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Information Paper

**Local government area boundaries in Scotland:
1974 to 1996**

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Local government area boundaries in Scotland: 1974 to 1996

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, with responsibility for keeping under review local government areas and electoral arrangements in Scotland. The Commission has produced this series of Information Papers explaining local government in Scotland since its establishment.

Between 1974 and 1996, most of Scotland had a system of two-tier local government, comprising 9 Regions and 53 Districts. The island areas of Western Isles, Orkney and Shetland had a different structure, each with a single-tier local authority. This structure was defined by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The first elections to the Councils of the new local authorities took place in 1974, with the local authorities taking up their responsibilities on 16 May 1975.

This structure had been preceded since 1929 by 37 counties covering Scotland, including counties comprising each of the four major cities. These counties were divided into 196 districts with limited powers (also known as “landward districts”), and also contained 21 “large burghs” (which had a wide range of functions), and 176 “small burghs” which had certain powers including housing.

The Islands Areas, Regions and Districts were as follows, described in terms of the counties which existed before them:

Region or Islands Area	District	Pre-1974 counties
Borders	Berwickshire	Berwickshire (majority)
	Ettrick and Lauderdale	Berwickshire (small part at Lauderdale); Midlothian (small part at Heriot and Stow); Roxburghshire (northern part at Melrose); Selkirkshire;
	Roxburgh	Berwickshire (small part near Kelso); Roxburghshire (majority)
	Tweeddale	Peeblesshire
Central	Clackmannan	Clackmannanshire; Perthshire (small part at Muckhart)
	Falkirk	Stirlingshire (eastern part); West Lothian (small part at Bo'ness)
	Stirling	Perthshire (south-western part); Stirlingshire (western majority)
Dumfries & Galloway	Annandale and Eskdale	Dumfriesshire (eastern half);
	Nithsdale	Dumfriesshire (western half, including Dumfries); Kirkcudbrightshire (eastern minority)
	Stewartry	Kirkcudbrightshire (majority)
	Wigtown ¹	Kirkcudbrightshire (western minority); Wigtownshire
Fife	Dunfermline	Fife (western part)

¹ Originally named Merrick

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Region or Islands Area	District	Pre-1974 counties
	Kirkcaldy	Fife (central part)
	North East Fife	Fife (northern part)
Grampian	Aberdeen, City of	City of Aberdeen; Aberdeenshire (small part); Kincardineshire (small part)
	Banff and Buchan	Aberdeenshire (north-eastern part); Banffshire (eastern part)
	Gordon	Aberdeenshire (central part)
	Kincardine and Deeside	Aberdeenshire (southern part - Deeside); Kincardineshire (majority)
	Moray	Banffshire (majority); Moray (except Grantown-on-Spey)
Highland	Badenoch and Strathspey	Inverness-shire (Badenoch); Moray (area around Grantown-on-Spey)
	Caithness	Caithness; Sutherland (Tongue and Farr) ²
	Inverness	Inverness-shire (part)
	Lochaber	Argyll (Ardnamurchan and Glencoe); Inverness-shire (Fort William and surrounds)
	Nairn	Nairnshire
	Ross and Cromarty	Ross and Cromarty (majority)
	Skye and Lochalsh	Inverness-shire (Skye); Ross and Cromarty (Lochalsh)
	Sutherland	Ross and Cromarty (small northern part); Sutherland (except Tongue and Farr) ¹
Lothian	East Lothian	East Lothian; Midlothian (Musselburgh)
	Edinburgh, City of	City of Edinburgh; Midlothian (small part around Currie); West Lothian (small part around Queensferry)
	Midlothian	Midlothian (majority)
	West Lothian	Midlothian (western part - West and East Calder); West Lothian (majority)
Orkney		Orkney
Shetland		Zetland
Strathclyde	Argyll and Bute ³	Argyllshire (majority, including Skerryvore, Dubh Artach); Bute (Isle of Bute)
	Bearsden and Milngavie	Dunbartonshire (part)
	Clydebank	Dunbartonshire (part)
	Clydesdale ⁴	Lanarkshire (southern part)
	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth ⁵	Dunbartonshire (Cumbernauld); Stirlingshire (Kilsyth)

² The part of Sutherland initially placed in Caithness District (Tongue and Farr) was moved to Sutherland District in 1977.

