

**COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – EGREMONT, BECKERMET, HAILE,  
LOWSIDE QUARTER, PONSONBY**

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**HOLDER:**

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<b>Summary</b>	Report to the Parish Review Working Party on the representations received during the consultation period for the Community Governance Review on parts of Egremont, Beckermets, Haile, Lowside Quarter and Ponsonby.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	That the representation made during second round of consultations be considered.

## **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 During 2006/2009 informal discussions took place with Parish Councils in the Beckermets area on parish boundaries in the area, which no longer follow natural communities. As a result a set of proposals for changes to boundaries were produced which included creation of a new parish of Beckermets.

2.2 This Working Party agreed late 2009 to these proposals forming a draft reorganisation order under the Local Government Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 which have been advertised twice. This report summarises the objections and representations received during the latest consultation period.

## **PROPOSALS**

- 2.1 Two new representations were received from the parishes involved. A representation was made by St John's Beckermeth, suggesting that minor changes to the proposed boundaries are made.
- 2.2 The second representation received from Haile and Wilton Parish Council proposes that major changes are made to the proposed boundary change. Due to the significance of the changes proposed by Haile and Wilton Parish Council, should this be approved we feel we would have to redo all the work to date and start again with another round of consultations. This would then inevitably delay the outcome of the review and the likelihood of it being completed in time for the 2011 Parish Elections is minimal.

A full set of plans showing the proposals and the effect of all objections/representations received will be displayed at the meeting.

The working party are asked to consider whether the final order should be amended to take account of any of these.

## **3 CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 The Working Party is asked to:
  - (i) Consider and approve any of the two representations received.
  - (ii) Consider the reorganisation order and the representations received, and decide if the final order should be amended to take account of them.

**List of Background Documents      Guidance on CGR's**

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