70 | West of Scotland    |
| 11 | Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill          | burgh  | 26 | Edinburgh West                           | burgh  | 41 | Linark and Hamilton East                  | county | 56 | Rutherglen and Hamilton West      | burgh  | 71 | West of Scotland    |
| 12 | Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East | county | 27 | Falkirk                                  | burgh  | 42 | Linlithgow and East Falkirk               | county | 57 | Stirling                          | burgh  | 72 | West of Scotland    |
| 13 | Dumfries and Galloway                       | county | 28 | Glasgow Central                          | county | 43 | Livingston                                | county | 58 | West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine | county | 73 | West of Scotland    |
| 14 | Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale     | county | 29 | Glasgow East                             | burgh  | 44 | Midlothian                                | county | 59 | West Dunbartonshire               | burgh  | 74 | West of Scotland    |
| 15 | Dundee East                                 | burgh  | 30 | Glasgow North                            | burgh  | 45 | Moray                                     | county |    |                                   |        |    |                     |



## Appendix A – Constituency names and designations

There are 19 burgh constituencies and 40 county constituencies.

| Constituency name                           | Designation |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Aberdeen North                              | Burgh       |
| Aberdeen South                              | Burgh       |
| Airdrie and Shotts                          | County      |
| Angus                                       | County      |
| Argyll and Bute                             | County      |
| Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock                    | County      |
| Banff and Buchan                            | County      |
| Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk          | County      |
| Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross       | County      |
| Central Ayrshire                            | County      |
| Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill          | Burgh       |
| Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East | County      |
| Dumfries and Galloway                       | County      |
| Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale     | County      |
| Dundee East                                 | Burgh       |
| Dundee West                                 | Burgh       |
| Dunfermline and West Fife                   | County      |
| East Dunbartonshire                         | County      |
| East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow    | County      |
| East Lothian                                | County      |
| East Renfrewshire                           | County      |
| Edinburgh East                              | Burgh       |
| Edinburgh North and Leith                   | Burgh       |
| Edinburgh South                             | Burgh       |
| Edinburgh South West                        | Burgh       |
| Edinburgh West                              | Burgh       |
| Falkirk                                     | County      |
| Glasgow Central                             | Burgh       |
| Glasgow East                                | Burgh       |
| Glasgow North                               | Burgh       |
| Glasgow North East                          | Burgh       |
| Glasgow North West                          | Burgh       |
| Glasgow South                               | Burgh       |
| Glasgow South West                          | Burgh       |
| Glenrothes                                  | County      |
| Gordon                                      | County      |
| Inverclyde                                  | County      |
| Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey   | County      |
| Kilmarnock and Loudoun <sup>1</sup>         | County      |
| Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath                   | County      |
| Lanark and Hamilton East                    | County      |
| Linlithgow and East Falkirk                 | County      |
| Livingston                                  | County      |

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<sup>1</sup> SI 2005/250, the Statutory Instrument which brought these constituencies into force, contained a typographic error which named the Kilmarnock and Loudoun constituency as Kilmarnock and Loudon.

*Appendix A - Constituency names and designations*

| <b>Constituency name</b>          | <b>Designation</b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Midlothian                        | County             |
| Moray                             | County             |
| Motherwell and Wishaw             | Burgh              |
| Na h-Eileanan an Iar              | County             |
| North Ayrshire and Arran          | County             |
| North East Fife                   | County             |
| Ochil and South Perthshire        | County             |
| Orkney and Shetland               | County             |
| Paisley and Renfrewshire North    | County             |
| Paisley and Renfrewshire South    | County             |
| Perth and North Perthshire        | County             |
| Ross, Skye and Lochaber           | County             |
| Rutherglen and Hamilton West      | Burgh              |
| Stirling                          | County             |
| West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine | County             |
| West Dunbartonshire               | County             |

## Appendix B - Coverage of local government areas

This Appendix lists the UK Parliament constituencies that are wholly contained or partly contained within each council area in Scotland.