³ Originally named Argyll

⁴ Originally named Lanark

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Region or Islands Area	District	Pre-1974 counties
	Cumnock & Doon Valley	Ayrshire (central eastern part)
	Cunninghame	Ayrshire (northern part); Bute (Isles of Arran and Cumbrae)
	Dumbarton	Dunbartonshire (western part)
	East Kilbride	Lanarkshire (part)
	Eastwood	Renfrewshire (south-eastern part)
	Glasgow, City of	City of Glasgow; Lanarkshire (Rutherglen area)
	Hamilton	Lanarkshire (part)
	Inverclyde	Renfrewshire (western part, including Greenock, Port Glasgow)
	Kilmarnock and Loudoun	Ayrshire (part)
	Kyle and Carrick	Ayrshire (south and western part, including Ayr)
	Monklands	Lanarkshire (northern part, including Airdrie and Coatbridge)
	Motherwell	Lanarkshire (part)
	Renfrew	Renfrewshire (central part, including Paisley)
	Strathkelvin ⁶	Dunbartonshire (Kirkintilloch); Lanarkshire (Bishopbriggs); Stirlingshire (Lennoxton, Campsie)
Tayside	Angus	Angus (majority), includes Bell Rock;
	Dundee, City of	Angus (southern part around Monifieth); City of Dundee; Perthshire (small part at Longforgan)
	Perth and Kinross	Angus (small part near Coupar Angus); Kinross-shire; Perthshire (majority)
Western Isles		Inverness-shire (Harris (includes Rockall), the Uists and Barra); Ross and Cromarty (Lewis)

The definition in legislation of the local authority boundaries is explained in Appendix A.

Since being defined in the 1973 Act, some sections of some Region and District boundaries were amended as a result of reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland. A list of those amendments appears at Appendix B.

The development and definition of electoral areas for these local authority areas is described in more detail in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Information Paper *Local government electoral arrangements in Scotland: 1974 to 1996*.

⁵ Originally named Cumbernauld

⁶ Originally named Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch

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This local government structure was replaced by 32 single-tier local authorities after the introduction of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994. The first elections to the councils of the new local authorities took place in 1995, and the authorities took up their responsibilities in April 1996. The local government areas introduced by the 1994 Act and their subsequent development are described in the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Information Paper *Local government area boundaries in Scotland: 1995 onwards*.

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Appendix A – Legislative definition of local authorities

The full definition of the boundaries of the local government areas was set out by reference to pre-existing counties and their sub-divisions in Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, the text of which is reproduced below.

The names of some of the District areas were changed shortly after their establishment. This table lists those alterations, which took place in accordance with section 23 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, by resolution of the council of the local authority and by the consent of the Secretary of State for Scotland.

Local government area name defined in 1973 Act	Revised local government area name	Date of change
Merrick District	Wigtown District	1 Aug 1974
Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch District	Strathkelvin District	1 Aug 1974
Argyll District	Argyll and Bute District	1 Aug 1974
Cumbernauld District	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District	1 Aug 1974
Lanark District	Clydesdale District	1980

Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

SCHEDULE I

NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS

PART I

Region	Area by reference to existing administrative areas
Highland	The county of Caithness. The county of Nairn. The county of Sutherland. In the county of Argyll - the district of Ardnamurchan; the electoral divisions of Ballachulish, Kinlochleven. The county of Inverness (except the districts of Barra, Harris, North Uist, South Uist). In the county of Moray - the burgh of Grantown-on-Spey; the district of Cromdale. The county of Ross and Cromarty (except the burgh of Stornoway; the district of Lewis).
Grampian	The county of the city of Aberdeen. The county of Aberdeen. The county of Kincardine. The county of Banff. The county of Moray (except the burgh of Grantown-on-Spey; the district of Cromdale).
Tayside	The county of the city of Dundee. The county of Angus. The county of Kinross.

