



DEMOCRATIC AUDIT BOUNDARY MODEL FOR SCOTLAND

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The Boundary Commission for Scotland (BCS) has probably the most difficult task of any of the four Commissions in redrawing Scotland's constituencies. It must produce 50 constituencies in the Scottish mainland – the island seats of Orkney & Shetland and Na h-Eileanan Siar are specifically protected from alteration in the Act. The obstacles are as follows:

1. The Commissions try to use local authority electoral wards as the basic building blocks of constituencies. In Scotland, wards tend to be very large – usually more than 10,000 electors in urban areas and sometimes around 25,000 in Glasgow. Conversely, in sparsely populated rural areas, wards can be enormous in terms of land area. The BCS will undoubtedly have to end up splitting a higher proportion of wards between constituencies than the other Commissions. Splitting wards involves a massive increase in the permutations available, and consequent difficulty in choosing between them.
2. Additionally concerning wards, the mismatch between the current Westminster constituencies (drawn up in 2004) and local government wards (drawn up in 2006) is much greater in Scotland than elsewhere.
3. Scottish administrative geography is complicated. Local authorities are widely varying in population size and have some peculiar boundaries themselves (a legacy of the 1994 Act that introduced unitary local government in Scotland). The BCS must also bear in mind the Scottish Parliament constituency map (and perhaps even the regional electoral map). It is impossible to produce much harmony between divisions of the mainland into 50 Westminster and 71 Holyrood constituencies, but it seems desirable that a Westminster seat should not overlap too many Holyrood seats.
4. Scotland's constituencies will be, on average, large. The average mainland seat will have 77,468 electors, which is 1 per cent larger than the UK average. This means that the BCS cannot create many seats that are near the bottom of the UK size spectrum – its room for manoeuvre is effectively 4 per cent rather than 5 per cent. This may not sound much, but it involves taking away about a fifth of the (limited) flexibility it has. It may make sense in future for the Scottish and Welsh Commissions to be given a similar get-out to that enjoyed by the Northern Ireland Commission when the local national and UK national averages diverge too far.
5. The Act contains a restriction on the land area a constituency can cover. No constituency is permitted to cover more than 13,000 km², and constituencies between 12,000km² and 13,000km² are exempt from the size thresholds. The only area of the UK that could conceivably come up against these limits is the Highland area of Scotland.

See http://www.bcomm-scotland.gov.uk/6th_westminster/ for further details on the policies and procedures of the BCS.

Because of all these constraints and complexity affecting the BCS, Scotland is also peculiarly difficult for the modelling method used here. Perhaps the biggest effect is whether to split wards. The model probably splits fewer wards than the BCS's recommendations will – without the detailed information and mapping available to the BCS, the process of splitting wards is only approximate. In the interests of a definitive map, whole wards have been used where possible (while the BCS has indicated that it will prioritise getting constituencies within a single local authority area where possible). In the review of Scottish Parliamentary constituencies the BCS was willing to split wards quite extensively. This is probably the most significant methodological difference in the entire UK model and could lead to Scotland as a whole being one of the more inaccurate sections of the Democratic Audit model boundaries. There may also be one or two cases where a ward-split recommended in the model does not correspond with the realities on the ground.

In the constituency tables below, contributions from each predecessor seat to the new constituency are usually not given, because of the lack of fit between wards and current constituencies. In the interests of clarity, most small transfers caused by fitting seats to ward boundaries are omitted. Also in the interests of clarity, many long ward names have been shortened.

Constituency names have attempted to comply with the sensible BCS policy of putting the substantive part rather than the compass point first in constituency names (e.g. Aberdeenshire North, rather than North Aberdeenshire) and to give seats substantially different names from existing Scottish Parliament seats (causing a few longer names such as 'Rutherglen & Blantyre').

