

New electoral arrangements for Cumberland Council Final Recommendations

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Introduction

Who we are and what we do

1 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is an independent body set up by Parliament.¹ We are not part of government or any political party. We are accountable to Parliament through a committee of MPs chaired by the Speaker of the House of Commons. Our main role is to carry out electoral reviews of local authorities throughout England.

2 The members of the Commission are:

- Bev Smith (Chair)
- Andrew Scallan CBE (Deputy Chair)
- Dame Gillian Guy
- Amanda Nobbs OBE
- Wallace Sampson OBE
- Liz Treacy
- Janet Waggott
- Ailsa Irvine (Chief Executive)

What is an electoral review?

3 An electoral review examines and proposes new electoral arrangements for a local authority. A local authority's electoral arrangements decide:

- How many councillors are needed.
- How many wards or electoral divisions there should be, where their boundaries are and what they should be called.
- How many councillors should represent each ward or division.

4 When carrying out an electoral review the Commission has three main considerations:

- Improving electoral equality by equalising the number of electors that each councillor represents.
- Ensuring that the recommendations reflect community identity.
- Providing arrangements that support effective and convenient local government.

5 Our task is to strike the best balance between these three considerations when making our recommendations.

¹ Under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

6 More detail regarding the powers that we have, as well as further guidance and information about electoral reviews and the review process in general, can be found on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Why Cumberland?

7 We are conducting a review of Cumberland Council ('the Council') as it is a recently established authority whose electoral arrangements have not been reviewed since its establishment in 2023. The existing electoral arrangements were intended to be interim for the purposes of the first elections to the authority. Additionally, some councillors currently represent many more or fewer electors than others. We describe this as 'electoral inequality'. Our aim is to create 'electoral equality', where the number of electors per councillor is as even as possible, ideally within 10% of being exactly equal.

8 This electoral review is being carried out to ensure that:

- The wards in Cumberland are in the best possible places to help the Council carry out its responsibilities effectively.
- The number of electors represented by each councillor is approximately the same across the local authority area.

Our proposals for Cumberland

9 Cumberland should be represented by 55 councillors, nine more than there are now.

10 Cumberland should have 55 wards, nine more than there are now.

11 The boundaries of two wards will remain the same, the rest will change.

12 We have now finalised our recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cumberland.

How will the recommendations affect you?

13 The recommendations will determine how many councillors will serve on the Council. They will also decide which ward you vote in, which other communities are in that ward and, in some cases, which parish council ward you vote in. Your ward name may also change.

14 Our recommendations cannot affect the external boundaries of the local authority or result in changes to postcodes. They do not take into account parliamentary constituency boundaries. The recommendations will not have an effect

on local taxes, house prices or car and house insurance premiums, and we are not able to take into account any representations which are based on these issues.

Review timetable

15 We wrote to the Council to ask its views on the appropriate number of councillors for Cumberland. We then held three periods of consultation with the public on warding patterns for the local authority. The submissions received during consultation have informed our final recommendations.

16 The review was conducted as follows:

Stage starts	Description
19 November 2024	Number of councillors decided
26 November 2024	Start of consultation seeking views on new wards
24 February 2025	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming draft recommendations
3 June 2025	Publication of draft recommendations; start of second consultation
11 August 2025	End of consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
2 December 2025	Publication of further draft recommendations; start of limited consultation in parts of Cumberland
26 January 2026	End of limited consultation; we began analysing submissions and forming final recommendations
5 May 2026	Publication of final recommendations

Analysis and final recommendations

17 Legislation² states that our recommendations should not be based only on how many electors³ there are now, but also on how many there are likely to be in the five years after the publication of our final recommendations. We must also try to recommend strong, clearly identifiable boundaries for our wards.

18 In reality, we are unlikely to be able to create wards with exactly the same number of electors in each; we have to be flexible. However, we try to keep the number of electors represented by each councillor as close to the average for the council as possible.

19 We work out the average number of electors per councillor for each individual local authority by dividing the electorate by the number of councillors, as shown on the table below.

	2024	2031
Electorate of Cumberland	216,592	214,482
Number of councillors	55	55
Average number of electors per councillor	3,938	3,900

20 When the number of electors per councillor in a ward is within 10% of the average for the authority, we refer to the ward as having 'good electoral equality'. All but eight of our proposed wards for Cumberland are forecast to have good electoral equality by 2031.

Submissions received

21 See Appendix C for details of the submissions received. All submissions may be viewed on our website at www.lgbce.org.uk

Electorate figures

22 The Council submitted electorate forecasts for 2030, a period five years on from the scheduled publication of our final recommendations in 2025. These forecasts were broken down to polling district level and predicted a decrease in the electorate of around 1% by 2030. This review is now scheduled to be completed in 2026 rather than 2025 as originally planned, due to our decision to carry out an additional round of consultation. However, we – and the Council – remain content that the five-year forecast agreed with the Council at the start of the review remains the best available and can be regarded as a reasonable forecast of

² Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

³ Electors refers to the number of people registered to vote, not the whole adult population.

electors for 2031. We have therefore used this forecast when developing these final recommendations.

23 Our mapping tool uses geocoded electoral registers supplied by the Council to locate electors, by associating addresses with specific geographic coordinates. It considers each elector's location to produce precise elector counts for each ward. There can be very slight differences between the electorate figures published on our website at the beginning of the review and the electorate figures published in this report. However, these are very minor and do not impact on our recommendations.

Number of councillors

24 Cumberland Council currently has 46 councillors. We looked at evidence provided by the Council and concluded that increasing by nine will ensure the Council can carry out its roles and responsibilities effectively.

25 We therefore invited proposals for new patterns of wards that would be represented by 55 councillors – for example, 55 one-councillor wards or a mix of one-, two- and three-councillor wards.

26 We received six submissions about the number of councillors in response to our consultation on our draft recommendations. Some of them objected to the increase in the number of councillors on financial grounds or their view that the Council was underperforming. On the other hand, one respondent believed that the Council needed more councillors. None of the respondents included evidence about how the Council would carry out its duties with either the existing number of councillors or a further increase in councillors. We did not receive any submissions about the number of councillors in response to our limited consultation on further draft recommendations.

27 We therefore maintained 55 councillors for our final recommendations.

Ward boundaries consultation

28 We received 82 submissions in response to our first consultation on ward boundaries. These included authority-wide proposals from the Council, Cumberland Conservatives ('Conservatives') and Cumberland Liberal Democrats ('Liberal Democrats'). We also received a proposal from Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party ('Whitehaven & Workington Labour') for 18 wards covering its parliamentary constituency area, and a submission from the Cumberland Council Green Group. The remainder of the submissions provided localised comments for wards' arrangements in particular areas of the local authority area.

29 The authority-wide schemes all provided a uniform pattern of one-councillor wards for Cumberland. We carefully considered the proposals received and were of

the view that each of these proposed patterns of wards resulted in good levels of electoral equality in most areas of the authority and generally used clearly identifiable boundaries.

30 Our draft recommendations were based on a combination of the authority-wide and partial schemes that we received. We also took into account local evidence that we received, which provided further evidence of community links and locally recognised boundaries. In some areas we considered that the proposals did not provide for the best balance between our statutory criteria and so we identified alternative boundaries.

31 Our draft recommendations were for 55 one-councillor wards. We considered that our draft recommendations would provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

32 We have been mindful of our duty in relation to national landscapes within Cumberland. We are satisfied that our recommended divisions provide councillors with a coherent geographic context from which to understand and discharge their statutory responsibilities in respect of protected landscapes.

Draft recommendations consultation

33 We received 78 submissions during consultation on our draft recommendations. These included authority-wide comments from the Council, Conservatives and West Cumberland Green Party. The Cumberland Liberal Democrats restricted their comments to Carlisle and the rural areas around it.

34 The majority of the other submissions focused on specific areas, particularly our proposals in Carlisle, Workington and central Cumberland.

35 We visited the area in order to look at the various proposals on the ground. This tour of Cumberland helped us to decide between the different boundaries proposed.

Further draft recommendations consultation

36 In response to our draft recommendations, we received opposition to some areas. We received several submissions about Carlisle with regards to the 'Raffles' community being split across wards. Many of those who wrote in about this suggested that the communities in that area were not reflected in the warding pattern that we outlined in our draft recommendations.

37 We also received comments that the Workington Central & Stainburn ward outlined in our draft recommendations did not reflect communities in the area. We

additionally received several submissions which told us that we had split the parishes that make up the Melbreak Communities across two different wards.

