

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

PORTFOLIO Cllr Norman Williams

HOLDER:

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Summary : Reports to the Working Party progress on the community governance review of parts of Beckermets, Egremont, Haile, Lowside Quarter and Ponsonby.

Recommendation: That Council be recommended to approve the draft Re-organisation Order for the creation of a Beckermets Parish with effect from 1st April 2011 and the establishment of Beckermets Parish Council with effect from the next ordinary elections following that date.

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 PROPOSALS

2.1 The Working Party is aware of previous reports brought before Members concerning proposals for creation of a new Parish of Beckermets, and associated changes to boundaries of adjoining parishes.

2.2 The proposals would result in the abolition of the existing parishes of St Bridget's Beckermets and St John's Beckermets and creation of a new parish to be known as the parish of Beckermets. The new parish would comprise 14 Councillors, meaning a councillor to elector ratio of 1:95.

- 2.3 The new powers in the 2007 Act require principal authorities undertaking CGR's to consult with electors in areas under review. Previous reports to the Working Party have set out proposed consultation arrangements, and have summarised the objections and representations received, which the Working Party has considered. There are no outstanding issues arising from the consultations on the proposals remaining to be determined, and the Working Party is asked to recommend the Council at its meeting on 12 October to approve the draft Re-organisation Order and plan which are attached to this report.
- 2.4 The remainder of this report explains the matters which the Re-organisation Order will need to address.

3 BUDGET AND PRECEPTS

- 3.1 Regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008 requires principal authorities undertaking CGR's which involve creation of new parishes to set the budget for the new Council in its first year.
- 3.2 Appendix A shows two options for a budget and precept for the new parish of Beckermetham which have been drawn up in consultation with the existing parishes of St John's Beckermetham and St Bridget's Beckermetham.

4 TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES

- 4.1 Regulation 7 of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008 provides that where a Re-organisation Order is made as a result of a CGR which creates new parishes in an area and abolishes others, all property, rights and liabilities of a transferor authority (abolished authority) will transfer to and vest in the transferee authority (new authority). It is therefore not necessary for the Order itself to address these matters.

5 ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISH COUNCIL

- 5.1 As the new parish council will not have had the opportunity of appointing a clerk, the Order provides for the 2011 Annual Meeting of the parish council to be convened by the Chief Executive of the Borough Council and serviced by a member of staff from Democratic Services; and for the Annual Meeting to be held within 14 days of the 2011 parish council elections.

6 COMMENCEMENT AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

- 6.1 The Order will take effect on 1 April 2011 and elections for parish councillors will be held on 5 May 2011. It is not considered necessary to make transitional provisions for administration of the parish's affairs in the interim period.

7 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Approval of the draft Order by Council will complete the formal procedural stages of the first Community Governance Review conducted by the Council.

List of Background Documents

Guidance on CGR's

List of Consultees:

S 151 Officer; portfolio holder

Budget for the proposed Beckermet Parish Council

	St John's Accounts 09/10	St Bridget's Accounts 09/10	Beckermet Proposed
Salary (Clerks)	2030.00	1,560.00	2,550.00
Expenses	169.23	138.09	150.00
Travel	66.00	102.00	72.00
Meeting Room Rent	122.75	388.27	183.75
Subscriptions	281.00	328.00	305.00
Donations	4325.00	550.00	1,000.00
Insurance	785.44	797.01	800.00
Maintenance	2730.50	2,023.25	3,000.00
Audit Fees	114.75	170.00	145.00
Elections			1,650.00
Internet		144.00	145.00
Contingencies			2,000.00
	<u>£10,624.67</u>	<u>£6,200.62</u>	<u>£12,000.75</u>

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COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL (BECKERMET)

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:

