



News Release Second Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries

Following consultation on its Further Proposals for constituencies and Provisional Proposals for regions Boundaries Scotland has agreed to hold two Local Inquiries in Paisley and Whitburn.

Paisley

The Paisley Local Inquiry will be held on 28 November 2024 at the Courtyard Glasgow Airport Hotel, Paisley and will be chaired by Assistant Commissioner Murphy. Two sessions will be held with the first starting at 2pm until 4pm and the second at 6pm until 8pm.

The Paisley Local Inquiry concerns proposed boundaries for the Scottish Parliament regions of Glasgow and West Scotland and the constituencies of Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald; and Renfrewshire West.

The Provisional Proposal for regions amended the existing Glasgow region boundary to include an Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald constituency. In response to previous consultations and Local Inquiries, changes were also proposed to the Erskine, Renfrew and Cardonald; and Renfrewshire West constituencies.

Whitburn

The Whitburn Local Inquiry will be held on 3 December 2024 at the Whitburn Partnership Centre and will be chaired by Assistant Commissioner Ross. Two sessions will be held with the first starting at 2pm until 4pm and the second at 6pm until 8pm.

The Whitburn Local Inquiry concerns proposed boundaries for the Scottish Parliament regions of Central Scotland and Lothian and the Airdrie constituency.

The Provisional Proposal for regions amended the existing Central Scotland region boundary to include West Lothian. In response to previous consultations and Local Inquiries, the Further Proposal for the Airdrie constituency included Fauldhouse and Whitburn.

General

The Second Review of Scottish Parliament boundaries commenced in 2022. The review is required under the terms of the Scotland Act 1998 and will recommend constituencies, and regions, of similar electorate size while also taking account of

local authority areas, special geographical circumstances, maintenance of local ties and any inconveniences caused by the alteration of the existing boundaries.

Boundaries Scotland consulted on its Further Proposals for Scottish Parliament constituencies and Provisional Proposals for Scottish Parliament regions from 26 September to 26 October 2024.

The Local Inquiries will provide an opportunity for local people, Councils and elected representatives to put their views forward.

Chair of Boundaries Scotland, Prof Ailsa Henderson said:

“Local Inquiries are held by us in areas where a local authority has objected to our proposals for constituencies or regions, where there has been a strong local response or where we feel we require additional information. They are an important part of the review process. If we subsequently change our proposals in any area we will consult again early in 2025.”

Anyone who wishes to speak at the inquiry is invited to register by emailing boundaries.scot@scottishboundaries.gov.uk or telephoning 0131 244 2001.

Further information about the review and this local inquiry is available at www.boundaries.scot/reviews/second-review-scottish-parliament-boundaries.

Responses to our earlier consultations can be viewed on our consultation site https://consult.boundaries.scot/reviews/sp_constituencies_revised_proposals/

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