Statutory review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies noted - Polling Scheme for UK Parliamentary Elections approved.

3 There was submitted a report by the Chief Executive regarding a statutory review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies undertaken by the Boundary Commission for Scotland and of a review being undertaken of the Polling Scheme for Glasgow, advising that

(1) in January 2021, the Boundary Commission for Scotland had commenced its 2023 Review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies and as a result of the review, Glasgow had lost part of Wards 4 and 13 which had been returned to Renfrewshire and West Dunbartonshire respectively;

(2) Glasgow now had 6 Parliamentary Constituencies, 1 less than previously and changes had been made to each of the constituencies either in name or in geographical composition or both, as detailed in the report;

(3) the Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 came into force on 29th November 2023 with the new constituencies coming into effect at the next General Election and that since December 2023, the Electoral Registration Office had published electoral registers to reflect the new boundaries;

(4) local authorities were required to review their polling districts and polling places for UK Parliamentary Constituencies at least once every 5 years and Glasgow had carried out a desktop review of polling places, with a full review including a public consultation taking place over the next few months to take account of the reduced number of constituencies and the availability of suitable polling places across the city; and

(5) it was proposed that an interim Polling Scheme, as detailed in an appendix to the report, be used if the UK Parliamentary General Election was called before the review of Glasgow's polling districts and polling places for UK Parliamentary Constituencies had been concluded.

After consideration, the committee

(a) noted

(i) the outcome of the statutory review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies by the Boundary Commission for Scotland; and

(ii) that a full review of the UK Parliamentary Polling Scheme was being undertaken; and

(b) approved the Polling Scheme for a UK Parliamentary Election should this be required prior to the completion of the review.