Glasgow City Council

Item 3

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Report by the Chief Executive

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STATUTORY REVIEW OF UK PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES AND POLLING SCHEME

Purpose of Report:

To advise members of the statutory review of UK parliamentary constituencies undertaken by the Boundary Commission for Scotland and of the review being undertaken of the Polling Scheme for Glasgow City.

Recommendations:

The City Administration Committee is asked to:

(a) note the outcome of the statutory review of UK Parliamentary Constituencies by the Boundary Commission for Scotland;
(b) note that a full review of the UK Parliamentary Polling Scheme is being undertaken and;
(c) approve the use of the attached Polling Scheme for a UK Parliamentary Elections should this be required prior to completion of the review.

Ward No(s):	Citywide: ✓
Local member(s) advised: Yes ☐ No ☐	consulted: Yes ☐ No x☐

Background

1.1 The Boundary Commission for Scotland began its 2023 Review of UK Parliament constituencies in January 2021.

1.2 The constituencies remained unchanged since 2005 and were used in the 2005, 2010, 2017 and 2019 UK general elections.

1.3 During the first and subsequent reviews only the Orkney Island and Shetland Island and Na h-Eileanan an Iar constituency (the Western Isles) constituencies were protected.

1.4 Scotland has been allocated 57 constituencies, with Glasgow returning on 6, one less than the previous number of constituencies. As a result of the review, Glasgow is losing part of Wards 13 and 4 which will be returned by West Dunbartonshire and Renfrewshire respectively.

2 New Constituencies

2.1 There have been changes made to each constituency either in name, or in geographical composition (or both). The new constituency names are as follows:

- Glasgow East
- Glasgow North
- Glasgow North East
- Glasgow South
- Glasgow South West
- Glasgow West

A link to the 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituency Boundaries in Scotland, which includes maps of each of the above constituencies, can be found [here].

2.2 The breakdown of council wards covering each constituency is detailed below:

Constituency Name	**Wards** (p = part)	**Electorate**
Glasgow East	8(p), 9(p), 10(p), 19, 20(p)	69, 748
Glasgow North	10(p), 11, 15, 16, 23(p)	73, 210
Glasgow North East	9(p), 10(p), 17, 18, 20(p), 21, 22.	75, 236
Glasgow South	1, 2(p), 6(p), 7, 8(p)	71, 344
Glasgow South West	2(p), 3, 4(p), 5, 6(p)	70, 431
Glasgow West	12, 13(p), 14, 23(p)	72, 499

2.3 The following polling districts have been moved to different local authority areas:

Polling District	Constituency	Returning Officer
AN2213	West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire
PK2104	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2204	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2304	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2404	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2504	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2604	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire
PK2704	Paisley and Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire

3 The Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023

3.1 The Parliamentary Constituencies Order 2023 was made on 15th November 2023 and came into force on 29th November 2023. The new constituencies will take effect at the next General Election, which will be called sometime before January 2025.

3.2 The ERO has published electoral registers since December 2023 reflecting the new boundaries.

4 Polling Scheme Review

4.1 Local authorities are required to review their polling districts and polling places for UK parliamentary constituencies at least once every five years.

4.2 October 2023 marked the start of the next compulsory review period.

4.3 A desktop review of polling places has taken place.

4.4 A full review of the city's polling districts and polling places, including public consultation, will take 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. A report on the outcome of the consultation and proposals for the new polling scheme will be brought to Committee for approval.

4.5 On this basis, it is intended that an interim polling scheme will be used if the UK Parliamentary General Election is called before the review concludes. A copy of the interim polling scheme is attached at the appendix to this report and reflects the new UK Parliamentary Constituency boundaries.

4.6 The interim polling scheme includes one polling place which is intended to be shared with the Paisley and Renfrewshire South Constituency and one polling place intended to be used solely by Glasgow but is situated within the West Dunbartonshire Constituency. Discussions are currently underway with the respective Returning Officers regarding arrangements for the management of these polling places. Local Elected members, as well as candidates and agents, will be briefed on these arrangements.

5 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications: N/A

Financial:

Legal:

Personnel:

Procurement:

Council Strategic Plan: Specify which Grand Challenge (s) and Mission (s) the proposal supports. Where appropriate the relevant Commitment can also be listed.

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts: N/A

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2021-25? Please specify.

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? (no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio-economic disadvantage.

Climate Impacts:	N/A
Does the proposal support any Climate Plan actions? Please specify:	
What are the potential climate impacts as a result of this proposal?	
Will the proposal contribute to Glasgow's net zero carbon target?	
Privacy and Data Protection Impacts:	
Are there any potential data protection impacts as a result of this report Y/N	NO
If Yes, please confirm that a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been carried out	N/A

6 Recommendations

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