

KILMARNOCK TOWN BOARD

27 MARCH 2024

PAPER 2 – TOWN BOARD GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY

PURPOSE

1. The purpose of this paper is to consider adjustments to the geographical boundary set out by DHLUC for the Kilmarnock Town Board, within which the investment of the fund will be targeted.

DECISIONS REQUIRED

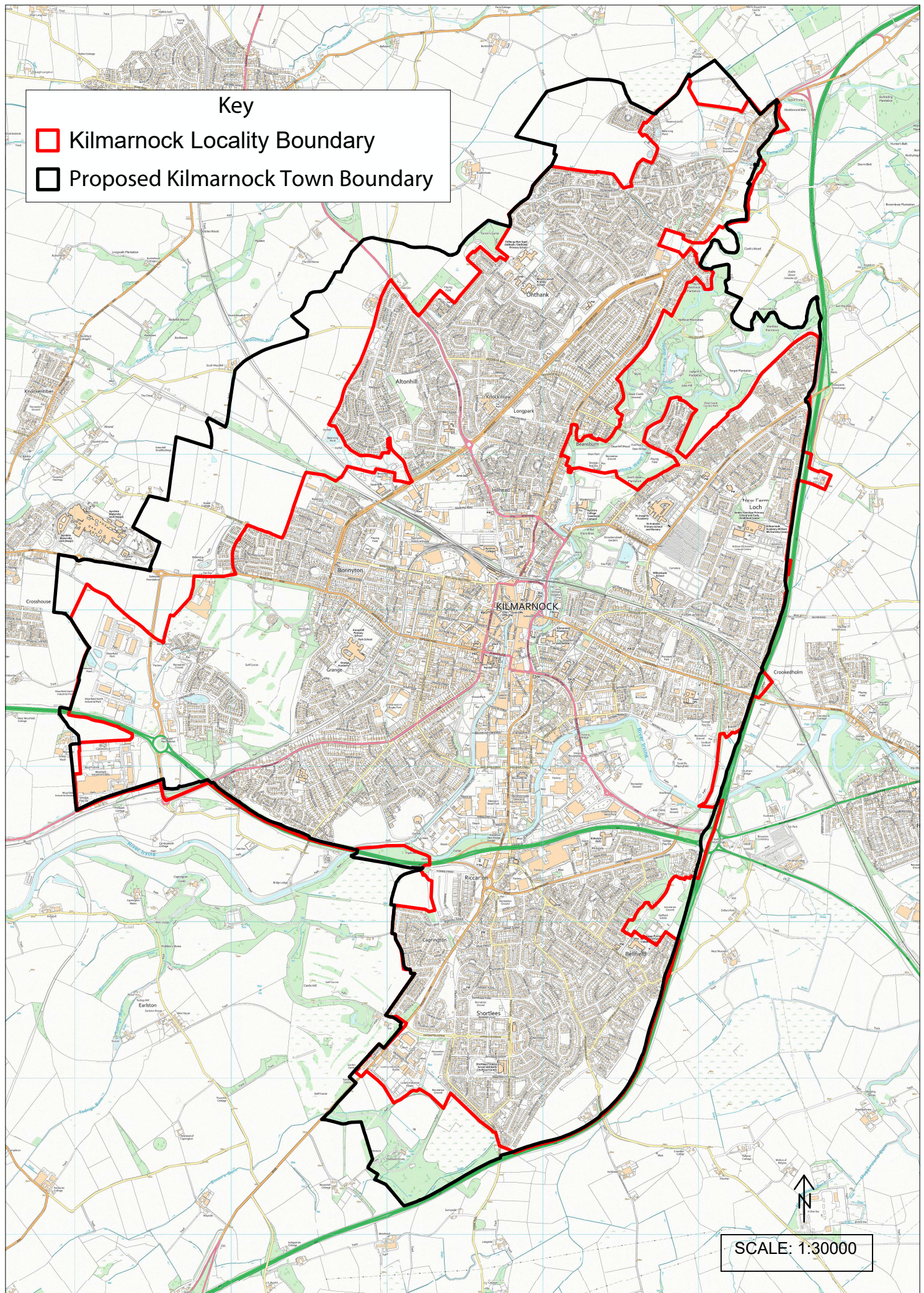
2. The Board is asked to:
 - i) **Note the context of the boundary as suggested by DHLUC;**
 - ii) **Agree changes to the boundary to be proposed to DHLUC, aligning with Local Development Plan 2, to ensure the Board's consideration of investment opportunities can include the whole town.**

BACKGROUND

3. On 6 February 2024, DHLUC provided a data pack for Kilmarnock. There is scope to make representations to DHLUC to alter those boundaries, where an amendment remains within the spirit of the programme and includes, as part of the revised area, the town that was originally selected. Alterations to the boundary should not bring in additional, separate population centres (i.e. different towns) and must remain contiguous. Any proposed change to the boundary needs to be confirmed by 1 April, as part of a wider return to the department on the establishment of Kilmarnock Town Board. Ministers will then consider the case for change.
4. The original boundary has been created by DHLUC based on desktop exercise which produced a local data profile. It does not take account of the implementation of current national or local policy interventions or lived experience of the town.
5. On 24th February 2024, Council agreed the new Local Development Plan for East Ayrshire, which sets out land use allocations and policy to 2029 and beyond. As part of this process, boundaries are refined for each of East Ayrshire's settlements, including Kilmarnock, and are adjusted for existing and proposed growth.

PROPOSALS

6. The proposed alteration to the boundary would encompass the revised settlement boundary for Local Development Plan 2 as well as Dean Castle Country Park. Whilst there may be no investment eventually planned in these areas, using the same boundary will provide consistency and means that all of Kilmarnock is in the scope of the fund, and parts of the town are not discounted prior to the Plan being devised. A map of the existing and proposed boundaries is set out below.
7. The revised area is considered to align with the spirit of the programme, reflect the 3 policy areas detailed in the Guidance and will result in a single contiguous geographic area thus meeting DHLUC's requirements.



Key

- Kilmarnock Locality Boundary
- Proposed Kilmarnock Town Boundary