



Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland

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Commission submits report on boundary changes at Stepps

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland has submitted its report to the Scottish Ministers making recommendations for the realignment of the administrative boundary between Glasgow City and North Lanarkshire near Stepps today. The Commission recommends that the whole of a housing estate, which currently straddles the boundary, should be located within North Lanarkshire Council area.

The existing boundary runs through residential properties in the Cardowan area of Stepps, which has led to difficulties in the effective and convenient local government of the area. The boundary will be realigned with the southernmost edge of the neighbourhood, and this will result in the transfer of around 170 homes from Glasgow City Council area to North Lanarkshire Council area.

The review was initiated in May 2008, and the Commission has consulted with the two councils affected, and with the public. Proposals for the area attracted wide support from affected residents during a recent public consultation on the issue.

As a consequence of the administrative boundary review, the Commission is recommending corresponding changes to council wards within the area. The affected wards are: Ward 21 (North East) of Glasgow City Council and Ward 5 (Strathkelvin) of North Lanarkshire Council.

Now that the Commission has made its recommendations, it is for Scottish Ministers to implement the recommendations as they think fit. The timing of coming into effect of any order resulting from the report is a matter for the Scottish Ministers.

Details of the recommendations can be found on the Commission's website: www.lgbc-scotland.gov.uk and can be viewed at Stepps Library, Riddrie Library, The Bridge in Easterhouse, and both North Lanarkshire and Glasgow Council Headquarters. The report will be available for public inspection at both councils' offices for a period of 6 months from implementation of the recommendations by Scottish Ministers.

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The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland is an advisory Non-Departmental Public Body sponsored and wholly funded by the Scottish Government. It is an independent, non-political body created by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

The Commission's duties and powers are detailed in Section 12 to 28 of the 1973 Act, as amended. It is responsible for:

- carrying out reviews of the boundaries of local authority areas;
- carrying out reviews of electoral arrangements for local authorities; and
- responding to requests for ad hoc reviews of electoral arrangements or administrative areas.

The Commission comprises: Peter Mackay CB (Chairman), William Magee OBE (Deputy Chairman), Brian D Clark MBE, Kenneth McDonald and Paula Sharp.

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