

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Councillors: Fred Gleaves; Joan Hully; Bill Southward; Norman Williams;

**Also present:** Councillors John Bowman and Elaine Woodburn

**Officers:** Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Stephanie Shaw, Senior Elections Officer

**Apologies:** Councillors Brian Dixon; Eileen Eastwood; Peter Tyson

#### **Appointment of Chair**

It was moved by Councillor Bill Southward, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor Joan Hully be appointed Chair of the Working Party for the current year.

(Councillor Hully in the Chair)

#### **Appointment of Deputy Chair**

It was moved by Councillor Bill Southward, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – that Councillor Fred Gleaves be appointed Deputy Chair of the Working Party for the current year.

#### **Review of Polling Districts**

The Working Party considered the review of polling districts carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, together with representations received during the public consultation on the review.

The Working Party also considered the position of a small number of Hensingham electors who had been re-allocated to the Whitehaven Golf Course polling station in 2011. It was noted that these would be transferred back to Hensingham Library for future elections.

**RESOLVED** – that the polling district review be noted and no changes made as a result other than that noted above relating to Hensingham.

### **Review of Cumbria County Council Electoral Divisions**

Consideration was given to a consultation paper issued by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England on reviewing the Cumbria County Council electoral divisions. The review also proposed consequential changes to parish warding arrangements in certain areas of the Borough, notably Cleator Moor, Egremont and Millom.

It was agreed that before the Working Party considered the Council's own response to the consultation proposals, it would be appropriate to arrange meetings with the parish councils affected to ensure they were aware of the implications for their own areas.

### **Community Governance Review – Beckermest/Ponsonby**

A report was considered on proposals put forward by Ponsonby Parish Council for changes to the boundaries between Ponsonby and Beckermest following the Community Governance Review of the area in 2010. It was noted that the representations received during the consultation on the 2010 for the area concerned (affecting six properties and twelve electors) had been inadvertently overlooked, and the Working Party considered that it would therefore be appropriate to conduct a further review of this small area.

**RESOLVED** - that a Community Governance Review be carried out of the area shown on the plan attached to the report.

The meeting closed at 2.45 pm

Chairman