Area	Local authorities	Details: see pages
North and North East Scotland	Aberdeenshire, Angus, Dundee, Highland, Moray	3-5
Aberdeen City	Aberdeen	6
Fife and Perth & Kinross	Fife, Perth & Kinross	7-8
Glasgow area	Argyll & Bute, East Renfrewshire, Glasgow, West Dunbartonshire, most of East Dunbartonshire; adjacent parts of Renfrewshire, South Lanarkshire	9-11
South West Scotland	Ayrshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Inverclyde, most of Renfrewshire, most of South Lanarkshire	12-15
East Central Scotland	Clackmannanshire, Edinburgh, Falkirk, North Lanarkshire, Stirling, West Lothian and small parts of East Dunbartonshire and South Lanarkshire	15-18
East Lothian	East Lothian	19
Midlothian and Borders	Midlothian, Scottish Borders	19

North and North East Scotland

ABERDEENSHIRE NORTH (77,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Banff & Buchan	Aberdeenshire UA	Banff, Troup, Fraserburgh, Central Buchan, Turriff, Peterhead (2)	---	---
Moray	Moray UA	Keith & Cullen	7,850	---
Gordon	Aberdeenshire UA	Ellon (part)	---	---

Perhaps keeping the name 'Banff and Buchan' would be better, as this seat would include a small area of Moray, but that may be deemed too similar to the Scottish Parliament constituency of 'Banff and Buchan Coast'.

ABERDEENSHIRE WEST (78,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Gordon	Aberdeenshire UA	Mid Formartine, Inverurie, East Garioch, West Garioch, Huntly, Ellon (part)	---	---
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	Aberdeenshire UA	Westhill, Aboyne, Banchory (part)	---	---

ANGUS SOUTH AND BROUGHTY FERRY (74,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Angus	Angus UA	Kirriemuir & Dean, Forfar	---	---
Dundee East	Angus UA	Carnoustie, Monifeith & Sidlaw (part)	---	---
Dundee East	Dundee UA	The Ferry	---	---
Dundee West	Angus UA	Monifeith & Sidlaw (part)	---	---
Dundee West	Dundee UA	Strathmartine	---	---

ARBROATH AND STONEHAVEN (77,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Angus	Angus UA	Montrose, Arbroath (2), Brechin	43,914	---
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	Aberdeenshire UA	Stonehaven, North Kincardine, Mearns, Banchory (part)	---	---

The traditional name 'Angus North & Mearns' is already used for a Scottish Parliament constituency.

North and North East Scotland (cont.)

CAITHNESS AND CROMARTY (76,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	Highland UA	NWC Sutherland, Thurso, Wick, Landward Caithness, East Sutherland, Tain & Easter Ross, Cromarty Firth	---	---
Ross, Skye & Lochaber	Highland UA	Dingwall, Black Isle, Aird & Loch Ness (part), Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh (part)	---	---
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	Highland UA	Aird & Loch Ness (part)	---	---

The Highland seats are a complicated aspect of the redistribution. The legal prohibition on seats being larger than 13,000km² means that some care will have to be taken in drawing up the Highland constituencies. The land area of the Highland local authority is 26,484 km². Removing an area (in the model, the wards of Badenoch & Strathspey and Nairn) gets the total below 26,000km² for two constituencies. The model splits two wards between the two all-Highland seats. Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh is an extremely large ward by area, and it should be possible to divide it through unpopulated areas so that both seats are smaller than the legal maximum.

Although constituencies of larger than 12,000km² are exempt from the electorate size threshold, no smaller-than-standard constituency has been created in the model. This reflects the assumption that the BCS will in the first place give a high regard to equality of registered electorate and not use the 'get-out' unless it has to, and in the second place not complicate its task even more by further raising the average electorate of a seat in the rest of Scotland, which would be the consequence of creating any small seats (in terms of registered electors) in the Highlands.

CITY OF DUNDEE (75,409)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Dundee West	Dundee UA	Lochee, Collieston, West End		
Dundee East	Dundee UA	North East, East End		

North and North East Scotland (cont.)