38 We received alternative proposals which were very different from our draft recommendations in these areas. We considered that these alternative proposals had merit and should be explored further. Accordingly, we published further draft recommendations in these areas.

39 We received 30 submissions in response to our further draft recommendations including from the Council, Conservatives, Liberal Democrats and West Cumberland Green Party. We also received comments from Carlisle & District Green Party, Workington Branch Labour Party, councillors, some parish and town councils and residents.

Final recommendations

40 Our final recommendations are for 55 one-councillor wards. We consider that our final recommendations will provide for good electoral equality while reflecting community identities and interests where we received such evidence during consultation.

41 Our final recommendations are based on the draft recommendations with modifications to the wards in Moorclose and Westfield and a minor modification between Corkickle & Harras Park and Hensingham wards.

42 They are also based on our further draft recommendations in Carlisle, Workington and rural central Cumberland with minor modifications between Kingstown & Crindledyke and Stanwix East & Houghton, and between Brigham and Dearham & Papcastle, based on the submissions received.

43 We also make changes to some ward names.

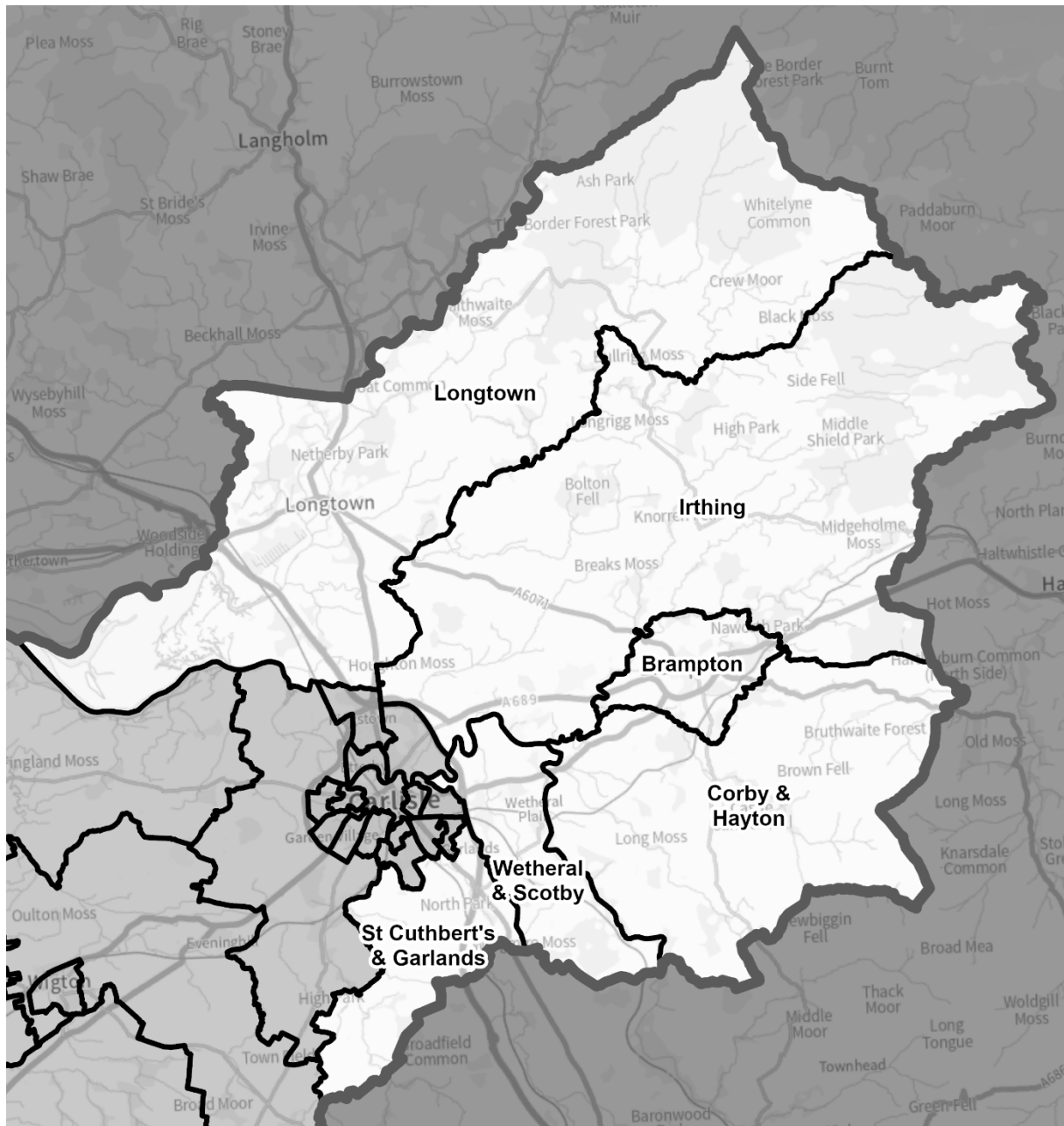
44 The tables and maps on pages 9–38 detail our final recommendations for each area of Cumberland. They detail how the proposed warding arrangements reflect the three statutory⁴ criteria of:

- Equality of representation.
- Reflecting community interests and identities.
- Providing for effective and convenient local government.

45 A summary of our proposed new wards is set out in the table starting on page 51 and on the large map accompanying this report.

⁴ Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009.

North-east



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Brampton	1	-1%
Corby & Hayton	1	0%
Irthing	1	-12%
Longtown	1	3%
St Cuthbert's & Garlands	1	-7%
Wetheral & Scotby	1	0%

Brampton, Corby & Hayton, Irthing and Longtown

46 The comments we received on our draft recommendations for these wards were all in support of them. We are therefore confirming the draft recommendations as final.

47 A resident wanted information about the cost of the proposals and additional councillors. This is a matter for the local authority and outside the remit of the electoral review.

St Cuthbert's & Garlands

48 The authority-wide comments were the only ones we received with specific comments about this area.

49 The Council was broadly supportive of our draft recommendations which were for a St Cuthbert's ward. It proposed a minor modification to exclude the few properties at the end of Beverley Rise from this ward.

50 The Conservatives proposed a similar modification. They also requested that we exclude Dalesman Drive and Watermans Walk, which are part of the Garlands Estate, from this ward.

51 The West Cumberland Greens supported our draft recommendations for the north-east of Cumberland including this ward.

52 We considered these proposals carefully. The properties at the end of Beverley Rise in Settle Close are in St Cuthbert Without parish. Including them in the neighbouring ward in Harraby would necessitate the creation of a parish ward. This is because, by law, if a parish is to be divided between different district wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single district ward. However, with very few electors this parish ward would be unviable. Unviable parish wards are those which we consider would have too few electors to be effectively represented at parish level and which would not aid effective and convenient local government. This is why we did not do this as part of our draft recommendations. We have therefore not made the requested change.

53 The Council can modify the parish boundaries after conducting a Community Governance Review, following which it can request that we make a change to the district ward boundaries so that they follow the amended parish boundaries. We would make such a change through the making of a legal order known as a related alteration order.

54 With regards to the Conservatives' proposal to exclude Dalesman Drive and Watermans Walk from this ward, we note that these roads do not have direct access to the west but face on to Hunters Crescent and the other roads to the east. This

proposal is splitting an estate without any community reason or electoral equality reason for doing so. Accordingly, we have not been persuaded to exclude them from this ward.

55 Furthermore, the resultant St Cuthbert's ward would be forecast to have a variance of -18%. This is much higher than we would consider good electoral equality. For these two reasons taken together, we considered that this proposal would not represent the best balance of our statutory criteria, and we did not adopt it.

56 Accordingly, we confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

57 We asked for comments about the name of this ward. The Liberal Democrats were content with it being named St Cuthbert's. However, the Council requested that we change it to either St Cuthbert's & Garlands or St Cuthbert's & Carleton to reflect the constituent communities in the ward. We note that respondents have referred to the area of Carlisle included in this ward as Garlands Estate or Garlands area. We also note that the Garlands area is increasing due to housing development. We are therefore content to rename it St Cuthbert's & Garlands.

