

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE NEW ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR CUMBRIA  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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<b>Summary</b>	Updates the Electoral Review Working Party on the representations received regarding the new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council
<b>Recommendation:</b>	The working party should consider if there are any other representations they wish to submit during the consultation period.

## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The working party will recall the original report shown at appendix one which detailed the proposals for the new electoral arrangements for Cumbria County Council.
- 1.2 At the working party's request, officers have held separate meetings with members of the Parish Councils that are affected by the proposals.

## **2 PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 Egremont Town Council made the following representations:
  - Rename the proposed Mirehouse South and St Bees County Division to Egremont North & St Bees or vice versa. There are no Mirehouse addresses within this boundary.
  - Proposed Egremont East parish ward falls within the adjoining district Ward of Beckermest so is out of sync with the local area.
  - There could be a significant increase in the cost of parish election with the creation of two new parish wards

- 2.2 Cleator Moor Town Council requested elector statistics for the three proposed parish wards. These were supplied and the proposals were discussed at their Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The response received from the parish council was as follows *“Members have agreed to request a preference to leaving the electoral wards as they currently stand. Members felt that the disparity between the numbers of electors did not constitute the need to create a new ward. They also highlight the additional financial burden at election times”*.
- 2.3 Millom Town Council has sent their representations objecting to the proposals directly to the Boundary Commission. A summary of their representations are as follows:
- To include the wards of Holborn Hill into the Divisional Ward of Millom Without is not considered an option. There is no local affinity between the town Ward of Holborn Hill and the rural area of Millom Without; the issues of the town are totally different to those of Millom Without. It is therefore considered that the proposed relocating of Holborn Hill into the Millom Without Ward is not an option acceptable to this Council or to the public of this community.
  - It has been suggested by other responder’s to the proposals that the County Council Ward dividing line between Millom / Haverigg Ward and Millom Without Ward be repositioned to run East along the railway line from the existing Ward boundary at a point where it crosses the railway line, near to Langthwaite Beck, in an Easterly direction to Palmers Lane in the township of Millom. This line would then run South following the existing Town and Borough boundaries to Steel Green and Port Haverigg, terminating at the shore line. This in itself causes an issue since the small community of Port Haverigg would be split, again causing confusion.

### **3 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Working Party is asked to:
- (i) Consider the draft proposals and representations received to date and submit any further representations by 31st January 2012.

#### **List of Background Documents**

#### **List of Consultees:**

#### **Portfolio Holder**