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Region	Area by reference to existing administrative areas
	The county of Perth (except the burghs of Callander, Doune, Dunblane; the Western district (except the electoral division of Ardoch); the parish of Muckhart).
Fife	The county of Fife.
Lothian	The county of the city of Edinburgh. The county of East Lothian. The county of Midlothian (except the electoral division of Heriot and Stow). The county of West Lothian (except the burgh of Bo'ness; the district of Bo'ness).
Borders	The county of Berwick. The county of Peebles. The county of Roxburgh. The county of Selkirk. In the county of Midlothian - the electoral division of Heriot and Stow.
Central	The county of Clackmannan. In the county of Perth - the burghs of Callander, Doune, Dunblane; the Western district (except the electoral division of Ardoch); the parish of Muckhart. The county of Stirling (except the burgh of Kilsyth; Western No. 3 district; the electoral division of Kilsyth West; the polling district of Kilsyth East (Banton)). In the county of West Lothian - the burgh of Bo'ness; the district of Bo'ness.
Strathclyde	The county of the city of Glasgow. The county of Bute. The county of Dunbarton. The county of Lanark. The county of Renfrew. The county of Argyll (except the district of Ardnamurchan; the electoral divisions of Ballachulish and Kinlochleven). The county of Ayr. In the county of Stirling - the burgh of Kilsyth; Western No. 3 district; the electoral division of Kilsyth West; the polling district of Kilsyth East (Banton).
Dumfries and Galloway	The county of Dumfries. The county of Kirkcudbright. The county of Wigtown.

PART II

Islands Areas	Area by reference to existing administrative areas
Orkney	The county of Orkney.
Shetland	The county of Zetland.
Western Isles	In the county of Inverness - the districts of Barra, Harris, North Uist, South Uist. In the county of Ross and Cromarty - the burgh of Stornoway; the district of Lewis.

PART III

Name of Region	District	Area of district by reference to existing administrative areas
Highland	Caithness	The county of Caithness. In the county of Sutherland - the district of Tongue and Farr.
	Sutherland	The county of Sutherland (except the district of Tongue and Farr). In the county of Ross and Cromarty - the electoral division of Kincardine.
	Ross and Cromarty	In the county of Ross and Cromarty - the burghs of Cromarty, Dingwall, Fortrose, Invergordon, Tain; the districts of Avoch, Dingwall, Fearn, Fortrose, Gairloch, Invergordon, Lochbroom, Lochcarron, Muir of Ord; the electoral division of Edderton and Tain.
	Skye and Lochalsh	In the county of Inverness - the district of Skye. In the county of Ross and Cromarty - the South West district.
	Lochaber	In the county of Argyll - the district of Ardnamurchan; the electoral divisions of Ballachulish, Kinlochleven. In the county of Inverness - the burgh of Fort William; the district of Lochaber.
	Inverness	In the county of Inverness - the burgh of Inverness; the districts of Aird, Inverness.
	Badenoch and Strathspey	In the county of Inverness - the burgh of Kingussie; the district of Badenoch. In the county of Moray - the burgh of Grantown-on-Spey; the district of Cromdale.
	Nairn	The county of Nairn.
Grampian	Moray	The county of Moray (except the burgh of Grantown-on-Spey; the district of Cromdale). In the county of Banff - the burghs of Aberlour, Buckie, Cullen, Dufftown, Findochty, Keith, Portknockie; the districts of Buckie, Cullen (except the electoral division of Fordyce), Dufftown, Keith.
	Banff and Buchan	In the county of Banff - the burghs of Aberchirder, Banff, Macduff, Portsoy; the districts of Aberchirder, Banff; the electoral division of Fordyce. In the county of Aberdeen - the burghs of Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Rosehearty, Turriff; the districts of Deer, Turriff; the electoral division of Cruden.