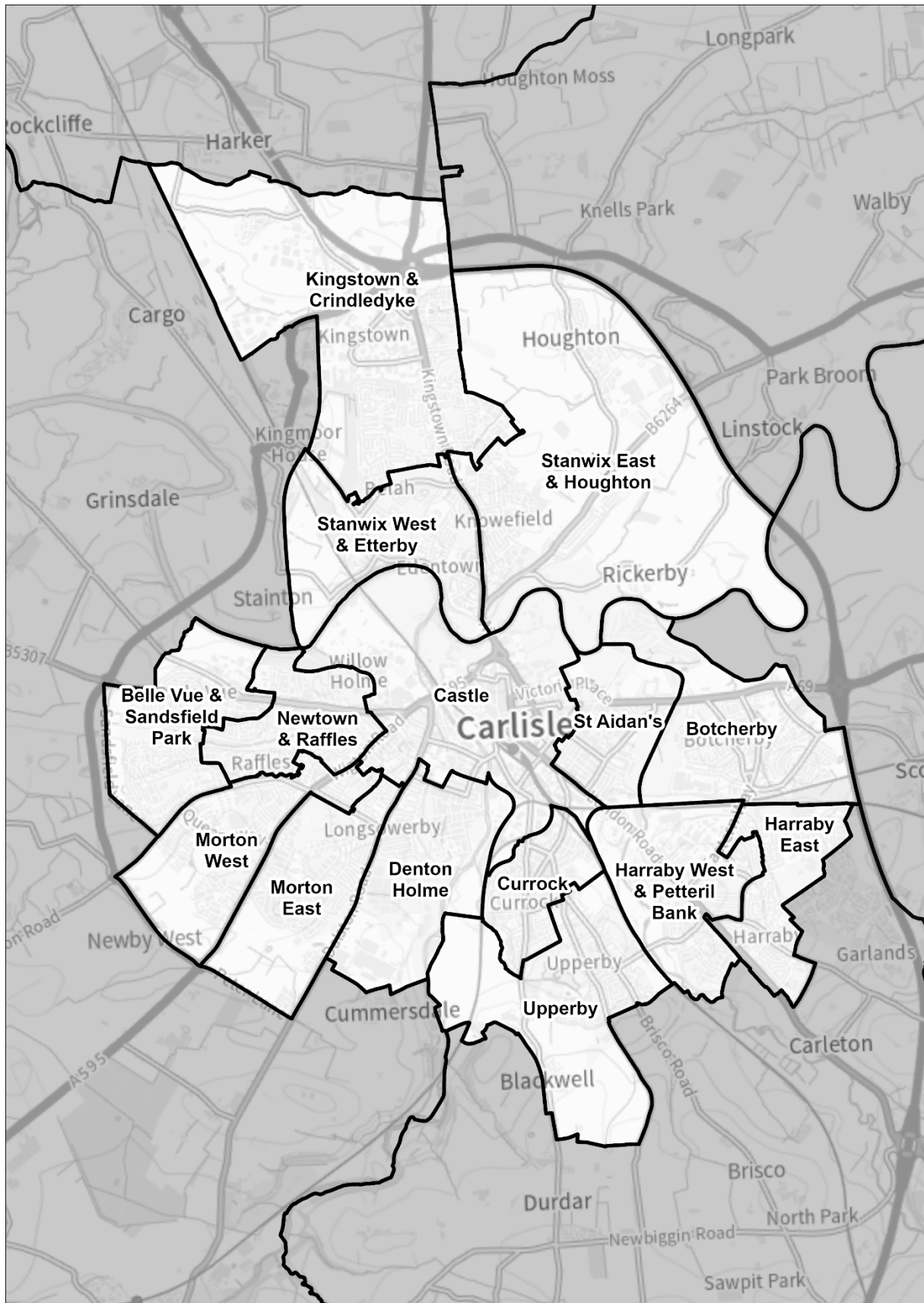
Wetheral & Scotby

58 The comments we received were supportive of the boundaries of our draft recommendations Wetheral ward.

59 The Council proposed that the ward be renamed Wetheral & Scotby to reflect the large and growing population of Scotby to the west of the ward. We are content to rename this ward Wetheral & Scotby.

60 Aside from this name change, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Carlisle and Houghton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park	1	6%
Botcherby	1	-15%
Castle	1	-9%
Currock	1	-2%
Denton Holme	1	-8%
Harraby East	1	-7%
Harraby West & Petteril Bank	1	-1%
Kingstown & Crindledyke	1	15%
Morton East	1	6%
Morton West	1	7%
Newtown & Raffles	1	-3%
St Aidan's	1	3%
Stanwix East & Houghton	1	2%
Stanwix West & Etterby	1	-9%
Upperby	1	-1%

61 In response to the further draft recommendations, we received comments from the Council, Conservatives, Liberal Democrats, Carlisle & District branch of Cumbria Green Party, Councillor Mallinson, Councillor Wills, Councillor Wernham, Beaumont Parish Council and some residents about our proposals for Carlisle.

62 We received a number of the comments in response to our request for views on whether multi-councillor wards in Belle Vue, Sandsfield Park, Morton, Raffles and north Carlisle would better keep communities together and reflect our statutory criteria.

63 Among other things, the Conservatives pointed out that in north Carlisle the creation of a multi-councillor ward would impact the identity of the residents of Houghton village which would be 'swallowed up' within any such warding arrangement. This point was reiterated by Councillor Mallinson who wondered why this area should be combined with urban Carlisle in a multi-councillor ward. He was of the view that the inclusion of the Knowefield area of Carlisle in a single-councillor ward with Houghton as envisaged in the further draft recommendations was balanced and would be 'recognisable' by the residents of Houghton.

64 The Liberal Democrats expressed the view that 55 single-councillor wards 'provided the most consistent and effective pattern of representation across the authority'. They stated that although the proposal to create multi-councillor wards would 'deliver a low forecast electoral variance, it would do so at the expense of meaningful community representation and would not reflect how residents perceive or experience their local communities'. In their view, the creation of the three wards

in the north recognises that 'electoral equality must be balanced against community identity and the need for effective and convenient local government'.

65 Councillor Wills was opposed to multi-councillor wards especially if 'confined to only one or maybe two areas in Cumberland'. He also believed that multi-councillor wards in the north 'would mean an unnatural splitting and mixing of communities'. He was of the view that the division of Stanwix East and Stanwix West made sense as 'there already exists a degree of east and west communities' either side of Scotland Road.

66 Councillor Wernham did not believe that establishing two- or three-councillor wards north of the River Eden would improve representation or better reflect local communities. This view was iterated by the Carlisle & District Green Party.

67 All the other respondents who commented on this objected to the creation of multi-councillor wards in Carlisle and supported the creation of single-councillor wards for various reasons.

68 After carefully considering the comments we received, we have decided to retain the wards as set out in our further draft recommendations, with a minor modification in north Carlisle as described in the relevant section below.

Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park and Newtown & Raffles

69 The comments we received about these two wards expressed support for them.

70 The Council stated that Heysham Park was shared by both communities and that the single connecting road was not a locally recognised issue and that there were sufficient local services existing on either side of the park.

71 We therefore confirm our further draft recommendations as final.

72 Beaumont Parish Council questioned why we did not include the area east of the Northern Bypass in Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park district ward especially since there is already a proposal to amend Beaumont parish boundaries to run along the Northern Bypass.

73 As explained in our further draft recommendations report, if we extended the boundaries of Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park ward to coincide with the Northern Bypass, the law says we have to create a parish ward (not a parish). This will have very few electors in it and we consider this unviable. However, Cumberland Council can modify Beaumont Parish boundaries and then ask us to move the district ward boundary to run along the new parish boundary/Northern Bypass by way of a related alteration.

74 In their response to the further draft recommendations, the Council noted this and confirmed that it would make a related alteration request when appropriate.

75 The Conservatives asked about the timing of any related alteration especially in view of a housing development on Sandsfield Lane. We do not have a view on the timing of any related alteration as this is a matter for the Council. In practical terms it would have to be sometime after the Council has made an Order to make the recommendations for the parish boundary change law.

Botcherby

76 The comments we received about Botcherby ward were in support of the revised boundaries.

77 We are therefore confirming our further draft recommendations for this ward as final.

Harraby East and Harraby West & Petteril Bank

78 We received support for these wards from the Conservatives and a resident. However, the Council raised some concerns about the boundaries of these wards.

79 The Council acknowledged that the revised boundary along London Road was clearer but stated that the street surrounding Inglewood Junior School hosts services that residents of Linden Terrace down to Lingmoor Way use. It is of the view that the inclusion of the Mallyclose Drive end of the town in Harraby East does not reflect community.

80 The Conservatives considered the further draft recommendations ‘the most practical arrangement for two electoral divisions [sic] within the wider Harraby and Petteril Bank areas’. They welcomed the use of London Road as a clear boundary.

81 The resident was of the view that the changes were much more coherent and reflected the flow of life in the two Harraby wards.

82 We note that at the last consultation, we were told that Mallyclose Drive area shared community with those to its north in the Longdyke Drive and Longholme Road area.

