

## Local Community Planning and Ward Boundaries Review

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The City of Edinburgh Council

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### Purpose of report

1. This report draws together two interrelated reviews of organisational boundaries within Edinburgh. The first sets out the results of the Local Community Planning Scheme: Boundary Assessment (Report A). The second summarises the proposals made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland and the results of consultation within the Council on changes to ward boundaries (Report B).

### Main report

2. A revised scheme for local community planning was agreed in principle by the Council on 7<sup>th</sup> April. A further assessment of boundary matters in the light of the draft proposals for new local government wards received from the Boundary Commission was requested. Report A makes proposals for a boundary framework which will operate to May 2007, and be capable of adjustment thereafter.
3. Report B provides details of the Boundary Commission's proposal for 17 multi member wards that will come into effect in May 2007. The Council has been invited to consider the option and make suggestions for changes.
4. The linkages between the two frameworks have been assessed and reviewed. However, the matter of boundaries remains an area of uncertainty in the light of the relatively early stages of the Boundary Commission Review.
5. The phased approach to implementation agreed in the April 7<sup>th</sup> Council Report is proposed, with limited development of LCPP actions in the short term. The prospect of fewer LCPP areas operating in the period after May 2007 is described in Report A, with fuller implementation plans anticipated in 2006, once final Boundary Commission proposals are approved.
6. The outcome of the consultation on the Boundary Commission proposal is that the configuration of seventeen wards should go forward to the public consultation stage with minor amendments.

## Financial Implications

7. There are no direct financial implications arising from these reports.

## Recommendations

8. It is recommended that the Council:

- a) agrees the recommendations set out in the two appended reports.



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Appendices	A Local Community Planning Scheme: Boundary Assessment B Boundary Commission – Ward Proposals
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Wards affected	All
Background Papers	