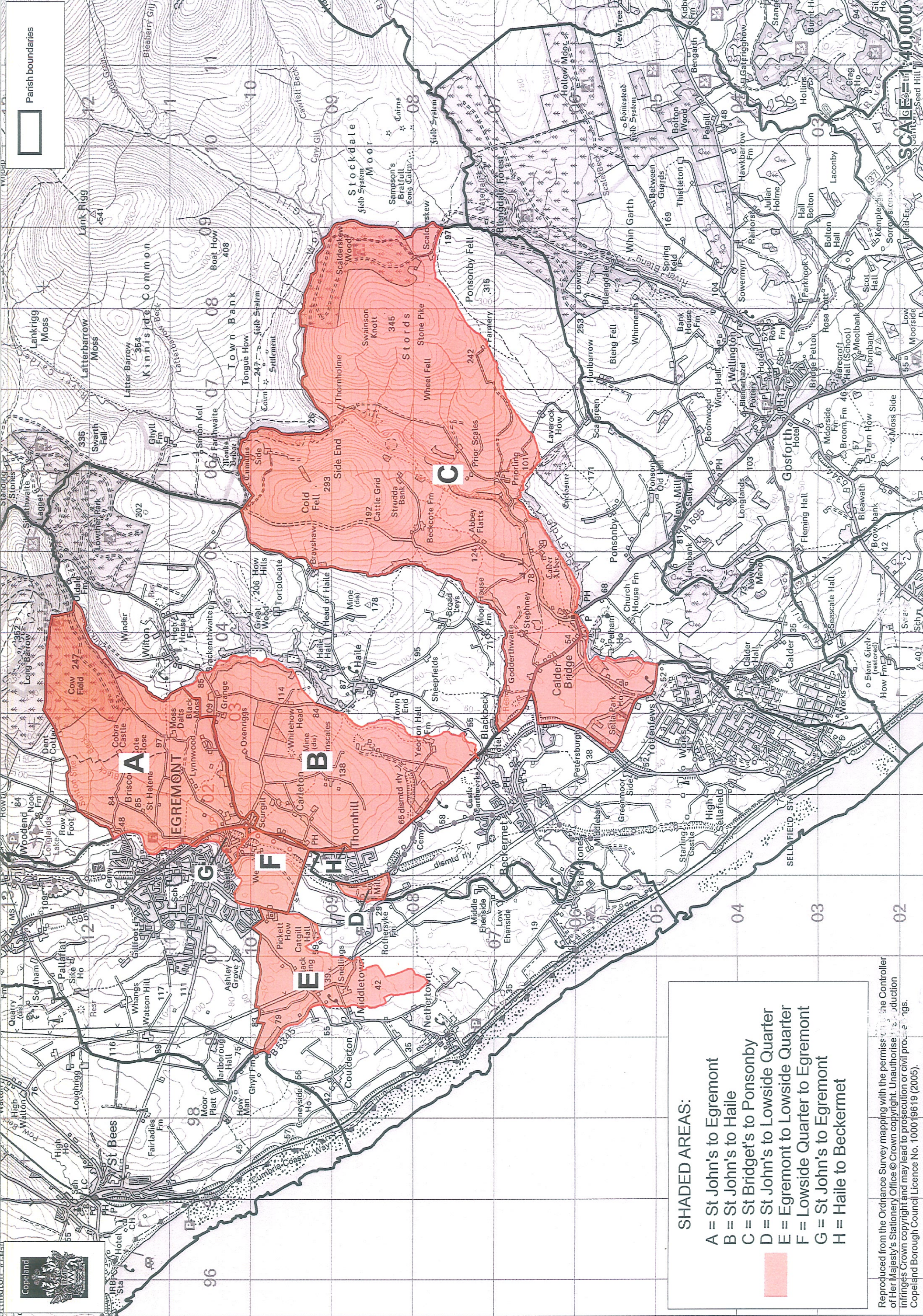
- (1) This Order may be cited as the Copeland Borough Council (Beckermet) Community Governance Reorganisation Order 2010.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on 1 April 2011
- (3) Each area described in Column 1 of the Schedule to this Order and shaded and designated a letter on the map, and referred to in column 1 by reference to that letter, shall cease to be part of the parish specified in the corresponding row of Column 2 and shall become part of the parish specified in the corresponding row of Column 3.
- (4) The areas consisting of Thornhill, the village of Beckermet, the part of the parish of St Bridget's Beckermet to the south west of the A595 trunk road, and the Dent Road area of Thornhill and Thornhill Mission Church, shown hatched red on the map, shall become the Parish of Beckermet, and the number of Councillors representing the parish shall be fourteen.
- (5) Elections for all Parish Councillors for the Parish of Beckermet shall be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2011 and thereafter every four years.
- (6) The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Beckermet Parish Council shall be convened by the Chief Executive of Copeland Borough Council and shall be held within 14 days of 5 May 2011.
- (7) For the purposes of Regulation 3 of the Local Government Finance (New Parishes) (England) Regulations 2008, there is specified in relation to the Parish of Beckermet the sum of £12,000.75

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2010

Martin Jepson
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

SCHEDULE

(1) Area Shaded and Shown on Map (letter)	(2) Transfer from (Parish)	(3) Transfer to (Parish)
(A) Briscoe Mill, Cobra Castle, St Helena, Ullcoats, St Thomas Cross House, Sherwen's Terrace, Scurgill	St John's Beckermets	Egremont
(B) Grange, Whitehow Head, Yeorton Hall, Carleton	St John's Beckermets	Haile
(C) Godderthwaite, High Beck Cote, Thornholme, Skalderskew, Priorling, Calder Abbey, Calderbridge	St Bridget's Beckermets	Ponsonby
(D) Low Mill	St John's Beckermets	Lowside Quarter
(E) Crakesdale, Black Ling, Kell Head, Catgill, Snellings Farm	Egremont	Lowside Quarter
(F) Beggarghyll House, Ennerdale Mill, New House Farm	Lowside Quarter	Egremont
(G) Bridge End, Cringlethwaite, Little Mill, Woodbank	St John's Beckermets	Egremont
(H) Thornhill Mission Church	Haile	Beckermets



Parish boundaries

SCALE 1:40,000

SHADED AREAS:

- A = St John's to Egremont
- B = St John's to Haile
- C = St Bridget's to Ponsonby
- D = St John's to Lowside Quarter
- E = Egremont to Lowside Quarter
- F = Lowside Quarter to Egremont
- G = St John's to Egremont
- H = Haile to Beckermat

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