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	Gordon	In the county of Aberdeen - the burghs of Ellon, Huntly, Inverurie, Kintore, Oldmeldrum; the districts of Aberdeen (except the electoral divisions of Bucksburn, Newhills Landward, Old Machar, Stoneywood and the parishes of Drumoak, Dyce, Peterculter), Alford, Ellon (except the electoral division of Cruden), Garioch, Huntly.
	City of Aberdeen	The county of the city of Aberdeen. In the county of Aberdeen - the electoral divisions of Bucksburn, Newhills Landward, Old Machar, Stoneywood; the parishes of Dyce, Peterculter. In the county of Kincardine - the electoral division of Nigg.
	Kincardine and Deeside	In the county of Aberdeen - the burgh of Ballater; the district of Deeside; the parish of Drumoak. In the county of Kincardine - the burghs of Banchory, Inverbervie, Laurencekirk, Stonehaven; the districts of Laurencekirk, St. Cyrus, Stonehaven, Upper Deeside; the electoral divisions of Banchory-Devenick, Maryculter.
Tayside	Angus	In the county of Angus - the burghs of Arbroath, Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Montrose; the districts of Brechin, Carnoustie, Forfar, Kirriemuir, Montrose; the parish of Newtyle.
	City of Dundee	The county of the city of Dundee. In the county of Angus - the burgh of Monifieth; the district of Monifieth (except the electoral division of Newtyle and Kettins). In the county of Perth - the electoral division of Longforgan.
	Perth and Kinross	The county of Kinross. In the county of Angus - the parish of Kettins. In the county of Perth - the burghs of Aberfeldy, Abernethy, Alyth, Auchterarder, Blairgowrie and Rattray, Coupar Angus, Crieff, Perth, Pitlochry; the districts Central (except the parish of Muckhart), Eastern, Highland, Perth (except the electoral division of Longforgan); the electoral division of Ardoch.
Fife	Kirkcaldy	In the county of Fife - the burghs of Buckhaven and Methil, Burntisland, Kinghorn, Kirkcaldy, Leslie, Leven, Markinch; the districts of Glenrothes, Kirkcaldy (except that part of the electoral division of Auchtertool within the Gray Park polling district), Wemyss; the electoral divisions of Auchterderran, Denend, Kinglassie, New Carden.

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	North East Fife	In the county of Fife - the burghs of Auchtermuchty, Crail, Cupar, Elie and Earlsferry, Falkland, Kilrenny, Anstruther, Easter and Wester, Ladybank, Newburgh, Newport-on-Tay, Pittenweem, St. Andrews, St. Monance, Tayport; the districts of Cupar, St. Andrews.
	Dunfermline	In the county of Fife - the burghs of Cowdenbeath, Culross, Dunfermline, Inverkeithing, Lochgelly; the districts of Dunfermline, Lochgelly (except the electoral divisions of Auchterderran, Denend, Kinglassie, New Carden); that part of the electoral division of Auchtertool within the Gray Park polling district.
Lothian	West Lothian	In the county of West Lothian - the burghs of Armadale, Bathgate, Linlithgow, Whitburn; the districts of Linlithgow, Torphichen and Bathgate, Uphall, Whitburn and Livingston; the electoral divisions of Abercorn, Winchburgh East and Winchburgh West. In the county of Midlothian - the districts of East Calder, West Calder.
	City of Edinburgh	The county of the city of Edinburgh. In the county of West Lothian - the burgh of Queensferry; the district of Kirkliston and Winchburgh (except the electoral divisions of Abercorn, Winchburgh East and Winchburgh West). In the county of Midlothian - the district of Currie and the parish of Cramond.
	Midlothian	In the county of Midlothian - the burghs of Bonnyrigg and Lasswade, Dalkeith, Loanhead, Penicuik; the districts of Gala Water (except the electoral division of Heriot and Stow), Lasswade, Musselburgh (except the parish of Inveresk), Newbattle, Penicuik.
	East Lothian	The county of East Lothian. In the county of Midlothian - the burgh of Musselburgh; the parish of Inveresk.
Central	Clackmannan	The county of Clackmannan. In the county of Perth - the parish of Muckhart.
	Stirling	In the county of Perth - the burghs of Callander, Doune, Dunblane; the Western district (except the electoral division of Ardoch). In the county of Stirling - the burghs of Bridge of Allan, Stirling; the districts Central No. 1, Western No. 1. Western No. 2.

