Guidance 1

Community Council Membership Numbers

1. The **minimum membership** of a Community Council will be as follows:

Electorate of Community Council Area	Minimum Membership
Less than 5,000 electorate	5
5,000 electorate or more	7

2. The Council's recommended **maximum membership** for Community Councils is based on the following formula which takes into account, electorate, locality and the size of the Community Council's area.

Locality	Condition	Additional Members
Urban Community Area		
Urban 1	Population > 5,000	1 per 1,000 of electorate and part thereof
Urban 2	Population < 5,000	1 per 750 of electorate and part thereof
Rural Community Area		
Rural 1	Area > 10,000 HA	1 per 500 of electorate and part thereof 1 per 10,000 HA or part thereof
Rural 2	Area < 10,000 HA	1 per 500 of electorate and part thereof

3. The following conditions apply in terms of the figures stated in this schedule and the membership of Community Councils:

   a. no Community Council can have the same minimum and maximum number of Community Councillors; therefore
   b. if a Community Council has the same calculated minimum and maximum number then the maximum number will be the minimum plus 2 Community Councillors.
   c. these membership numbers do not include Associate, Ex Officio and Junior Members

4. The recommended maximum membership of each Community Council is calculated using the formula in paragraph 2 above and the results are set out in the tables below. A Community Council can request an alternative maximum membership number by applying to the Area Manager with the reasons for the change. If the Area Manager refuses the Community Council's request, the Community Council has the right to appeal the decision to the Area Committee. The same process shall apply as in Section 14.8 of the Scheme.

5. The Community Council shall state their membership numbers in their constitution.

6. The map and tables below detail the current electorate and boundaries and do not form part of the Scheme. If boundary changes are approved by an Area Committee or an official change in electorate numbers require an operational change to the table, this administrative matter will be dealt with by the Area Manager

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Map available to show the Community Council boundaries.

*Community Councils in red are not currently established and are not in operation.

** These Community Councils cover two Council areas

Banff & Buchan

Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEO	ADD TOP UP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Aberchirder & Marnoch	Rural	2	1,424	6,068 HA	5	3	0	0	8	N/A
Alvah & Forglen	Rural	2	567	6,301 HA	5	2	0	0	7	17
Banff & Macduff	Urban	1	6,581	6,057 HA	7	7	0	0	14	14
Cornhill & Ordiquhill	Rural	2	358	1,941 HA	5	1	0	1	7	N/A
Fordyce, Sandend & Rural District	Rural	2	540	5,221 HA	5	2	0	0	7	12
Fraserburgh	Urban	1	8839	672 HA	7	10	0	0	17	17
Invercairn	Rural	2	1243	971 HA	5	3	0	0	8	15
King Edward & Gamrie	Rural	1	2027	15,536 HA	5	6	2	0	13	15
New Aberdour Tyrie & Pennan	Rural	2	729	7,971 HA	5	2	0	0	7	12
Portsoy & District	Rural	2	1452	1,820 HA	5	3	0	0	9	15
Rathen, Memsie & District	Rural	2	1582	5,113 HA	5	4	0	0	9	10
Rosehearty	Rural	2	1004	441 HA	5	3	0	0	8	10
Sandhaven & Pitullie	Rural	2	723	1,541 HA	5	3	0	0	7	N/A
Whitehills & District	Rural	2	1316	2,879 HA	5	3	0	0	8	10

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Buchan

Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEOG	ADD TOPUP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Boddam & District	Rural	2	998	767 HA	5	3	0	0	8	8
Buchan East	Rural	2	2,321	8,504 HA	5	5	0	0	10	10
Cruden	Rural	2	2,743	6,434 HA	5	6	0	0	11	13
Deer	Rural	1	5,057	22,756 HA	7	11	3	0	21	21
Longside & District	Rural	2	1,486	6,456 HA	5	3	0	0	8	11
Mintlaw & District	Rural	2	2,270	574 HA	5	5	0	0	10	20
New Pitsligo	Rural	2	864	2,067 HA	5	2	0	0	7	7
Peterhead	Urban	1	15,034	3,018 HA	7	16	0	0	23	23
Strichen & District	Rural	2	1,634	8,008 HA	5	4	0	0	9	12

