



Boundary Commission for Scotland

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Interim Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries at Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston

The Boundary Commission for Scotland is responsible for reviews of:

- UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland; and
- Scottish Parliament constituencies and regions.

We are an Advisory Non-departmental Public Body sponsored and wholly funded by the Scotland Office. We are independent and non-political. Our constitution, duties and powers are detailed in the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, and in Schedule 1 to the Scotland Act 1998.

Introduction

We are conducting an Interim Review of the Scottish Parliament constituency boundary between Glasgow Provan constituency and Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency, and the Scottish Parliament region boundary between Glasgow region and West Scotland region, at Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston.

Background

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland completed an administrative area boundary review of the boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas in March 2010. In its report to Scottish Ministers (Report no A10001), the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland recommended amendments to the council area boundary at Princes Gate and Greenacres by Robroyston, in order that the boundary no longer divided a number of houses. Scottish Ministers made an Order in October 2010 (SSI 2010/353) implementing the recommended changes, which came into force on 1 April 2011.

In our report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries (published in May 2010), we recommended Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundaries which coincided with the council area boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City council areas. These recommendations were implemented in time for the 2011 Scottish Parliament elections.

We noted in our report on the First Periodic Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries that the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland review had taken place and that an Order had not yet been made in response. We noted that, if necessary, we would conduct an Interim Review of the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in this area once an Order resulting from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland review had been made.

The result of SSI 2010/353 is that the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundary in the vicinity of Princes Gate differs from the boundary between Glasgow City and East Dunbartonshire council areas. The differences are small, affecting around 20 electors. Outwith this vicinity, Strathkelvin and Bearsden Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in East Dunbartonshire council area, and Glasgow Provan Scottish Parliament constituency is wholly contained in Glasgow City council area. Similarly, outwith this vicinity, East Dunbartonshire council area is wholly contained in West Scotland Scottish Parliament region, and Glasgow City council area is wholly contained in Glasgow Scottish Parliament region.

Interim Review

The Interim Review of the Scottish Parliament constituency and region boundaries in this area will allow the Scottish Parliament boundaries to be aligned with the council area boundary, and for the changes to come into force for the next Scottish Parliament elections in May 2016. We expect to complete our next full review of Scottish Parliament boundaries between 2018 and 2021.

The boundary between East Dunbartonshire UK Parliament constituency and Glasgow North East UK Parliament constituency is also out of alignment with the revised council area boundary in this area. However, under the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, there is no mechanism for an Interim Review of UK Parliament constituencies. We expect to carry out our next full review of UK Parliament constituencies between 2016 and 2018.

The proposed changes will result in the transfer of about 20 electors from Glasgow Provan to Strathkelvin and Bearsden constituency.

Scottish Parliament Constituency	Electorate December 2012	Change	Proposed electorate
Glasgow Provan	57,928	-20	57,908
Strathkelvin and Bearsden	61,303	+20	61,323

Information on the proposals, with illustrative maps, is available on our website www.bcomm-scotland.independent.gov.uk/2013_SP_interim/ and is being made available at locations in each of the council areas for the duration of the public consultation as follows:

- Bishopbriggs Library, 170 Kirkintilloch Road, Bishopbriggs G64 2LX
- Barmulloch Library, 46 Wallacewell Quadrant, Glasgow G21 3PX
- Milton Library, 204 Liddesdale Road, Glasgow G22 7AR
- Springburn Library, Kay Street, Glasgow G21 1JY

Representations regarding the proposals should be made to us by 17 May 2013. These can be made by:

- email to: comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk; or
- writing to: Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD

Further stages

We will consider all representations and may hold a local inquiry if we consider this necessary. We will make our final recommendations to the Secretary of State for Scotland later in 2013.