

ELECTORAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8 JULY 2014 AT 2:00pm

Present: Councillors: Joan Hully (Chairman); John Bowman; Keith Hitchen and Peter Tyson.

Officers: Stephanie Shaw, Senior Elections Officer; Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer and Michelle Pennock, Elections Support Officer.

Apologies: Councillor Brian Dixon; Fred Gleaves and William Southward.

Also Present: Councillor Carole Woodman.

ERWP 01/14 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2012 were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

ERWP 02/14 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

It was moved by Councillor Joan Hully, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that Councillor John Bowman be appointed Deputy Chairman of this Panel for the current municipal year.

ERWP 03/14 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

The Working Party considered were advised by the Senior Elections Officer that the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places and that the next compulsory review must now be started for completion between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015.

The terminology was then clarified for Members, stating that:-

A Polling District - is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts.

A Polling Place - is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

A Polling Station - is the room or area within the Polling Place where voting takes place.

Members were advised that the consultation period for the current review commenced on 23 June 2014 and will end on 1 August 2014.

It was stated that feedback on any aspect of Polling Districts and /or Polling Places currently used was sought and representation and comments was invited from interested persons, local political parties, Councillors and electors within the Parliamentary Constituency of Copeland.

The Working Party then considered the Schedule of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations in Copeland as at 20 June 2014, providing additional comments and suggestions.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the Electoral Review Working Party note the review of UK Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places which is currently being undertaken, and
- b) all comments and suggestions be incorporated in a revised Schedule of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations in Copeland for consideration at the next meeting of this Working Party.

ERWP 04/14 Date of Next Meeting

It was AGREED that the next meeting of the Electoral Review Working Party be on 14 August 2014 at 2:00pm and Members would be advised of the venue in due course.

The meeting closed at 2.45pm

Chairman

Date