83 We acknowledge that some residents who identify as living in Harraby are included in Harraby West & Petteril Bank ward. Accordingly, we considered including the area between Linden Terrace and Lingmoor Way in Harraby East, in addition to the Mallyclose Drive area, to reflect all the comments we received while retaining the strength and clarity of the boundary with regards to London Road. However, this produced a Harraby East ward forecast to have at least 24% more electors and a Harraby West & Petteril Bank ward with more than 30% fewer electors than the

average for Cumberland Council. We considered these variances too high and did not adopt this proposal.

84 In view of this, we are retaining our further draft recommendations as part of our final recommendations.

Castle and Denton Holme

85 We received broad support for our further draft recommendations for these wards.

86 The Council, however, suggested moving a small group of houses at Boustead's Grassing to Castle ward because there was only footbridge access to the rest of Denton Holme ward. In its view these residents would be better located in Castle ward as there is direct road access.

87 We considered this carefully. We conducted a virtual tour of this area and note that while there is road access to Castle ward, these residents are separated from the rest of Castle ward by a non-residential/industrial area. This means that their closest neighbours in Castle ward are a fair distance away, while in Denton Holme they are just across a short footbridge. We consider it more likely that their community will be with Denton Holme.

88 Furthermore, we did not hear from these residents during the course of this review, with regards to their community being outside of Denton Holme. Therefore, we are content to retain them in their existing ward of Denton Holme.

89 We are therefore confirming our further draft recommendations for Castle and Denton Holme wards as final.

Currock and Upperby

90 We did not receive any comments about our proposals for Currock and Upperby. Accordingly, we are confirming our further draft recommendations as final.

Kingstown & Crindledyke, Stanwix East & Houghton and Stanwix West & Etterby

91 All the respondents who commented on this area expressed broad support for these three wards including the revised names.

92 The Conservatives proposed a modification which would move an area south of Jaysmith Close, north of Scotland Road and west of Pennington Drive, from Kingstown & Crindledyke into Stanwix East & Houghton ward. This area included Reiver Court and Reiver Place. This would mean a slight improvement in the electoral equality of Kingstown & Crindledyke ward.

93 Carlisle & District Green Party state that ‘the 16% variance figure for the Kingstown & Crindledyke ward still represents a lower number of electors than councillors in the area currently represent. And so, although not ideal, it is considered manageable for a single councillor.’

94 Nevertheless, it expressed disappointment that we did not include electors north of the M6 in a ward with Harker, i.e., Longtown ward, as part of our recommendations. As explained in our further draft recommendations report, there are very few electors (five) north of the M6. Because they are in Kingmoor parish, if we moved them into a different ward from the rest of their parish, the law says we have to create a parish ward. With few electors and no housing development within the forecast period, this would be unviable and so we are not persuaded to do this. We then considered moving all those who are north of the A686 and north of the M6 into Longtown. This produced a ward with 21% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council. We considered this too high and were not persuaded to make this change.

95 Carlisle & District Green Party also suggested moving those properties at the southern end of Kingstown Road (eastern side of the road), including the ones in the area highlighted by the Conservatives above, and uniting them with those on the other side of the road in Stanwix West & Etterby. It makes the point that the Bannatyne Sports facility separates those residents from Windsor Way area. It was of the view that residents on both sides of ‘that stretch of Kingstown Road’ have shared issues.

96 We considered these comments carefully. We note that Reiver Court and Reiver Place are indeed separated from Windsor Way residents to the north. We are therefore content to exclude them from Kingstown & Crindledyke ward.

97 However, we note that if we include them in a ward to the west, we will have to draw a boundary behind the properties along this stretch of Kingstown Road. We took the view that this is a much weaker boundary than using the entire southern section of the A7, i.e., Kingstown Road and Scotland Road, as in our further draft recommendations.

98 Accordingly, we are placing them in Stanwix East & Houghton ward in line with the Conservatives’ proposal. We note that these residents are currently in a ward with Knowefield and this retains that arrangement.

99 Aside from this modification, we confirm the rest of our further draft recommendations as final.

100 Kingstown & Crindledyke ward is forecast to have 15% more electors than the average for the local authority area.

Morton East and Morton West

101 The comments we received about this area were all in support of our further draft recommendations.

102 We are therefore confirming them as final.

St Aidan's

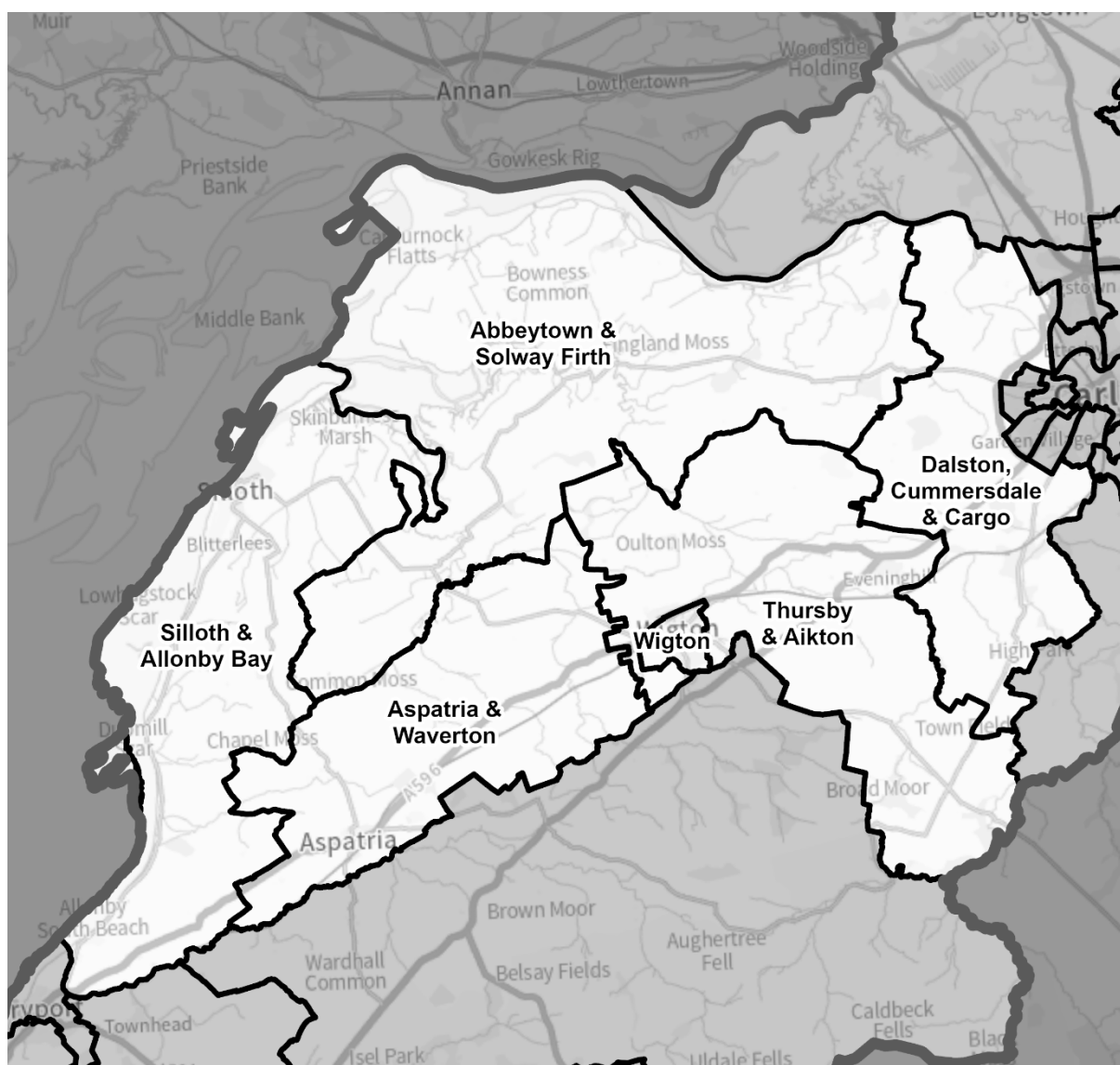
103 Our further draft recommendations were identical to our original draft recommendations, and we did not receive any further comments about the boundaries of this ward. We therefore confirm them as final.

104 We specifically requested views about the name of the ward because there had been different views expressed during the earlier consultations.

105 The only specific comments we received were from the Council and Carlisle & District Green Party who both expressed support for the name St Aidan's because that was what the area was known as. We are therefore retaining the name as part of our final recommendations.

