

Cumberland

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Comment text:

At a meeting of the Council on 19th February, it was resolved to submit the following comment:

Cockermouth Town Council submits that the community of Cockermouth would best be served on the revised Cumberland Council as a single ward with two councillors.

Composed of the current wards of Cockermouth North and the urban part of Cockermouth South, the new ward would have a ratio of councillors to electors close to the target proposed by Cumberland of approx. 1:4000.

This would involve divesting the rural wards of Brigham, Greysouthen, Dean and Little Clifton.

The advantages are seen as follows :-

- Two councillors for the town as a whole would be a stronger voice on the new Council
- it would enable a clearer focus on the issues that affect the town as a whole, such as traffic, schools and the vitality of the town centre
- It would improve the electorate's identification with a recognisable name for the ward
- It would get rid of the awkward boundary between the current wards that is confusing to the electorate
- It would reduce the workload facing the current representative in liaising with numerous parish councils

We see this proposal as working in favour of the rural wards whose interests would better served by their own representative on the Council

Regards

Jane Ollerenshaw

Attached Documents:

None attached