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	Falkirk	In the county of Stirling - the burghs of Denny and Dunipace, Falkirk, Grangemouth; the districts Eastern No. 1, Eastern No. 2, Eastern No. 3, Central No. 2 (except the electoral division of Kilsyth West; the polling district of Kilsyth East (Banton)). In the county of West Lothian - the burgh of Bo'ness; the district of Bo'ness.
Borders	Tweeddale	The county of Peebles.
	Ettrick and Lauderdale	The county of Selkirk. In the county of Berwick - the burgh of Lauder; the West district (except the electoral divisions of Gordon, Hume and Nenthorn, Westruther). In the county of Midlothian - the electoral division of Heriot and Stow. In the county of Roxburgh - the burgh of Melrose; the district of Melrose (except that part of the parish of Roxburgh which lies within this district).
	Roxburgh	In the county of Berwick - the parish of Nenthorn. In the county of Roxburgh - the burghs of Hawick, Jedburgh, Kelso; the districts of Hawick, Jedburgh, Kelso; that part of the parish of Roxburgh within the district of Melrose.
	Berwickshire	In the county of Berwick - the burghs of Coldstream, Duns, Eyemouth; the East district, the Middle district; the electoral divisions of Gordon, Westruther; the parish of Hume.
Strathclyde	Argyll	In the county of Argyll - the burghs of Campbeltown, Dunoon, Inveraray, Lochgilphead, Oban, Tobermory; the districts of Cowal, Islay, Jura and Colonsay, Kintyre, Mid Argyll, Mull, North Lorn (except the electoral divisions of Ballachulish, Kinlochleven), South Lorn, Tiree and Coll. In the county of Bute - the burgh of Rothesay; the district of Bute.
	Dumbarton	In the county of Dunbarton - the burghs of Dumbarton, Cove and Kilcreggan, Helensburgh; the districts of Helensburgh, Vale of Leven; the electoral divisions of Bowling, Dunbarton.
	City of Glasgow	The county of the city of Glasgow. In the county of Lanark - the burgh of Rutherglen; in the Eighth district, the electoral divisions of Bankhead, Cambuslang Central, Cambuslang North, Hallside, Rutherglen, and those parts of Cambuslang South and Carmunnock electoral divisions lying outwith the designated area of East Kilbride New Town; in the Ninth district, the electoral divisions of Baillieston, Garrowhill, Mount Vernon and Carmyle, Springboig.

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	Clydebank	In the county of Dunbarton - the burgh of Clydebank; the district of Old Kilpatrick (except the electoral divisions of Bowling, Dunbarton, and that part of the electoral division of Hardgate lying within the parish of New Kilpatrick).
	Bearsden and Milngavie	In the county of Dunbarton - the burghs of Bearsden, Milngavie; that part of the electoral division of Hardgate lying within the parish of New Kilpatrick.
	Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch	In the county of Dunbarton - the burgh of Kirkintilloch; those parts of the electoral divisions of Twechar and Waterside lying outwith the designated area of Cumbernauld New Town. In the county of Lanark - the burgh of Bishopbriggs; the electoral divisions of Chryston, Stepps. In the county of Stirling - the Western No. 3 district.
	Cumbernauld	In the county of Dunbarton - the burgh of Cumbernauld; the electoral division of Croy and Dullatur and those parts of the electoral divisions of Twechar and Waterside lying within the designated area of Cumbernauld New Town. In the county of Stirling - the burgh of Kilsyth; the electoral division of Kilsyth West; the polling district of Kilsyth East (Banton).
	Monklands	In the county of Lanark - the burghs of Airdrie, Coatbridge; the Ninth district (except the electoral divisions of Baillieston, Chryston, Garrowhill, Mount Vernon and Carmyle, Springboig, Stepps); in the Seventh district, the electoral division of Shottskirk.
	Motherwell	In the county of Lanark - the burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw; the Sixth district (except the electoral divisions of Bothwell and Uddingston South, Uddingston North), the Seventh district (except the electoral division of Shottskirk).
	Hamilton	In the county of Lanark - the burgh of Hamilton; the Fourth district (except the electoral division of Avondale); in the Sixth district, the electoral divisions of Bothwell and Uddingston South, Uddingston North; in the Eighth district, the electoral divisions of Blantyre, Stonefield, and that part of High Blantyre electoral division lying outwith the designated area of East Kilbride New Town.
	East Kilbride	In the county of Lanark - the burgh of East Kilbride; in the Fourth district, the electoral division of Avondale; in the Eighth district, those parts of High Blantyre, Cambuslang South, and Carmunnock electoral divisions lying within the designated area of East Kilbride New Town.