INVERNESS AND SKYE (76,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	Highland UA	Inverness (5), Culloden & Ardersier, Aird & Loch Ness (part)	---	---
Ross, Skye & Lochaber	Highland UA	Caol & Mallaig, Fort William & Ardnamurchan, Eilean a' Cheo, Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh (part)	---	---

MORAY AND NAIRN (77,884)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Moray	Moray UA	Speyside, Buckie, Fochabers, Heldon, Elgin City (2), Forres	58,876	75.6
Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	Highland UA	Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	19,008	24.2

Aberdeen City

ABERDEEN NORTH (75,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen UA	Kingswells, Northfield, Hilton, Tillydrone, Midstocket (part)	---	---
Gordon	Aberdeen UA	Bridge of Don, Dyce (part)	---	---

ABERDEEN SOUTH (77,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Aberdeen South	Aberdeen UA	Lower Deeside, Hazlehead, Airyhall, Torry, Kincorth, Midstocket (part)	---	---
Aberdeen North	Aberdeen UA	Midstocket (part), George Street	---	---

Fife and Perth & Kinross

DUNFERMLINE AND FIFE WEST (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Dunfermline & West Fife	Fife UA	West Fife & Coastal Villages, Dunfermline (3), Rosyth, Inverkeithing & Dalgety Bay (part)	---	---
Kirkcaldy & Cowdenbeath	Fife UA	Inverkeithing & Dalgety Bay (part)	---	---

FIRTH OF TAY (78,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
North East Fife	Fife UA	Howe of Fife & Tay Coast, Tay Bridgehead, St Andrews, Cupar	47,359	---
Ochil & South Perthshire	Perth & Kinross UA	Strathallan, Kinross-shire, Almond & Earn (part)	---	---
Perth & North Perthshire	Perth & Kinross UA	Carse of Gowrie	---	---

This is a basically new constituency, stretching along both banks of the Tay to the east of Perth and covering a larger inland area on the south bank around Kinross and Cupar. The divided Almond and Earn ward is south of Perth and contains several radial routes out of Perth, and can therefore be split. Around 70 per cent of it is placed in this seat.

GLENROTHES AND FIFE EAST (78,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glenrothes	Fife UA	Glenrothes (3), Leven (part), Buckhaven	---	---
North East Fife	Fife UA	Leven (part), East Neuk	---	---

Glenrothes is essentially pushed further east by the relatively small changes to the constituencies to its west in Fife. It is one of the finer points of constituency nomenclature whether to describe this as 'Fife East' in the light of the BCS's sensible decision to put the compass point second in its names, or whether 'East Fife' has an identity as such (q.v. East Lothian).

KIRKCALDY AND COWDENBEATH (76,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Kirkcaldy & Cowdenbeath	Fife UA	The Lochs (part), Cowdenbeath (part), Lochgelly & Cardenden (part), Burntisland, Kirkcaldy (3)	---	---
Glenrothes	Fife UA	Lochgelly & Cardenden (part)	---	---
Dunfermline & West Fife	Fife UA	Cowdenbeath (part), The Lochs (part)	---	---

PERTH (79,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Perth & North Perthshire	Perth & Kinross UA	Strathmore, Blairgowrie & Glens, Highland, Strathtay, Perth City (3),	---	---
Ochil & South Perthshire	Perth & Kinross UA	Strathearn, Almond & Earn (part)	---	---

Glasgow Area

Glasgow poses particular problems in the review because its wards have very large electorates (up to 25,000 electors). It is also at the centre of a large urbanised region and therefore could be divided up in any number of different ways.

The plan here probably involves more crossing of the Glasgow City boundary than the BCS would find ideal, but it does at least do so in a fairly coherent fashion and does not split that many wards.

