

**SECOND REVIEW OF SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT BOUNDARIES
BOUNDARIES SCOTLAND PROPOSALS**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report provides consultation on its proposals relating to the Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries.
- 1.2 Under the proposals the Argyll and Bute constituency boundary extends north and east to incorporate all of Council Electoral Ward 9, Lomond North. Wards 10 and 11 would remain in the existing West Dunbartonshire constituency. There is no suggestion that there would be any change to the constituency name.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council now consider the report and, if so minded, agree the proposals.

3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 The second W20(l)35(e) M3 350.58 TmETQ72.1 361.82 40.55 27.77

- 3.3 The population, and therefore the electorate is constantly changing, which results in some MSPs representing considerably more or fewer electors than others. This is one of the reasons for reviews to be carried out, in order to ensure electoral fairness. The electorate for the review consists of the persons on the register of local government electors in force at the start of the review, which for this second review was 1st September 2022. The electoral quota is defined as the average local government electorate of the 70 constituencies that are the subject of this review. The electoral quota for this review is 59,902, and the electorate of a constituency must be as near the electoral quota as practicable, having regard to Rule 1 (there are 73 constituencies for the purpose of the Act).
- 3.4 Boundaries Scotland have determined and are now consulting on these provisional proposals. If representations objecting to the provisional proposals are received either from a local authority or a

The Helensburgh Lomond Area Committee would, as necessary, need to work to two MSPs, but this would give 2 voices for the area at Scottish Parliament level.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Policy - none
- 5.2 Financial the costs of running an election will be slightly increased but these are met by the Government
- 5.3 Legal - none
- 5.4 HR there will be an increased burden on council staff in supporting elections covering the slightly enlarged area
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty - none
- 5.5.1 Equalities protected characteristics - none
- 5.5.2 Socio-economic Duty - none
- 5.5.3 Islands - none
- 5.6 Climate Change- none
- 5.7 Risk - none
- 5.8 Customer Service - none

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Appendix 1 - map of the existing geographic area Argyll and Bute constituency

Appendix 2 map of the proposed geographic area Argyll and Bute constituency