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REPORT TO: CITY COUNCIL – 22ND NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT ON: 2023 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

REPORT BY: HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SERVICES

REPORT NO: 322-2021

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To advise the Council of the Boundary Commission for Scotland's Initial Proposals for the Westminster Parliament Constituencies in Scotland.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The Council's instructions are sought.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 None.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Boundary Commission for Scotland is an independent, non-political body whose statutory purpose includes making recommendations for UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland. It is tasked to undertake a review of UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland, and it must submit to the Speaker a report containing its recommendations before 1 July 2023. The 2023 Review is being conducted simultaneously and independently by the four UK Parliamentary Boundary Commissions. It will result in a UK Parliament elected from 650 constituencies. The Boundary Commission for Scotland began its 2023 Review of UK Parliament constituencies in Scotland in January 2021.

4.2 For each constituency, the Commission must recommend a name and its designation as a burgh constituency or a county constituency. The review does not affect Scottish Parliament boundaries, council area or ward boundaries or any services within them.

4.3 The Commission's Initial Proposals for an 8-week consultation were published on 14 October 2021. The Initial Proposals can be found here <https://www.bcs2023review.com/>. The Commission welcomes all comments in opposition or support of the proposals via its consultation. The public consultations will inform any Revised Proposals in 2022.

4.4 In early 2022 it will publish all of the comments received during the initial consultation and will invite any further comments on these. At this time it will also hold between 2 and 5 public hearings. In late 2022 the Commission may publish revised proposals for consultation. The final recommendations will be submitted before 1 July 2023. The public consultation on the Initial Proposals runs from 14 October 2021 until 8 December 2021. Comments can be made in the following ways:

- On Consultation site: <https://www.bcs2023review.com/>
- in writing to: Boundary Commission for Scotland, Thistle House, 91 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD
- by email to: comments@scottishboundaries.gov.uk

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

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