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	Eastwood	In the county of Renfrew - the First district.
	Lanark	In the county of Lanark - the burghs of Biggar, Lanark; the First, Second, Third districts.
	Renfrew	In the county of Renfrew - the burghs of Barrhead, Johnstone, Paisley, Renfrew; the Second, Third, Fourth districts.
	Inverclyde	In the county of Renfrew - the burghs of Gourock, Greenock, Port Glasgow; the Fifth district.
	Cunninghame	In the county of Ayr - the burghs of Ardrossan, Irvine, Kilwinning, Largs, Saltcoats, Stevenston; the districts of Irvine, Kilbirnie, West Kilbride; those parts of the designated area of Irvine New Town within the Ayr and Kilmarnock districts. In the county of Bute - the burgh of Millport; the districts of Arran, Cumbrae.
	Kilmarnock and Loudoun	In the county of Ayr - the burghs of Darvel, Galston, Kilmarnock, Newmilns and Greenholm, Stewarton; the district of Kilmarnock (except that part of the designated area of Irvine New Town within this district).
	Kyle and Carrick	In the county of Ayr - the burghs of Ayr, Girvan, Maybole, Prestwick, Troon; the district of Ayr (except that part of the designated area of Irvine New Town within this district), Girvan, Maybole; that part of the parish of Ayr within the district of Dalmellington; the polling district of Coylton.
	Cumnock and Doon Valley	In the county of Ayr - the burgh of Cumnock and Holmhead; the districts of Cumnock, Dalmellington (except that part of the parish of Ayr within this district; the polling district of Coylton).
Dumfries and Galloway	Merrick	The county of Wigtown. In the county of Kirkcudbright - the Western district (except the electoral division of Anwoth and Girthon).
	Stewartry	In the county of Kirkcudbright - the burghs of Castle Douglas, Dalbeattie, Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbright, New Galloway; the districts of Castle Douglas, Dalbeattie, Glenkens, Kirkcudbright; the electoral division of Anwoth and Girthon.
	Nithsdale	In the county of Dumfries - the burghs of Dumfries, Sanquhar; the districts of Dumfries (except the parishes of Dalton, Lochmaben), Thornhill, Upper Nithsdale. In the county of Kirkcudbright - the Eastern district.

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	Annandale and Eskdale	In the county of Dumfries - the burghs of Annan, Langholm, Lockerbie, Lochmaben, Moffat; the districts of Annan, Gretna, Langholm, Lockerbie, Moffat; the parishes of Dalton, Lochmaben.

PART IV

Provisions as to boundaries

1. The boundaries of the new local government areas shall be mered by Ordnance Survey.
2. Any such boundary defined on the map annexed to any order under Part VI of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1947 by reference to proposed works shall, until such works are carried out, be mered as if the boundary had not been so defined.
3. In this Schedule references to existing polling districts shall mean those districts as bounded as at 16th May 1973.

