

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – ST BEES

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HOLDER:

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Summary	Reports the recommendation of the Parish Review Working Party on the Community Governance review of St Bees.
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Recommendation:	That Council approves the reorganisation order
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 introduced powers for a principal council to undertake community governance reviews of all or part of their area, and to make local reorganisation orders on completion of reviews. Community governance reviews (CGR's) can comprise creating, merging or abolishing parishes, naming or re-naming parishes, amending parish boundaries, and altering electoral arrangements in parishes. Electoral arrangements include the number councillors to be elected to a parish council, their terms of office, and warding arrangements within parishes. Powers to undertake CGR's replace the powers under earlier legislation for the Secretary of State to make parish review orders on the recommendations of principal councils.

2 PRESENT POSITION

2.1 The Copeland Parishes Order 2009 saw the Ingwell Ward of St Bees Parish move into the Parish of Egremont, and the existing parish councillor for the Ingwell Ward will cease to serve the parish council from 2011. This will effectively reduce the number of councillors in St Bees Council by one.

2.2 During the last five years the electorate in St Bees has gradually increased as a result of new housing developments in the area. Council statistics show that over 80 new houses have been completed within the last 5 years with an average electorate of 160. As a result of this St Bees Parish council feels that this justifies increasing the number of Councillors in St Bees ward by one. This would restore the overall position to that which existed before the 2009 Order.

- 2.3 A consultation has been carried out through “St Bees News” on a proposed CGR which would increase the total membership of the Parish Council by one.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 No representation or objections have been received during the consultation period, and the Working Party is therefore recommends Council to agree to a Reorganisation Order which will increase the number of Parish Councillors in St Bees Ward by one.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The Working Party recommends Council to approve the reorganisation order.

List of Background Documents Guidance on CGR’s

List of Consultees: Chief Executive; S 151 Officer; portfolio holder

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COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL (ST BEES)

COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REORGANISATION ORDER 2010

The Copeland Borough Council, in exercise of the powers contained in Section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, hereby makes the following order:

- (1) That the number of parish councillors for the St Bees Ward of the St Bees Parish be increased by one.
- (2) The order shall come into force on 1st April 2011

Dated this ____ day of ____ 2010

Martin Jepson
Head of Legal and Democratic Services