ARGYLL, BUTE & LOMOND (76,727)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Argyll & Bute	Argyll & Bute UA	Entire local authority	67,692	88.2
West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire UA	Lomond	9,035	11.8

AULDBURN (76,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire UA	Neilston, Barrhead, Giffnock, Newton Mearns South	47,091	---
Glasgow South	Glasgow UA	Newlands	17,413	---
Glasgow South West	Glasgow UA	Greater Pollok (part)	---	---

BISHOPBRIGGS (73,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
East Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire UA	Bishopbriggs (2), Campsie & Kirkintilloch North, Milngavie	39,652	---
Glasgow North East	Glasgow UA	Springburn, North East (part)	---	---

DUMBARTON AND BEARSDEN (79,186)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
West Dunbartonshire	West Dunbartonshire UA	Leven, Dumbarton, Kilpatrick, Clydebank (2)	57,703	72.9
East Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire UA	Bearsden (2)	21,483	27.1

Glasgow Area (cont.)

GLASGOW EAST (75,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glasgow East	Glasgow UA	Baillieston, Shettleston, North East (part), East Centre (part)	---	---
Glasgow North East	Glasgow UA	East Centre (part)	---	---

GLASGOW NORTH (77,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glasgow North	Glasgow UA	Maryhill, Canal, Hillhead (part)	---	---
Glasgow Central	Glasgow UA	Anderston	---	---

GLASGOW NORTH WEST (78,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glasgow North West	Glasgow UA	Drumchapel, Garscadden, Partick West (part)	---	---
Glasgow North	Glasgow UA	Partick West (part), Hillhead (part)	---	---

GLASGOW SOUTH EAST (75,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glasgow Central	Glasgow UA	Southside Central, Calton, Pollokshields (part)	---	---
Glasgow South	Glasgow UA	Pollokshields (part), Langside	---	---

GOVAN AND RENFREW (77,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Glasgow South West	Glasgow UA	Craigton, Govan (part), Greater Pollok (part)	---	---
Paisley & Renfrewshire North	Renfrewshire UA	Renfrew (2)	20,101	---
Glasgow Central	Glasgow UA	Govan (part)	---	---

Glasgow Area (cont.)

RUTHERGLEN AND BLANTYRE (79,870)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Rutherglen & Hamilton West	South Lanarkshire UA	Rutherglen (2), Cambuslang (2), Blantyre	57,719	72.3
Glasgow South	Glasgow UA	Linn	22,151	27.7

This would be preferably called 'Rutherglen' but a Scottish Parliament constituency of that name already exists.

South West Scotland

AYR, CARRICK AND CUMNOCK (76,505)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Ayr, Carrick & Cumnock	South Ayrshire UA	Ayr (3), Maybole, Girvan	---	---
Ayr, Carrick & Cumnock	East Ayrshire UA	Cumnock, Doon Valley	---	---

AYRSHIRE CENTRAL (77,640)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Ayrshire Central	South Ayrshire UA	Troon, Prestwick, Kyle	---	---
Ayr, Carrick & Cumnock	North Ayrshire UA	Irvine (2), Kilwinning	---	---

AYRSHIRE NORTH AND JOHNSTONE (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Ayrshire North & Arran	North Ayrshire UA	Saltcoats, Ardrossan & Arran, Dalry, Kilbirnie	---	---
Paisley & Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire UA	Johnstone (2), Houston (most of)	---	---

The most altered constituency in this part of Scotland – most of Ayrshire and Inverclyde is relatively little affected in this model.

DUMFRIES CITY AND GALLOWAY (75,956)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Dumfries & Galloway	Dumfries & Galloway UA	Stranraer, Wigtown West, Mid Galloway, Dee, Castle Douglas, Abbey, North West Dumfries, Lochar, Nith	75,956	100.0

South West Scotland (cont.)

