

GENERAL REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY BOUNDARIES

Group 4 – the South London boroughs – revised and final recommendations

1. Revised and final recommendations for the following London boroughs were announced on the dates set out in the table below.

	Local inquiry held	Revised recommendations	Final recommendations
Bexley and Greenwich	Yes	Not required	12 December 2001
Bromley and Lewisham	Yes	20 December 2001	-
Croydon	No	Not required	25 April 2001
Kingston upon Thames and Richmond upon Thames	No	Not required	25 April 2001
Lambeth and Southwark	Yes	20 December 2001	-
Merton	No	Not required	25 April 2001
Sutton	No	Not required	25 April 2001
Wandsworth	Yes	Not required	12 December 2001

2. The Commission will announce their decisions in respect of the representations made about their revised recommendations for Bromley and Lewisham, and Lambeth and Southwark on 22 May 2002.

Group 5 – the North London boroughs – revised and final recommendations

3. Local inquiries into the Commission's provisional recommendations for the North London boroughs were held during October and November 2001. The exception was the borough of

Barnet, where a local inquiry was not required and final recommendations were announced on 12 September 2001.

4. The Commission have now considered the reports of the seven Assistant Commissioners who conducted the local inquiries and the Commission will announce their decisions in respect of those reports on 1 May 2002. They will either confirm their provisional recommendations as final or announce that they are to publish revisions to their provisional recommendations.

Group 6 – local inquiries – Warwickshire and Wiltshire

5. Two local inquiries were held. The first was conducted on 22 and 23 January 2002 in Salisbury to consider the Commission's provisional recommendations for Wiltshire. The second was conducted between 29 and 31 January 2002 in Warwick to consider the Commission's provisional recommendations for Warwickshire. The Commission will announce their decisions in respect of the Assistant Commissioners' reports in June 2002. A local inquiry was not required for Swindon and the Commission announced their final recommendations for that area on 7 November 2001.

Group 7 – provisional recommendations

6. The Commission published their provisional recommendations for the following review areas on 14 February 2002:-

Hampshire and Southampton
Nottingham
Nottinghamshire
Portsmouth
Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent

7. The one month representation period ended on 14 March 2002 and the Commission will convene local inquiries for each of the review areas. The local inquiries will be held in late June or early July and details about them will be announced on 1 May 2002.

Group 8 – provisional recommendations

8. The Commission will announce their provisional recommendations for the following review areas on 15 May 2002:-

Darlington
Derby
Derbyshire
Durham
North Yorkshire
York

Indicative timetable for future groups of review areas

9. Subject to the provision of revised electoral data by the respective Electoral Registration Officers, the Commission anticipate that the review areas that will form Groups 9 and 10 will be:-

Group 9

East Riding of Yorkshire
Gloucestershire
Herefordshire
Kingston upon Hull
North Lincolnshire
North East Lincolnshire

Group 10

Brighton and Hove
East Sussex
Oxfordshire
Suffolk

10. An announcement about the dates on which provisional recommendations for these two groups will be published will be made as soon as the revised electoral data has been received.

Transfer of Secretariat service

11. Prior to the last general election, the Home Secretary put a proposal to the National Assembly for Wales (NAW) that the Secretariat service provided to the Boundary Commission for Wales should, in the future, be provided by the Secretariat employed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (LGBCW) based in Cardiff. Historically, the Secretariat service to the Boundary Commission for Wales has been provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in London, who also provide the Secretariat to the Boundary Commission for England.

12. The NAW accepted the proposal. Therefore, with effect from 1 January 2002, the Secretariat service for the Boundary Commission for Wales is being provided by the LGBCW Secretariat based in Cardiff. Mr Edward Lewis, who is the Secretary to the LGBCW, was appointed as the Joint Secretary to the Boundary Commission for Wales with effect from 1 January 2002. The ONS will continue to supply the Secretariat service to the Boundary Commission for England.

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