| Council area           | Whole constituencies                                                                                     | Part constituencies                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aberdeen City          | Aberdeen North<br>Aberdeen South                                                                         | Gordon                                                                                                                                       |
| Aberdeenshire          | Banff and Buchan<br>West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine                                                    | Gordon                                                                                                                                       |
| Angus                  | Angus                                                                                                    | Dundee East<br>Dundee West                                                                                                                   |
| Argyll and Bute        | Argyll and Bute                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                              |
| Clackmannanshire       |                                                                                                          | Ochil and South Perthshire                                                                                                                   |
| Dumfries and Galloway  | Dumfries and Galloway                                                                                    | Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale                                                                                                      |
| Dundee City            |                                                                                                          | Dundee East<br>Dundee West                                                                                                                   |
| East Ayrshire          | Kilmarnock and Loudoun                                                                                   | Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock                                                                                                                     |
| East Dunbartonshire    |                                                                                                          | Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East<br>East Dunbartonshire (nearly all) <sup>2</sup><br>Glasgow North East (minor part) <sup>2</sup> |
| East Lothian           | East Lothian                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                              |
| East Renfrewshire      | East Renfrewshire                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                              |
| Edinburgh, City of     | Edinburgh East<br>Edinburgh North and Leith<br>Edinburgh South<br>Edinburgh South West<br>Edinburgh West |                                                                                                                                              |
| Eileanan an Iar, Na h- | Na h-Eileanan an Iar                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                              |
| Falkirk                | Falkirk                                                                                                  | Linlithgow and East Falkirk                                                                                                                  |
| Fife                   | Dunfermline and West Fife<br>Glenrothes<br>Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath<br>North East Fife                  | Ochil and South Perthshire (nearly all) <sup>4</sup>                                                                                         |

<sup>2</sup> The boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas near Robroyston was amended from 1 April 2011 after a boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. As a result, a minor part of Glasgow North East constituency was in East Dunbartonshire council area, and a minor part of East Dunbartonshire constituency was in Glasgow City council area.

<sup>3</sup> The boundary between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire council areas at Cardowan was amended from 1 April 2010 (SI2009/368) and again from 1 April 2019 (SI2018/308) after boundary reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. As a result of these reviews, a minor part of Glasgow East constituency was in North Lanarkshire council area, and a minor part of Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill constituency was in Glasgow City council area.

| Council area        | Whole constituencies                                                                                          | Part constituencies                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Glasgow City        | Glasgow Central<br>Glasgow North<br>Glasgow North West<br>Glasgow South<br>Glasgow South West                 | East Dunbartonshire (minor part) <sup>2</sup><br>Glasgow East (nearly all) <sup>3</sup><br>Glasgow North East (nearly all) <sup>2</sup> |
| Highland            | Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross<br>Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey<br>Ross, Skye and Lochaber |                                                                                                                                         |
| Inverclyde          | Inverclyde                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                         |
| Midlothian          | Midlothian                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                         |
| Moray               | Moray                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                         |
| North Ayrshire      | North Ayrshire and Arran                                                                                      | Central Ayrshire                                                                                                                        |
| North Lanarkshire   | Airdrie and Shotts<br>Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill<br>Motherwell and Wishaw                             | Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East<br>Glasgow East (minor part) <sup>3</sup>                                                   |
| Orkney Islands      |                                                                                                               | Orkney and Shetland                                                                                                                     |
| Perth and Kinross   | Perth and North Perthshire                                                                                    | Ochil and South Perthshire<br>Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath (minor) <sup>4</sup>                                                            |
| Renfrewshire        | Paisley and Renfrewshire North<br>Paisley and Renfrewshire South                                              |                                                                                                                                         |
| Scottish Borders    | Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk                                                                            | Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale                                                                                                 |
| Shetland Islands    |                                                                                                               | Orkney and Shetland                                                                                                                     |
| South Ayrshire      |                                                                                                               | Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock<br>Central Ayrshire                                                                                            |
| South Lanarkshire   | East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow<br>Lanark and Hamilton East<br>Rutherglen and Hamilton West          | Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale                                                                                                 |
| Stirling            | Stirling                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                         |
| West Dunbartonshire | West Dunbartonshire                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                         |
| West Lothian        | Livingston                                                                                                    | Linlithgow and East Falkirk                                                                                                             |

4 The boundary between Fife and Perth and Kinross council areas at Keltiebridge was amended from 2 February 2018 (SI2017/430) after a boundary review by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. As a result, a minor part of Ochil and South Perthshire was in Fife council area, and minor part of Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath constituency was in Perth and Kinross council area.