COPELAND (PARISHES) ORDER 2009

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Summary	Reports to the Working Party a matter arising from the Copeland (Parishes) Order relating to the electoral arrangements for St Bees Parish
Recommendation:	That the Working Party notes that there is an outstanding matter relating to the electoral arrangements for St Bees on which it will be necessary to consult the Electoral Commission and submit a further report to the Working Party at a future date.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Following the making of the recent Copeland (Parishes) Order 2009 the St Bees Parish Council has pointed out that there were provisions in the draft order published in 2006 relating to changes to the number of councillors for the St Bees ward of St Bees Parish Council. These provisions have not been carried over into the final published Order.

1.2 DCLG have explained to us that the reason for this omission is that any Order relating to changes to electoral arrangements (as opposed to boundary changes) will be for the Council to make under the new powers in Section 86 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, and that this will require consultation with the Electoral Commission. A further report will therefore be needed to the Working Party once this consultation has been carried out.

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

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