Appendix B – Local government area changes 1976-1993

This table lists alterations to local government areas which have resulted from reviews by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland in the period between the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994.

Section 14(1) of 1973 Act required the Commission to carry out reviews of all local government areas between 10 and 15 years after 16 May 1975, (i.e. between 16 May 1985 and 16 May 1990), and every 10 to 15 years thereafter. In addition, under section 14(2), the Commission has the power to review any part of any local authority area at its discretion. Under section 15 and Schedule 5, Ministers have the power to direct the Commission whether or not to carry out reviews of any local government area.

An initial series of administrative area reviews were completed in 1975 and 1976 as a result of Directions from the Secretary of State on 22 August 1974 and 18 September 1974, and the Commission using its discretionary powers. Further local government area reviews under the Commission's discretionary powers began in 1981, and reported between 1982 and 1992.

Ministers implement the recommendations of the Commission's reports by means of Statutory Instrument.

All of the reports from these Reviews are available from the Commission's website.

LGBCS report	Boundary altered	Location	Statutory Instrument
1	Lochaber / Skye & Lochalsh Districts	Glenelg & Arnisdale	1976 No 340
2	Hamilton / Motherwell Districts	Strathclyde Park	1977 No 15
3	East Kilbride / Hamilton / Lanark Districts	Stonehouse New Town & Sandford	1977 No 378
4	City of Edinburgh / West Lothian Districts	Inchgarvie, South Queensferry; Drumshoreland, Broxburn	1977 No 9
5	Cumnock & Doon Valley / Kyle & Carrick Districts	Coylton, Dalrymple & Mosshill	1977 No 16
6	Caithness / Sutherland Districts	Tongue & Farr	1977 No 14 ⁷
7	Monklands / Motherwell Districts	Chapelhall	1977 No 13
8	Highland / Strathclyde Regions (Lochaber / Argyll & Bute Districts)	Glencoe, Glen Etive, Duror	1977 No 22
9	Central / Strathclyde Regions (Stirling / Bearsden & Milngavie / Strathkelvin Districts)	Strathblane	1977 No 11
80	Central / Strathclyde Regions (Stirling / Dumbarton Districts)	Croftamie	1982 No1472; 1983 No 535

⁷ Implemented with modifications.

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LGBCS report	Boundary altered	Location	Statutory Instrument
81	Strathkelvin / Monklands Districts	Gartcosh Steelworks, Whitehill, Gartcosh	1984 No 1939
82	Hamilton / East Kilbride Districts	Greenhall, Blantyre & Torrance House, East Kilbride	1984 No 1940
83	Lothian / Borders Regions (East Lothian / Berwickshire Districts)	Monynut Valley & Bothwell Valley	1984 No 1855
84	Cunninghame / Kyle & Carrick Districts	Drybridge & Barassie / Gales	1984 No 1856
86	Tayside / Central Regions (Perth & Kinross / Clackmannan Districts)	Backhill, Glendevon	1984 No 1938
87	Inverclyde / Renfrew Districts	Heathmount, Kilmacolm & Knockmountain Farm	1984 No 1941
94	Inverness / Nairn Districts	Croy	1984 No 2030
96	Bearsden & Milngavie / Strathkelvin Districts Bearsden & Milngavie / Clydebank Districts	Dougalston; Faifley & Whitehill Farm	1986 No 209; 1986 No 210
97	City of Edinburgh / Midlothian Districts	Danderhall	1985 No 1543
100	Fife / Tayside Regions (Perth & Kinross / Kirkcaldy Districts)	Westfield	1987 No 112
101	East Kilbride / Hamilton Districts	Spectacle E'e Falls, Sandford	1987 No 334
103	Dunfermline / Kirkcaldy Districts	Ballingry	1988 No 50
104	Tayside / Fife Regions (Perth & Kinross / North East Fife Districts)	Auchtermuchty	1987 No 2077
105	Kyle & Carrick / Cumnock & Doon Valley Districts	Loch Doon; Craigengillan Estate	1987 No 1943
106	Kirkcaldy / North East Fife Districts	Montrave Estate	1987 No 2188
107	Strathclyde / Dumfries & Galloway Regions (Kyle & Carrick / Wigtown Districts)	Lagafater Lodge, Shennas Lodge, New Luce	1987 No 1530
108	Fife / Tayside Regions (North East Fife / Perth & Kinross Districts)	Duncrievie	1988 No 218
109	City of Glasgow / Strathkelvin Districts	Easter Balmuilty Farm & Laigh Kenmure Farm	1988 No 221
110	Clydebank / City of Glasgow Districts	Great Western Road & the River Clyde (Yoker Burn)	1988 No 746
112	East Lothian / Midlothian Districts	Marldene, by Fala	1988 No 49
113	Central / Strathclyde Regions (Monklands / Falkirk Districts)	Black Loch, Limerigg	1988 No 220
114	City of Edinburgh / East Lothian Districts	Newhailes	1988 No 48