EAST KILBRIDE AND BUSBY (79,423)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
East Kilbride, Strathaven & Lesmahagow	South Lanarkshire UA	East Kilbride (5)	58,937	73.5
East Renfrewshire	East Renfrewshire UA	Netherlee, Busby	21,026	26.5

HAMILTON AND STRATHAVEN (79,732)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Lanark & Hamilton East	South Lanarkshire UA	Hamilton North & East, Hamilton South, Larkhall	---	---
East Kilbride, Strathaven & Lesmahagow	South Lanarkshire UA	Clydesdale South, Avondale & Stonehouse	---	---
Rutherglen & Hamilton West	South Lanarkshire UA	Hamilton West & Earnock	---	---

INVERCLYDE (74,501)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Inverclyde	Inverclyde UA	Entire local authority	61,038	81.9
Ayrshire North & Arran	North Ayrshire UA	North Coast & Cumbraes	13,463	18.1

KILMARNOCK AND LOUDOUN (75,001)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	East Ayrshire	Annick, Kilmarnock (4), Irvine Valley, Ballochmyle	75,001	100.0

LANARK AND ANNANDALE (77,064)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale	Dumfries & Galloway UA	Mid & Upper Nithsdale, Annandale (3)	---	---
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale	South Lanarkshire UA	Clydesdale West	---	---
Lanark & Hamilton East	South Lanarkshire UA	Clydesdale East, Clydesdale North	---	---

South West Scotland (cont.)

PAISLEY (74,500 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Paisley & Renfrewshire North	Renfrewshire UA	Paisley North West, Paisley East & Ralston, Erskine, Bishopton	---	---
Paisley & Renfrewshire South	Renfrewshire UA	Paisley South West, Paisley South, Houston (part)	---	---

East Central Scotland

AIRDRIE AND BELLSHILL (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Airdrie & Shotts	North Lanarkshire UA	Airdrie (3), Mossend & Holytown (part)	---	---
Coatbridge, Chryston & Bellshill	North Lanarkshire UA	Thorniewood, Bellshill	---	---
Lanark & Hamilton East	South Lanarkshire UA	Bothwell & Uddingston		

CLACKMANNAN AND STIRLING NORTH (77,850)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Stirling	Stirling UA	Trossachs & Teith, Forth & Endrick, Dunblane & Bridge of Allan, Castle	39,284	50.5
Ochil & South Perthshire	Clackmannanshire UA	Entire local authority	38,566	49.5

The urban area of Stirling is unfortunately divided between constituencies – this seat contains the historic city centre, while more of the population is in the Falkirk East & Stirling South seat.

COATBRIDGE AND KILSYTH (80,435)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Coatbridge, Chryston & Bellshill	North Lanarkshire UA	Strathkelvin, Coatbridge (3)	---	---
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Kirkintilloch East	East Dunbartonshire UA	Kirkintilloch East & Twechar	---	---
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Kirkintilloch East	North Lanarkshire UA	Kilsyth	39,135	---
East Dunbartonshire	East Dunbartonshire UA	Lenzie & Kirkintilloch South	---	---

East Central Scotland (cont.)

EDINBURGH CENTRAL AND LEITH (80,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Edinburgh North & Leith	Edinburgh UA	Leith, Inverleith, Forth, City Centre (part)	---	---
Edinburgh West	Edinburgh UA	Corstorphine (part), Inverleith (small part), Forth (small part)	---	---
Edinburgh East	Edinburgh UA	City Centre (part), Leith (small part)	---	---

This is a somewhat amended North & Leith constituency.

EDINBURGH CORSTORPHINE (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Edinburgh West	Edinburgh UA	Almond, Drum Brae, Corstorphine (part)	---	---
Edinburgh South West	Edinburgh UA	Sighthill, Pentland Hills (part)	---	---

This is a successor to Edinburgh West, although it has been tilted a bit west and south of its predecessor. The name change is to distinguish it from the Scottish Parliament constituency of Edinburgh Western.

