



**Item 5**

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**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership  
Govan Area Partnership**

**Report from the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council**

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**Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland Fifth Review of Electoral Arrangements – Outcomes for Area Partnerships and Community Councils.**

**Purpose of Report:**

To confirm the new Ward boundary arrangements to the Area Partnership and the outcome for community council representation.

**Recommendations:**

The Area Partnership is asked to

1. Note the contents of the report;
2. Note the outcome for community council representation.

**Glasgow Community Planning Partnership priorities:**

Specify which priorities this report is in relation to and which underlying principles support the development activity.

SOA   <i>Alcohol</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Early Intervention</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; Preventing Homelessness</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Equality</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
SOA   <i>Vulnerable People; In-Work Poverty</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	SOA   Principle <i>Sustainable Change</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>

SOA   <i>Youth Employment</i>	Yes / No <input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>If other priority, please provide details here:</b>
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## 1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBC-Scotland) has responsibility for reviewing local government boundaries and electoral arrangements in Scotland. LGBC-Scotland was established by the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, and is an independent, non-political body.
- 1.2 LGBC-Scotland is required to conduct electoral reviews of each local authority at intervals of 8 to 12 years. The most recent review, which was the fifth review since 1974, and the first since 1998, was subject to consultation during 2015.
- 1.3 Legislation provides that LGBC-Scotland had to first of all consult on its proposals with local authorities, and after consideration of these responses, a public consultation followed.
- 1.4 LGBC-Scotland submitted its report and final recommendations, for the number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow, to Scottish Ministers on 26 May 2016. On 14 September 2016 Scottish Ministers agreed with LGBC-Scotland's recommendations for Ward boundaries across Glasgow.
- 1.5 LGBC-Scotland scheduled the Ward boundaries review so that its recommendations are capable of being implemented in time for the local government elections in May 2017.

## 2. CONTEXT

- 2.1 The current electoral arrangements for the number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow provide for 79 Councillors in 21 Wards, comprising 16 Wards each returning 4 Councillors and 5 Wards each returning 3 Councillors.
- 2.2 The agreed recommendations for the future number of councillors and the electoral Ward boundaries in Glasgow should provide for 85 councillors in 23 Wards, comprising 16 wards each returning 4 Councillors and 7 wards each returning 3 Councillors.
- 2.3 The table extract below illustrates the effects that the implementation of LGBC-Scotland's recommendations will have for Ward 5 – Govan:

Councillors	Community Councils	Pop.	Weighting %	Impact	Comments
4 <i>(no change)</i>	Drumoyne	5,957	100	CC numbers reduced by 2	Craigton and Dumbreck Community Councils relocated to Ward 6
	Govan	7,463	100		
	Govan East*	3,272	100		
	Ibrox & Cessnock	5,215	100	Boundary change	
	Kinning Park	5,187	100		
	(5)				

2.4 The full table for Glasgow City Council local authority area is attached as appendix 1 for additional information and further consideration (\*denotes inactive).

### **3. EFFECTS OF LGBC-SCOTLAND'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 The boundary for Ward 5 – Govan, and that of Govan Area Partnership, has changed i.e. the south boundary is reduced (see appendix 2 Ward map). However, the number of returning Councillors following the local government elections in May 2017 will remain at 4.

3.2 The number of community councils, with the majority of their population weighting within the Govan Ward boundary, has decreased from seven to five. The two community councils which have been relocated to sit within the extended Pollokshields Ward boundary are Craigton and Dumbreck.

### **4. IMPLICATIONS FOR AREA PARTNERSHIPS**

4.1 As a result of the above effects, five community councils have been identified at section 2.3 of this report which sit within Govan Area Partnership boundary. It is recommended that participation on the Area Partnership from all these community councils be supported, as part of the future community engagement structures for Community Planning within Ward 5.

### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 The Area Partnership is asked to:

- Note the contents of the report;
- Note the outcome for community council representation.