106 We note that it is spelt with an apostrophe and have corrected our initial spelling of the ward name.

Fells and Solway



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Abbeytown & Solway Firth	1	-6%
Aspatria & Waverton	1	-10%
Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo	1	-7%
Silloth & Allonby Bay	1	11%
Thursby & Aikton	1	-13%
Wigton	1	6%

Abbeytown & Solway Firth and Silloth & Allonby Bay

107 In addition to the supportive local authority-wide comments, we received comments from Crosscanonby Parish Council and two residents.

108 The residents both expressed support for our draft recommendations in this area. One expressed the view that they ‘matched’ the communities within them.

109 However, Crosscanonby Parish Council wanted to remain in a ward with Maryport and not in Silloth & Allonby Bay. It stated that its residents were more likely to use shops, schools and other services in Maryport than Silloth.

110 We noted Crosscanonby’s proximity to Maryport and considered their request. However, including them with Maryport North produces a ward with 31% more electors than the average for Cumberland. Even if we changed the boundaries between both Maryport wards, each of them will have 14% to 15% more electors than the average for Cumberland. We were not persuaded that creating two such wards in this area with poor electoral equality was the best balance of our statutory criteria. We note that there will be other nearby rural parishes who will also look to the more urban Maryport for some of their services despite being in a different ward.

111 In view of the support for our draft recommendations, we confirm them as final.

112 We note that the Liberal Democrats proposed renaming Abbeytown & Solway Firth, Solway. However, we are unable to tell if this name will resonate with the communities that live there, and we have not been persuaded to rename it at this time.

113 Nevertheless, in the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission’s agreement to change the name of a ward if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission.

Aspatria & Waverton, Thursby & Aikton and Wigton

114 In addition to the supportive authority-wide comments, a resident also expressed support for Wigton ward. The resident was of the view that Wigton town has different needs to those of the surrounding villages.

115 Waverton Parish Council and a resident wanted Waverton retained in a ward with Wigton and possibly Woodside parish. They argued that Waverton looked to Wigton, not Aspatria, for its services and amenities.

116 While we have no doubt that most of Waverton’s services are in Wigton, we also note that this will be the case for several rural parishes in the area who will look to Wigton for a significant proportion of their amenities. We also consider that some of the linkages referred to by the parish council reflect the existing warding arrangement where Waverton, Wigton and Woodside parishes form a ward.

117 The existing ward is forecast to have 41% more electors than the average for Cumberland Council. We consider this very poor electoral equality, and we will not create such a ward. Even if Woodside parish is excluded, the electoral equality will be above 30%. Wigton town itself has too many electors to form a ward and the newer part of town north of the A596 is included in Thursby & Aikton ward.

118 We therefore confirm our draft recommendations for these wards as final.

Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo

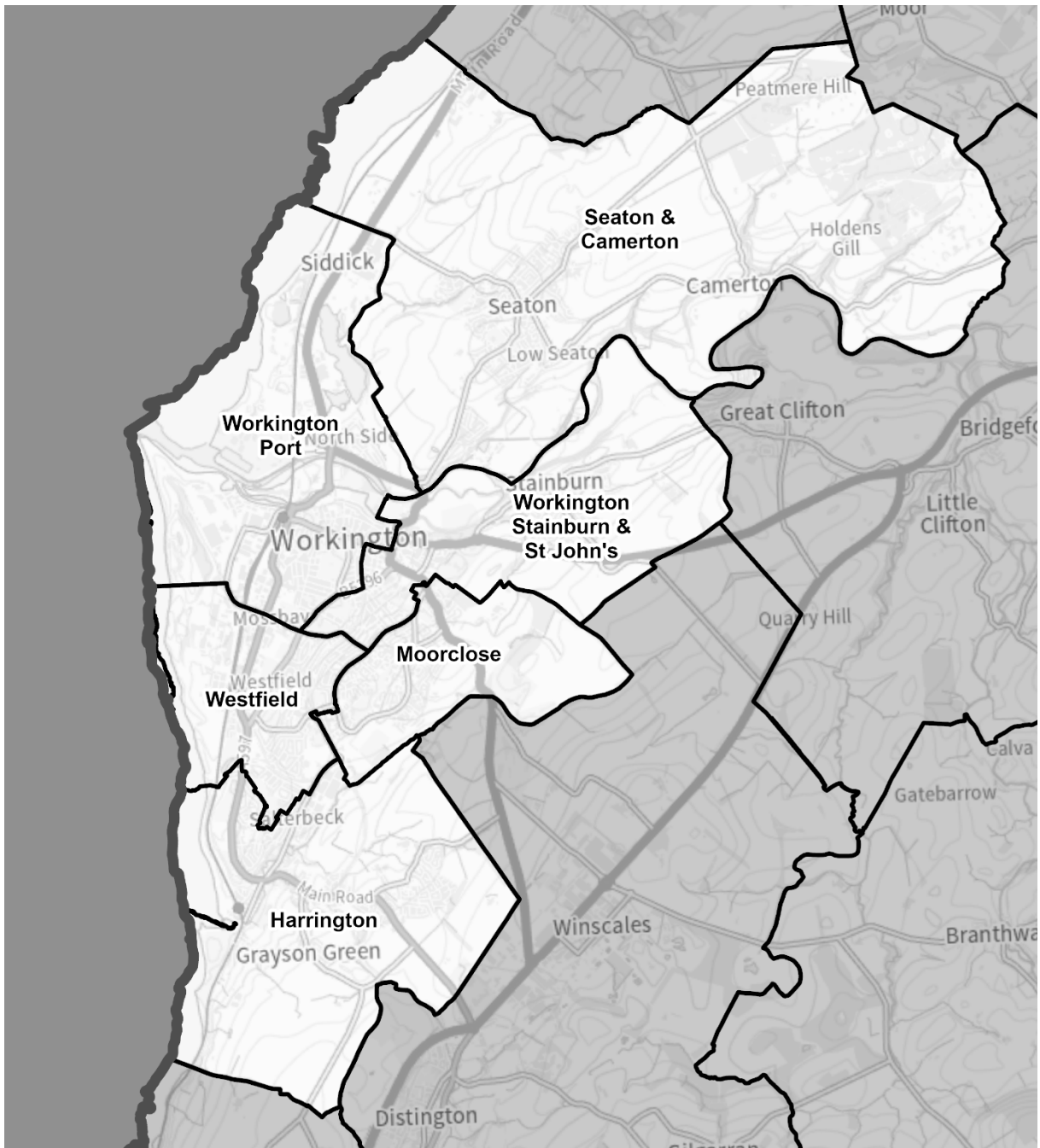
119 The Council, Liberal Democrats, Carlisle & District Green Party and Councillor Davison advocated for Dale Meadows to be moved into this ward from Denton Holme, on community grounds. We were told that these residents shared more community with their neighbours across Cummersdale Road than the rest of Denton Holme from who they were separated by the Pirelli factory. We heard that they were also separate from the much newer community that had developed across Dalston Road.

120 We have been persuaded to make this change as part of our final recommendations and modify the boundaries of this ward accordingly.

121 The Council and Liberal Democrats proposed new names for the ward.

122 The Council suggested renaming it to add either Kingmoor or Cargo to the name, while the Liberal Democrats suggested naming it Dalston & Cargo. As part of our final recommendations, we have renamed it Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo to reflect the inclusion of Cargo village (parish ward) in this ward and not the entirety of Kingmoor parish.

Workington and Seaton



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Harrington	1	4%
Moorclose	1	-10%
Seaton & Camerton	1	9%
Westfield	1	1%
Workington Port	1	5%
Workington Stainburn & St John's	1	1%

123 In addition to the local authority area-wide comments on our draft recommendations, we received submissions from Workington Branch Labour Party (Workington Labour), Workington Town Council and some residents.

124 The Council, Workington Labour and Workington Town Council queried the boundary between Seaton and Workington Central & Stainburn wards. They also proposed a few slight modifications between other wards in Workington.

125 Workington Labour and Workington Town Council made detailed comments about parish wards in response to both our draft and further draft recommendations. We considered these and made some changes.

126 The Conservatives and some residents objected to the inclusion of North Side and Stainburn in the same ward arguing that it did not reflect the communities in that area, and that there was very poor integration between the areas and no direct transport links. We also heard that there were no shared issues between both communities.

127 After careful consideration of the submissions, we noted that while we do sometimes include different communities in the same ward, in view of the alternative proposal presented to us, we decided to carry out a limited consultation on further draft recommendations in the Workington South and Workington Central & Stainburn areas. These were based on the very different warding proposal from the Conservatives. We visited the area to see how these look on the ground.