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115	City of Glasgow / East Kilbride Districts	Carmunnock	1988 No 219
116	Ross & Cromarty / Inverness Districts	Monar Lodge	1988 No 348
117	Tayside / Fife / Central Regions (Perth & Kinross / Dunfermline / Clackmannan Districts)	Solsgirth	1988 No 347
118	Tayside / Grampian Regions (Angus / Kincardine & Deeside Districts)	River North Esk	1988 No 349
120	Lothian / Borders Regions (Midlothian / Ettrick & Lauderdale Districts)	Brothershiels	1989 No 235
121	Renfrew / Cunninghame Districts	Whitehouse	1988 No 1877
122	City of Glasgow / East Kilbride Districts	Mid Lettrick Farm	1989 No 223
123	Central / Tayside Regions (Clackmannan / Perth & Kinross Districts)	Crook of Devon & Rumbling Bridge	1991 No 398
125	City of Glasgow / Strathkelvin Districts	Colston Road/ Auchinairn Road	1989 No 243
127	Central / Tayside Regions (Stirling / Perth & Kinross Districts)	Loch Earn & Loch Tay	1990 No 356
128	City of Glasgow / Eastwood Districts	Muirend Road / Netherlee Road	1989 No 242
130	Grampian / Highland Regions (Moray / Badenoch & Strathspey Districts)	Dava & Aitnoch Farm	1989 No 290
134	Renfrew / Cunninghame Districts	Caldwell House Estate	1989 No 2021
137	Lothian / Strathclyde Regions (West Lothian / Motherwell Districts)	Westcraigs	1990 No 368
138	Fife / Tayside Regions (North East Fife / Perth & Kinross Districts)	Butterwell & Burnside	1990 No 60
140	Lothian / Borders Regions (Tweeddale / Midlothian Districts)	Carlops	1990 No 294
141	Renfrew / City of Glasgow Districts	Atholl Cres etc	1990 No 882
142	City of Edinburgh / East Lothian / Midlothian Districts	Whitehill Mains	1990 No 398
143	Renfrew / City of Glasgow Districts	Cowan Park, Dovecothall, Salterland Road	1990 No 1016
146	City of Edinburgh / Midlothian Districts	Edinburgh City Bypass	1992 No 526
147	Central / Fife Regions (Clackmannan / Dunfermline Districts)	River Forth / Kilbagie Mill / Slack Cottage / River Black Devon	1993 No 1118

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148	Lothian / Central Regions (West Lothian / Falkirk Districts)	Mannerston / Cauldcoats Holdings & at the M9 M'way	1993 No 638
149	Stirling / Clackmannan Districts	Blackgrange & Blairlogie House	1993 No 580
151	Dunfermline / Kirkcaldy Districts	Mossmorran	1993 No 639
152	City of Glasgow / Monklands Districts	Bargeddie	1993 No 960
155	Dumfries & Galloway / Strathclyde Regions (Cumnock & Doon Valley / Stewartry Districts)	Loch Doon	1993 No 640
157	Eastwood / East Kilbride Districts	Busby	1993 No 2192