

Royal Burgh of Wigtown & District Community Council

Consultations Working Party – July 2014

Consulting body	Title	Closing Date	Background/Response summary	Status
Scottish Government	Scotland's Electoral Future	11/7/14	A consultation exercise drawing on lessons learned in the 2012 local government elections with a view to informing preparations for all future elections in Scotland	Response submitted
Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland (LGBCS)	Proposed Councillor Numbers	21/8/14 (CC mtg 11/8)	LGBCS is asking local people and organisations to comment on its proposals for the number of councillors in Dumfries and Galloway council area. It consulted with councils on the same proposals earlier this year. For Dumfries and Galloway council area it is proposing to reduce the number of councillors from 47 to 43. It determined councillor numbers by categorising each council area based on deprivation and population distribution. A separate consultation on ward boundaries will be carried out in 2015. By law, each ward must elect 3 or 4 councillors, and the size of each ward varies accordingly.	Draft prepared
Scottish Government	Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Offshore Renewables	21/8/14	The Scottish Government believes that the benefits of renewable energy should be shared across Scotland, and should be invested in our communities for long-term stability. For this reason, The Scottish Government encourages a community benefit package to be created for offshore renewable energy projects. There are a range of challenges and barriers in providing community benefits from offshore renewables and these community benefit principles are intended to reflect and accommodate these factors as well as the sensitive and early-stage nature of the industry. As with The Scottish Government's Good Practice Principles for Community Benefits from Onshore Renewable Energy Developments, it is anticipated that this document will be refined and reviewed in the coming years.	Pending
Scottish Government	Scottish Independence Bill: A consultation on an interim constitution for Scotland - Summary	20/10/14	The consultation paper contains: the draft Scottish Independence Bill providing for Scotland to be an independent State and setting out the interim constitution which would apply from Independence Day; detailed commentary explaining the provisions of the Bill, and summarising the content of the renewed Scotland Act which would sit alongside it; an explanation of the process following a yes vote, including the establishment of a Constitutional Convention to prepare a permanent written constitution. a set of 6 broad, qualitative questions seeking views on all aspects of the proposals contained in the paper.	