128 Workington Town Council proposed a new naming convention for all the Cumberland Council wards in Workington parish: that they be prefixed with 'Workington' and use compass points. It reiterated this proposal in response to our further draft recommendations. However, we note that this is very different to the current and draft recommendations ward names which residents have had the opportunity to comment on. We have no way of knowing if these proposed names will resonate with the communities within them. Accordingly, we have decided to retain the names in our draft recommendations or where we recommend a different warding pattern, the name proposed to us, unless otherwise indicated below.

129 Nevertheless, in the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission's agreement to change the name of a ward or parish ward, if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission.

Harrington, Moorclose and Westfield

130 We received broad support for our draft recommendations for these wards from the Council, Workington Labour and Workington Town Council. They suggested two modifications.

131 The first was to use Newlands Lane as a boundary between the junction of Honister Drive and Westfield Drive. In their view it was more identifiable than the draft recommendations boundary which moved from the back of properties on one side of the road to the other. We are content to make this change.

132 The other proposed amendment was to move the boundary between Harrington and Westfield wards south of Grayling Way and the 'former steelworks site' so that the new housing development will be in a single ward. They explained that this does not affect any current electors but will ensure that future developments in the area are in the same ward.

133 The draft recommendations reflect the boundaries of the housing developments provided to us by the Council. However, we consider that including future developments past the five-year forecast period in the same ward as ongoing developments has merit and will reflect developing communities in the area. Accordingly, we are content to modify the draft recommendations accordingly.

134 The Conservatives proposed including Winscales parish in a ward with Moorclose, thereby retaining it in a Workington ward. They expressed the view that this enhances representation of local economic interests and improves the electoral equality of the neighbouring Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon ward. They also proposed that the boundary between Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's and its Moorclose & Winscales ward run behind the properties on the east side of Newlands Lane between Honister Drive and Hawkshead Avenue.

135 On our visit to the area, we noted that Winscales parish is very rural and separate from Workington and the Moorclose area. It is also separate from Distington. However, we consider that as a rural parish it will have more shared issues with other rural and semi-rural communities than urban Workington. In the absence of any strong community identity evidence, we have not been persuaded to link the parish with Moorclose.

136 We also noted that Newlands Lane was wide enough to make it a good boundary. Accordingly, in addition to using it as a boundary to the south as requested by the Council and others, we extend the boundary on Newlands Lane to run all the way north to the junction with Newlands Park thereby making Newlands Lane a continuous identifiable boundary.

137 Therefore, aside from the modifications around Newlands Lane and between Harrington and Westfield, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

138 All three wards are forecast to have good electoral equality.

Seaton & Camerton

139 As mentioned above we received representations to use the existing parish boundary as the boundary between this ward and Workington, thereby placing residents of Meadow Edge and Calva Brow (i.e. the Barepot area) in a Workington ward.

140 On our tour of the area, we noted that the river represents a strong and identifiable boundary, especially between Meadow Edge and Stainburn. While we appreciate that residents will most likely look to Workington for their amenities, this is no different from those in Calva Road, Workington Road and Yearl Rise on the other side of the parish boundary.

141 Furthermore, as set out in the draft recommendations report, the parish boundary is defaced and cuts through buildings. Accordingly, we have decided not to use it.

142 The Council and West Cumberland Green Party asked us to rename the ward Seaton & Camerton to reflect the constituent parishes with the ward. We are content to do so.

143 Accordingly, aside from the name change, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

144 Seaton & Camerton ward is forecast to have good electoral equality by 2031.

Workington Port and Workington Stainburn & St John's

145 We received support for our further draft recommendations for these wards from the Council, Conservatives and West Cumberland Green Party. Workington Labour and Workington Town Council also gave their broad support but requested a modification to one of the wards.

146 The Council noted that the further draft recommendations reflected the range of feedback we had received. It expressed support for our uniting of the shopping area in a single ward.

147 The Conservatives felt that these wards better reflected the communities in the area and used clear and identifiable boundaries.

148 Workington Labour and Workington Town Council also believed that these wards were an improvement on our original draft recommendations. However, both reiterated their request to include Barepot in a Workington ward. We explain in the section on Seaton & Camerton why we have not done this.

149 In our further draft recommendations report, we invited comments on whether Workington Stainburn & St Joseph's ward should be renamed Workington Stainburn & St John's. The Council, Workington Labour, Workington Town Council and two residents proposed that it should be renamed Workington Stainburn & St John's to reflect the community identity of residents in the area.

150 We are content to do so as part of our final recommendations.

Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Bransty, Lowca & Parton	1	7%
Corkickle & Harras Park	1	-8%
Hensingham	1	7%
Kells & Harbour	1	1%
Mirehouse & Greenbank	1	11%
Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon	1	5%

151 The Council and West Cumberland Green Party supported the draft recommendations for Whitehaven and the surrounding areas. The Conservatives also supported our proposals for Whitehaven but proposed that we exclude Winscales parish from Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon ward. We discuss our reasons for excluding it in the section on Moorclose in Workington.

152 Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party was of the view that its proposals for Whitehaven submitted during the first consultation were better than the draft recommendations and asked that we look at this again. However, its proposals were limited to its parliamentary constituency area. As explained in the draft recommendations report, in light of decisions taken elsewhere we were unable to adopt their proposals. Doing so will have a knock-on effect on other areas of the local authority for which we have no evidence to change.

Bransty, Lowca & Parton

153 Our draft recommendations were for a Bransty & Lowca ward comprising the Bransty area of Whitehaven and the parishes of Lowca and Parton.

154 The Council, Whitehaven & Workington Labour and Councillor Troughton requested that we include Parton in the ward name. Whitehaven & Workington Labour explain that Parton is the oldest of the three communities and is a well-established parish with a strong identity. We note this and are content to include it in the ward name. Accordingly, we have renamed the ward Bransty, Lowca & Parton.

155 They also pointed to a new development called The Mount, which is split between Whitehaven and Moresby parishes and therefore in two separate wards. They asked us to include it in its entirety in this ward. However, that would necessitate (by law) the creation of a parish ward. In this case, the parish ward would have very few electors which we consider unviable. Unviable parish wards are those which we consider would have too few electors to be effectively represented at parish level and which would not aid effective and convenient local government. We have therefore not made the requested change.

156 The Council can modify the parish boundaries after conducting a Community Governance Review, following which it can request that we make a change to the district ward boundaries so that they follow the amended parish boundaries. We would make such a change through the making of a legal order known as a related alteration order.

157 Aside from renaming the ward, we confirm our draft recommendations for this ward as final.

Corkickle & Harras Park, Hensingham, Kells & Harbour and Mirehouse & Greenbank

158 West Cumberland Green Party and a resident pointed out that the Whitehaven Golf Course is split across two wards – Corkickle & Harras Park and Hensingham – in our draft recommendations. They were of the view that as this was a likely area for planning permission requests, uniting it in one ward would be better for both wards. They had no preference as to which ward it should be placed in.

159 We note that the golf course is currently in Hensingham, and we are content to include it in its entirety in this ward. We agree that this will better facilitate effective and convenient local government.

160 A resident supported the inclusion of Mirehouse East and Mirehouse West in the same ward. However, they objected to the inclusion of Greenbank and the area south of Woodhouse Road in this ward. They stated that these residents looked to Woodhouse or Kells for their shops and facilities. They suggested making several consequential changes to other wards in this area to address the resultant poor electoral equality in the Mirehouse ward as well as Kells & Harbour. They did not provide any community evidence to support their suggested move of the Harbour area into a ward with Harras Park, or Corkickle into a ward with Mirehouse. Furthermore, they did not propose any specific boundaries representing where the boundaries of each of these communities were. For these reasons, and in view of the broad support we receive from the authority-wide comments on the draft recommendations, we have not been persuaded to make these widescale changes.

161 A resident queried why Seacliffe was in a ward with Sandwith and felt that it ought to be with the Kells area. In their view Sandwith did not extend past the Wilson Pit junction. As far as we can tell, there are no electors in the area in question, and we have received support for the boundary between these wards. We also note that during the first consultation a couple of other proposals included this area in a ward with Sandwith. Therefore, we have not been persuaded to modify the boundary.