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Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEOG	ADD TOPUP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Auchterless, Inverkeithney & Fisherford	Rural	2	950	9,979 HA	5	2	0	0	7	9
Belhelvie	Rural	2	4,096	5,064 HA	5	8	0	0	13	16
Foveran	Rural	2	2,293	4,787 HA	5	5	0	0	10	10
Fyvie, Rothie & Monquhitter	Rural	1	3,787	19,027 HA	5	8	2	0	15	24
Meldrum, Bourtie & Daviot	Rural	2	3,952	7,877 HA	5	8	0	0	13	18
Methlick	Rural	2	1,137	6,307 HA	5	3	0	0	8	15
Slains & Collieston	Rural	2	439	3,934 HA	5	1	0	1	7	15
Tarves	Rural	2	1,845	5,901 HA	5	4	0	0	9	12
Turriff & District	Urban	2	4,624	6,930 HA	5	7	0	0	12	16
Udny	Rural	2	2,023	4,552 HA	5	4	0	0	9	9
Ythan (includes Ellon)	Urban	1	9,374	11,849 HA	7	10	0	0	17	16

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Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEOG	ADD TOPUP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Bennachie	Rural	1	5,411	19,337 HA	7	11	2	0	20	20
Blackburn and Kinellar	Rural	2	2,508	1,686 HA	5	5	0	0	10	12
Cluny Midmar & Monymusk **	Rural	1	2,182	13,853 HA	5	5	2	0	12	12
Echt & Skene	Rural	2	1,483	7, 656 HA	5	3	0	0	8	10
Fintray	Rural	2	591	2,283 HA	5	2	0	0	7	10
Inverurie	Urban	1	12,861	6,007 HA	7	12	0	0	19	19
Kemnay	Urban	2	3,700	3,641 HA	5	5	0	0	10	15
Kintore & District	Urban	2	4,282	3,652 HA	5	6	0	0	11	15
Newmachar	Urban	2	3,382	4,536 HA	5	5	0	0	10	10
Westhill & Elrick	Urban	1	9,286	1,450 HA	7	10	0	0	17	17

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Kincardine & Mearns

Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEOG	ADD TOPUP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Arbuthnott	Rural	2	295	3,801 HA	5	1	0	1	7	10
Benholm & Johnshaven	Rural	2	778	2,107 HA	5	2	0	0	7	9
Catterline Kinneff & Dunnottar	Rural	2	977	5,960 HA	5	2	0	0	7	9
Crathes, Drumoak & Durris **	Rural	1	2,237	13,232 HA	5	5	2	0	12	12
Gourdon	Rural	2	716	810 HA	5	2	0	0	7	7
Mearns	Rural	1	6,808	32,592 HA	7	13	4	0	24	20
Newtonhill, Muchalls & Cammachmore	Rural	2	3,071	787 HA	5	6	0	0	11	13
North Kincardine Rural	Rural	2	2,678	9,086 HA	5	4	0	0	9	9
Portlethen & District	Urban	1	7,307	1,435 HA	7	8	0	0	15	15
Royal Burgh of Inverbervie	Rural	2	1,799	180 HA	5	4	0	0	9	10
St Cyrus	Rural	2	1,382	3,528 HA	5	3	0	0	8	8
Stonehaven & District	Urban	1	9,228	6,448 HA	7	10	0	0	17	20

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Name	Class	Band	Electorate	Geo Area	MIN	ADD ELECT	ADD GEOG	ADD TOPUP	REC MAX	AGREED MAX
Ballater & Crathie	Rural	1	1,610	39,424 HA	5	4	4	0	13	13
Banchory	Urban	1	6,521	901 HA	7	7	0	0	14	14
Birse & Ballogie	Rural	2	340	4,595 HA	5	1	0	1	7	9
Braemar	Rural	1	444	63,954 HA	5	1	7	0	13	10
Cromar	Rural	1	1,275	11,784 HA	5	3	2	0	10	10
Donside	Rural	1	5,556	61,150 HA	7	12	7	0	26	25
Feughside	Rural	1	866	18650 HA	5	2	2	0	9	9
Finzean	Rural	2	351	8,295 HA	5	1	0	1	7	10
Huntly	Urban	2	3,426	271 HA	5	5	0	0	10	12
Inchmarlo, Brathens & Glassel	Rural	1	593	1595 HA	5	2	0	0	7	8
Lumphanan	Rural	2	834	3,472 HA	5	2	0	0	7	8
Mid Deeside	Rural	1	3,191	19,313 HA	5	7	2	0	14	13
Strathbogie	Rural	1	1,860	27,230 HA	5	4	3	0	12	15
Tap O'Noth	Rural	1	1407	20,105 HA	5	3	3	0	11	14
Torphins	Rural	2	1,547	5,171 HA	5	4	0	0	9	12

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