



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

PRESS RELEASE

Boundary review consultation underway

LOCAL people are being asked to have their say on changes to the make-up of the UK's parliamentary constituencies.

Following a review, the Boundary Commission for Scotland has put forward plans for a reduction in the number of Scottish constituencies from 59 to 57.

While there are no planned changes for Ayrshire, the consultation – which opened on Friday 14 October – gives everyone a change to respond to the proposals.

North Ayrshire Council's Chief Executive and Returning Officer Craig Hatton said: "There are no planned changes for us here in Ayrshire but there are plans to reduce the number of constituencies in Scotland.

"The democratic process is hugely important and reviews like this one are informed by the public. We would urge everyone to read about the plans and provide feedback if they have a particular view on it."

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

Scotland has been allocated 57 constituencies for the 2023 Review, two less than at present. England has been allocated 543 (+10), Northern Ireland 18 (no change) and Wales 32 (-8).

All comments in opposition or support of the proposals can be made via consultation site www.bcs2023review.com.

The consultation runs for eight weeks.

In early 2022, they will publish all of the comments received during the initial consultation and will invite you to make any further comments on these. At this time between two and five public hearings will be held

In late 2022 revised proposals for consultation will be published and final recommendations will be submitted before 1 July 2023.

Ends