162 Aside from the modification we make to include the golf course in Hensingham ward, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

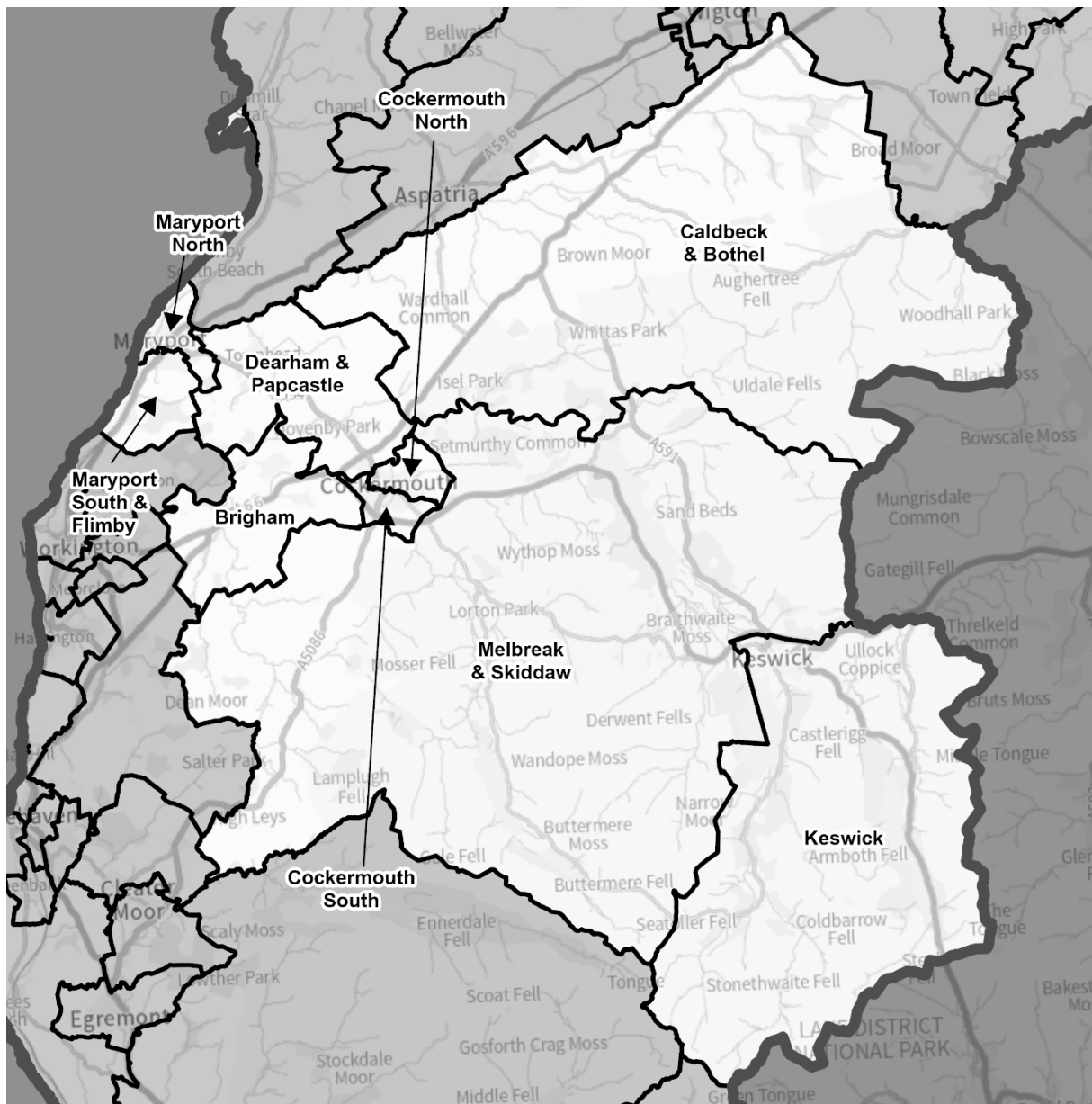
Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon

163 Councillor Jones-Bulman objected to the inclusion of Arlecdon village in this ward. Instead, she wanted Arlecdon and Frizington parish area in a single ward. She stated that while Arlecdon and Frizington were a walking distance from each other, this was not the case with Distington.

164 We considered excluding Arlecdon from this ward and including it in Cleator Moor North & Frizington ward instead. However, this produced a Moresby & Distington ward forecast to have 16% fewer electors than the average for Cumberland by 2031. The resulting Cleator Moor North & Frizington ward is also forecast to have poor electoral equality (26%). This is why we have not changed our recommendations with relation to Arlecdon and Frizington parish area.

165 Accordingly, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Midwest and Central Cumberland and Maryport



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Brigham	1	4%
Caldbeck & Bothel	1	-6%
Cocker mouth North	1	-2%
Cocker mouth South	1	-8%
Dearham & Papcastle	1	-11%
Keswick	1	7%
Maryport North	1	9%
Maryport South & Flimby	1	-2%
Melbreak & Skiddaw	1	0%

Brigham, Caldbeck & Bothel, Dearham & Papcastle and Melbreak & Skiddaw

166 We received comments on our further draft recommendations for this area from the Council, Conservatives, West Cumberland Green Party, Broughton Parish Council and residents.

167 The Council did not give a specific view. However, it noted that there was 'strong reasoning from many sections of the community' and that it was important that such large rural wards have strong links. It concluded that it would support 'the community view'.

168 The Conservatives considered the further draft recommendations an improvement on the original ones. They pointed to them uniting parishes that would otherwise have been split between wards.

169 West Cumberland Green Party expressed support for these wards, in particular that the Melbreak Communities were united in a single ward.

170 However, Broughton Parish Council and most residents who wrote in objected to the North Ridge/Derwent Forest housing development in Broughton Moor parish being excluded from a ward with Broughton parish.

171 Residents said that this residential area looked to Broughton for all its amenities. One resident was of the view that North Ridge/Derwent Forest was 'a part of Great Broughton and not Broughton Moor'. They stated that there was no access to Broughton Moor by foot as there is no pavement or clear bridleway.

172 Among other things, the parish council objected to placing Broughton Moor and Broughton parishes in different district wards. It also pointed to a Community Governance Review request already submitted to Cumberland Council to extend the boundaries of Broughton parish to include the approved new housing development buildings.

173 It put forward the fact that the forecast electoral equality for the existing wards in this part of Cumberland are all within an acceptable range as evidence that the boundaries do not need to change and was concerned that we considered a proposal that was submitted at a late stage in the review process.

174 We considered these representations carefully. As we set out in our guidance, we sometimes publish further draft recommendations in response to comments we receive on our draft recommendations. We consult on our draft recommendations so that we can receive, consider and respond to those comments, which may include publishing further draft recommendations where they are significantly different from the original ones as in this case. It is also the case that our further draft recommendations typically cover only a limited area of the local authority.

175 While we note that the existing wards in the area may have good forecast electoral equality, where there is a knock-on effect from changes made elsewhere in the local authority area this can necessitate making wider changes.

176 We note the comments about the community identity of the North Ridge/Derwent Forest development residents. We have considered them alongside the representations we received about the Melbreak Communities during our previous consultation.

177 In light of this, we have not been persuaded to make wholesale changes to our further draft recommendations which unite the parishes that make up the Melbreak Communities. However, we have been persuaded to modify the boundary between Brigham and Dearham & Papcastle wards to unite the approved new development around North Ridge in a ward with Broughton parish. We note that this requires the creation of a small parish ward; however, we are persuaded that it is justified in light of the strong community identity as described by residents.

178 The Conservatives suggested that we include the name of another parish, e.g., Great Clifton or Broughton, in the name of Brigham ward. We considered doing this but note that we have no way of telling which one will better resonate with the communities within the ward. Therefore, at this time we have not renamed this ward. However, in the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission's agreement to change the name of a ward or parish ward, if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission.

179 We also received comments about Melbreak & Skiddaw ward. Above Derwent Parish Council expressed support for the review as it related to Melbreak & Skiddaw ward.

180 A couple of residents pointed to the size of Melbreak & Skiddaw ward as being geographically large with poor travel connections. One of them stated that the original draft recommendations also proposed a large ward with different communities within it.

181 This is a rural part of Cumberland which is why there are some geographically large wards here which inevitably include different communities.

182 A resident wanted to know why the boundary of Great Clifton parish ran along the east of St Peter's Church (in Camerton) and included land on both the north and south banks of the Derwent (River) before returning to the Derwent (River) itself.

183 We note that this is a parish boundary which we have no powers to change. Cumberland Council can modify parish boundaries after conducting a Community

Governance Review, following which it can request that we make a change to the district ward boundaries so that they follow the amended parish boundaries. We would make such a change through the making of a legal order known as a related alteration order.

