

Report on	Boundary Commission - 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide members with correspondence received from the Boundary Commission for Northern Ireland.
2.0	Background
2.1	A review is being undertaken of the parliamentary constituencies across the UK following the publication of parliamentary electorate statistics in December 2015. Boundary Commissions across the UK are required to submit their final reports throughout 2018, with the Northern Ireland Boundary Commission being to submit its final report to the Secretary of State during September 2018.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	<p>The Commission has been consulting on proposals as part of the review, as detailed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial Consultation on proposals took place over 12 weeks in September 2016 ending on 28 November 2016. The council at its November 2016 meeting resolved to make a submission. This is attached as appendix 1. Secondary consultation inviting further comment during a 4-week period took place from 5 September 2017 to October 2017. The council resolved that it respond making the same points. The response to the initial consultation was re-submitted Final consultation is now taking place on the Commission's final proposals and will run from 30 January 2018 to 26 March 2018 <p>Response from Boundary Commission</p>
3.2	<p>The Council at its February 2018 meeting agreed to write to the Commission seeking the basis for and information used leading to significant amendment of the parliamentary boundaries, initially consulted on in 2016. The response is attached as appendix 2. For reference purposes the below provides links to relevant documents relating to the Commission's initial and revised proposals</p> <p>Web link to Boundary Commission Consultation Page/On-line Hub</p> <p>https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/2018-review</p>

	<p><i>Web link to Revised Proposals Report September 2016</i></p> <p>https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/sites/boundarycommission.org.uk/files/media-files/Provisional%20Proposals%20Report%20-%20September%202016.pdf</p> <p><i>Web link to Revised Proposals Report January 2018</i></p> <p>https://www.boundarycommission.org.uk/sites/boundarycommission.org.uk/files/media-files/Boundary%20Commission%20Revised%20Proposals%20Report.pdf</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p><u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u></p> <p>Financial: not applicable</p> <p>Human: not applicable</p>
4.2	<p><u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u></p> <p>Not applicable</p>
4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Not applicable</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	That receive and note the correspondence from the Secretary to the Boundary Commission.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	<p>Appendix 1 - Mid Ulster Council response to Boundary Commission proposals</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Correspondence from the Secretary to the Boundary Commission</p>