

**Review of Administrative Boundary at Cardowan by Stepps
Glasgow City Council, North Lanarkshire Council**

Statement in support of Provisional Proposals

Introduction

1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is conducting a review of the administrative boundary at Cardowan by Stepps, following a direction made to it by Scottish Ministers in March 2008. The council areas affected by this review are Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire. The Commission welcomes this consultation which provides an opportunity for the public's views to be considered as part of the process of reviewing the administrative boundary. The Commission also welcomes the opportunity to explain the legislative provisions and procedures it has followed in conducting this review.

Background

2. The existing boundary between Glasgow City Council and North Lanarkshire Council was adopted in 1994 following a ministerial review of local government and the establishment of unitary local authorities. At that time, the land which the boundary traverses had been previously developed but lay unused. Subsequently, a new housing development was built, with the consequence that some properties straddled the boundary, leading to confusion over local government arrangements for residents. In January 2005, Glasgow City Council requested a review of the administrative boundary in the area. However, at that time a ministerial direction was in force that restricted reviews to those that affected no more than 50 electors. A new Ministerial direction was issued to the Commission with effect from April 2008, instructing it to undertake a review of the area. This is that review.

The review process

3. The procedure for review of local government areas is defined by section 18 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended. A flowchart of that procedure is attached as Appendix A. The Act empowers the Commission to make recommendations to Ministers that appear to the Commission to be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

4. As a consequence of the administrative review, the electoral arrangements in the area affected required to be reviewed.

Provisional proposals - local government areas

5. The Commission considered various options for the realignment of the boundary in Cardowan as part of this review. In recognition of the fact that there is no direct road link between the development and the adjacent area to the south, together with the obvious linkages it has with developments to the west and north of the current boundary, the Commission proposes that the boundary is moved so as to locate the totality of housing in the immediate area within the North Lanarkshire Council area. This allows the rear fencing of the southernmost properties in the development to form an identifiable administrative boundary. The Commission sees a clear advantage for the effective planning and delivery of local services in putting the complete area in a single local authority from which the most convenient access is gained.

6. The effect of the change is to place all the properties in Honeywell Avenue, Honeywell Court, Honeywell Drive, Honeywell Grove, Honeywell Place, Jackson Drive and Watt Avenue in North Lanarkshire Council area.

7. The route of the proposed altered section of boundary is as follows:

Commencing just to the west of the south-western corner of Honeywell Court the proposed boundary continues eastwards and northwards along the rear fences of the properties in Honeywell Court, Honeywell Drive and Honeywell Place, until it reaches the roundabout at the south-eastern corner of the estate where it continues northwards up the eastern edge of Dewar Road until it meets the existing boundary.

Provisional proposals - electoral arrangements

8. It is necessary to have coterminous boundaries between local government areas and council wards. Therefore, the Commission proposes that the boundaries of Glasgow City's ward 21 (North East) and North Lanarkshire's ward 5 (Strathkelvin) be amended to coincide with the proposed administrative boundary. The number of electorate affected by this change is small relative to the total electorate of each of the wards. Forward projections of changes in electorate in the area were considered as part of the Commission's 4th review of electoral arrangements, which reported to Scottish Ministers in 2006.

9. The proposed changes will result in the transfer of 324 electors from North East ward to Strathkelvin ward, as detailed in the table below:

ward	Electorate December 2007	Change	Proposed electorate
North East Ward Glasgow City	23,471	-324	23,147
Strathkelvin Ward North Lanarkshire	14,388	+324	14,712

Boundaries and provision of services

10. This review relates to boundaries that affect the structure or arrangements of local government in the area under review and the services provided by councils. The Commission has not taken into consideration any financial or service level implications its proposals may have for residents in the affected area, only that the proposals appear to it to be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government.

Election results and future election outcomes

11. The Commission wishes to emphasise that the results of previous elections have not entered into its consideration. Similarly, it is not for the Commission to speculate upon the effects which its recommendations may have on future election outcomes.

Publication of provisional proposals

12. Information on the proposals, with illustrative maps, will be available on the Commission's website, and will be placed on deposit at locations in each of the Council areas for the duration of the public consultation as follows:

- Stepps Library, 10 Blenheim Avenue, Stepps, Glasgow
- North Lanarkshire Council Offices, Civic Centre, Motherwell
- Riddrie Library, 1020 Cumbernauld Road, Glasgow
- The Bridge, 1000 Westerhouse Road, Easterhouse, Glasgow
- Glasgow City Council, City Chambers, George Square, Glasgow

13. Representations regarding the proposals should be made to the Commission by 30 January 2009. These can be made in writing to:

Cardowan Review
Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland
3 Drumsheugh Gardens
Edinburgh
EH3 7QJ

or by email to: Cardowan@scottishboundaries.gov.uk

14. All representations will be made available for public inspection.

15. The Commission will thereafter consider representations and may hold a local inquiry if it considers this necessary. The Commission will then make final recommendations on the local government areas and electoral arrangements, reporting to Scottish Ministers in due course.

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