EDINBURGH MEADOWS (77,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Edinburgh South	Edinburgh UA	Meadows, Southside (part)	---	---
Edinburgh South West	Edinburgh UA	Colinton, Fountainbridge	---	---
Edinburgh East	Edinburgh UA	Southside (part)	---	---

This is a successor to Edinburgh South, although it has been moved a bit west of its predecessor. The name change is to distinguish it from the Scottish Parliament constituency of Edinburgh Southern.

East Central Scotland (cont.)

EDINBURGH PORTOBELLO (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Edinburgh East	Edinburgh UA	Craigenlinny, Portobello	---	---
Edinburgh North & Leith	Edinburgh UA	Leith Walk	---	---
Edinburgh South	Edinburgh UA	Liberton	---	---

A successor to Edinburgh East, although it takes an inner urban area to the north and an outer area to the south instead of extending into the city centre as at present.

FALKIRK EAST AND STIRLING SOUTH (78,899)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Falkirk	Falkirk UA	Carse, Falkirk North, Lower Braes	---	---
Stirling	Stirling UA	Stirling West, Stirling East, Bannockburn	27,459	---
Linlithgow & East Falkirk	Falkirk UA	Upper Braes	---	---

This constituency is reasonably well-connected internally, but it is inescapably made up of incomplete bits of two separate towns, something the model has otherwise striven to avoid. The shape might be improved by trading some territory with its neighbour Linlithgow & Grangemouth.

FALKIRK WEST AND CUMBERNAULD (80,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Falkirk	Falkirk UA	Denny, Bonnybridge, Falkirk South	40,757	---
Cumbernauld, Kilsyth & Kirkintilloch East	North Lanarkshire UA	Cumbernauld (2), Abronhill	39,135	---
Coatbridge, Chryston & Bellshill	North Lanarkshire UA	Cumbernauld North (part)	---	---

This constituency is an unfamiliar blend of Lanarkshire and Falkirk, but it is well connected by road and rail links.

East Central Scotland (cont.)

LINLITHGOW AND GRANGEMOUTH (77,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Linlithgow & East Falkirk	West Lothian UA	Linlithgow, Bathgate, Armadale, Whitburn (part)	---	---
Linlithgow & East Falkirk	Falkirk UA	Bo'ness, Grangemouth	---	---
Livingston	West Lothian UA	Whitburn (part)	---	---

A very direct successor to the current Linlithgow & East Falkirk, but renamed to avoid too much confusion of constituency names in the Falkirk area.

LIVINGSTON (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Livingston	West Lothian UA	Broxburn, Livingston (3), Fauldhouse	---	---
Edinburgh South West	Edinburgh UA	Pentland Hills (part)	---	---

MOTHERWELL AND SHOTTS (79,000 approx)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Motherwell & Wishaw	North Lanarkshire UA	Motherwell (3), Murdostoun, Wishaw, Mossend & Holytown (part)	---	---
Airdrie & Shotts	North Lanarkshire UA	Fortissat	---	---

East Lothian

EAST LOTHIAN (74,320)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
East Lothian	East Lothian UA	Entire local authority	74,320	100.0

Midlothian and Borders

BERWICKSHIRE, ROXBURGH AND SELKIRK (73,395)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Berwickshire, Roxburgh & Selkirk	Scottish Borders UA	Local authority excluding the two Tweeddale wards	73,395	100.0

MIDLOTHIAN AND TWEEDDALE (77,563)				
Current constituency	Local authority	Wards	Electors	Share %
Midlothian	Midlothian UA	Entire local authority	61,986	79.9
Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale & Tweeddale	Scottish Borders UA	Tweeddale East, Tweeddale West	15,577	20.1

The logic of these three constituencies in East Lothian, Midlothian and Scottish Borders is very strong in terms of local ties and history. The model preserves them, although the BCS may decide it has to group these areas with other parts of Scotland to achieve its overall objectives.

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