

**DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 18(2A) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT
(SCOTLAND) ACT 1973**

1. The Scottish Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 18(2A) and (2B) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 ("the Act"), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby give the following directions.

2. These directions apply in relation to any consultation carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland ("the Commission"), in accordance with section 18(2)(a) of the Act, with the council of any local government area affected by a review under Part II of the Act ("the council").

3. In taking part in such a consultation, the council shall comply with the requirements set out in paragraph 4 below.

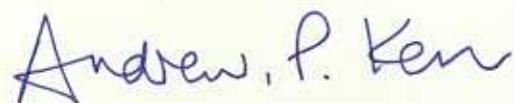
4. For the purposes of enabling the Commission to exercise the functions conferred upon them by virtue of section 18(2)(a) of the Act, as read with the Scottish Ministers' direction to the Commission dated 30th August 2004, the Council shall co-operate with the Commission and shall in particular:-

(a) establish and maintain an ongoing dialogue which, where appropriate, may include meeting with the Commission;

(b) take all reasonable steps to ensure that any views expressed, or purporting to be expressed, by it or on its behalf to the Commission are accurate;

(c) provide the Commission with all such information as the Commission may reasonably request; and

(d) provide the Commission with all such information as the Council considers relevant, including any proposals or ideas the Council may have, in relation to new ward boundaries, or otherwise in relation to the formulation of the Commission's proposals.



A member of the Scottish Executive

Edinburgh

30 August 2004.