184 With the exception of the change between Brigham and Dearham & Papcastle, we confirm our further draft recommendations as final. Dearham & Papcastle ward is forecast to have 11% fewer electors than the average for Cumberland Council by 2031. Brigham ward is forecast to have 4% more electors than the average for the Council by the same period.

Cockermouth North and Cockermouth South

185 Our draft recommendations were for a Cockermouth North and a Cockermouth South ward. We asked if the boundaries between the two wards was right or whether we should create a single two-councillor ward instead.

186 All those who had specific comments about Cockermouth expressed support for two single-councillor wards. This included the Council, West Cumberland Green Party, Councillor Tucker and a resident.

187 We did not receive any requests to modify the boundary between the wards. We therefore confirm our draft recommendations as final.

Keswick

188 The submissions that commented on this ward supported our draft recommendations. Accordingly, we confirm them as final.

Maryport North and Maryport South & Flimby

189 We received broad support for our draft recommendations for Maryport.

190 Workington Labour proposed that we remove Flimby from the ward name because Flimby was an area within Maryport parish. We note while Maryport is the parish name, there are also distinct areas and communities within it which identify as Flimby and Maryport.

191 We also note that this is similar to the situation with the Wetheral and Scotby areas within Wetheral parish. The Council asked us to reflect both communities in that ward name, and we have done so. We are therefore content to do the same thing here. Accordingly, we are retaining the draft recommendations ward name as proposed to us during the warding pattern consultation.

South Cumberland



Ward name	Number of councillors	Variance 2031
Cleator Moor North & Frizington	1	5%
Cleator Moor South	1	-8%
Egremont	1	18%
Gosforth	1	-3%
Millom	1	10%
Millom Without	1	-1%
St Bees & Sandwith	1	7%

192 In addition to the authority-wide comments, we received comments from Whitehaven & Workington Labour, Egremont Town Council, Councillor Jones-Bulman and residents.

193 The authority-wide submissions expressed support for our wards in this area although there were comments about the ward names.

Cleator Moor North & Frizington and Cleator Moor South

194 Councillor Jones-Bulman objected to Arlecdon parish ward being excluded from a Cumberland Council ward with Frizington. As mentioned in the section on Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon this produced two wards with poor electoral equality and so we did not do this. Accordingly, we confirm our draft recommendations as final.

195 A resident also felt that Cleator Moor should be a single ward and not split across two. As mentioned in our draft recommendations report, Cleator Moor town has too many electors for one councillor and too few for two councillors, if it is to have a good level of electoral equality. This is why it is split across two wards and warded with other communities.

Egremont

196 A resident of Woodend objected to not being included in this ward because in their view they would no longer have a say in Egremont issues.

197 As explained in our draft recommendations report, Egremont has too many electors to form a ward coterminous with the parish boundaries. Therefore, some parts of the parish will always be in a different ward. Currently, Woodend is split across two wards.

198 We visited this area of Cumberland and noted that Woodend is separate from the urban/semi-urban Egremont. In distance terms, it is very close to Cleator. We note that electoral equality notwithstanding, we have included all the urban area of Egremont in a single ward, on community identity and shared issues ground. We

have also united Woodend in a single ward. Regardless of which Cumberland Council ward Woodend is in, residents will still remain in Egremont parish and will therefore have a voice via Egremont Town Council. We are content that the draft recommendations wards represent the best balance of our statutory criteria.

199 Egremont Town Council asked us to create only two parish wards, north and south, instead of the four we created as part of our draft recommendations. However, by law, when we create a district ward which bisects a parish, we must create a parish ward on either side of the boundary. In the case of Egremont parish, because of the warding pattern there, we are legally required to create three parish wards. We will do this as part of our final recommendations.

200 Aside from changes to the parish wards, we confirm our draft recommendations for Egremont as final.

Gosforth and St Bees & Sandwith

201 A resident expressed support for our draft recommendations saying that they were thoughtfully considered.

202 Whitehaven & Workington Labour told us that Sandwith is a very small village and that St Bees & Sandwith ward name should include larger communities with stronger identities instead. In its view St Bees & Coastal or St Bees, Moor Row & Thornhill were more appropriate names. For similar reasons, it proposed that Gosforth ward be renamed Ennerdale & Wasdale after the two valleys within the ward.

203 We do not object to any of these names. However, we are unable to determine if any of these names will resonate with the communities in these wards. Besides, we note that the current Gosforth ward also has many other villages in it including one that is larger than Gosforth.

204 Therefore, at this time we have not renamed either of these wards. However, in the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission's agreement to change the name of a ward or parish ward, if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission.

Millom and Millom Without

205 We received support for our draft recommendations for this area.

206 The Council asked us to consider renaming Millom Without based on community views. The Conservatives proposed that the ward be renamed Black Combe and Scafell. They stated that this was the name of the ward in the same area up until 2023. However, we have not received any evidence that the community

would be content to revert to that name and not another one. As this was the only proposal we received, we are not be persuaded to change it now.

207 Nevertheless, in the five years following a review, a local authority may seek the Commission's agreement to change the name of a ward or parish ward, if this reflects community identity and sentiment. After five years, a local authority may make a change without seeking the agreement of the Commission.

Conclusions

208 The table below provides a summary as to the impact of our final recommendations on electoral equality in Cumberland, referencing the 2024 and 2031 electorate figures against the proposed number of councillors and wards. A full list of wards, names and their corresponding electoral variances can be found in Appendix A to the back of this report. An outline map of the wards is provided in Appendix B.

Summary of electoral arrangements

	Final recommendations	
	2024	2031
Number of councillors	55	55
Number of electoral wards	55	55
Average number of electors per councillor	3,938	3,900
Number of wards with a variance more than 10% from the average	12	8
Number of wards with a variance more than 20% from the average	0	0

Final recommendations

Cumberland Council should be made up of 55 councillors, serving 55 single-councillor wards. The details and names are shown in Appendix A and illustrated on the large maps accompanying this report.

Mapping

Sheet 1, Map 1 shows the proposed wards for Cumberland Council. You can also view our final recommendations for Cumberland Council on our interactive maps at www.lgbce.org.uk

Parish electoral arrangements

209 As part of an electoral review, we are required to have regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act). The Schedule provides that if a parish is to be divided between different wards it must also be divided into parish wards, so that each parish ward lies wholly within a single ward. We cannot recommend changes to the external boundaries of parishes as part of an electoral review.

210 Under the 2009 Act we only have the power to make changes to parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct consequence of our recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. However, Cumberland Council has powers under the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to conduct community governance reviews to effect changes to parish electoral arrangements.

211 As a result of our proposed ward boundaries and having regard to the statutory criteria set out in Schedule 2 to the 2009 Act, we are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Aikton, Arlecdon and Frizington, Beckermets, Broughton Moor, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth, Dalston, Egremont, Kingmoor, Maryport, Millom, Oughterside and Allerby, St Cuthbert Without, Stanwix Rural, Westward, Whitehaven, Wigton and Workington.

212 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Aikton parish.

Final recommendations

Aikton Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Aikton & Wiggonby	8
Biglands & Whitrigglees	2

213 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Arlecdon and Frizington parish.

Final recommendations

Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Arlecdon	3
Frizington	6

214 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Beckermets parish.

Final recommendations

Beckermets with Thornhill Parish Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Beckermets	5
Thornhill	7

215 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Broughton Moor parish.

Final recommendations

Broughton Moor Parish Council should comprise 11 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Broughton Moor	9
North Ridge	2

216 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Cleator Moor parish.

Final recommendations

Cleator Moor Town Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Cleator Moor North	4
Cleator Moor South	8

217 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Cockermouth parish.

Final recommendations

Cockermouth Town Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing five wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
All Saints	4
Christchurch	2
Double Mills	3
Fitz	1
South Lodge	2

218 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Dalston parish.

Final recommendations

Dalston Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Dalston	13
Raughton & Stockdalewath	2

219 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Egremont parish.

Final recommendations

Egremont Town Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Bigrigg & Moor Row	2
South	7
Woodend	1

220 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Kingmoor parish.

Final recommendations

Kingmoor Parish Council should comprise eight councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Cargo	3
Fenwick	5

221 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Maryport parish.

Final recommendations

Maryport Town Council should comprise 18 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Ellenborough	5
Ewanrigg & Glasson	6
Flimby	3
Netherhall	4

222 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Millom parish.

Final recommendations

Millom Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Haverigg	3
Holborn Hill	5
New Town	7

223 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Oughterside & Allerby parish.

Final recommendations

Oughterside and Allerby Parish Council should comprise nine councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Allerby	2
Oughterside	7

224 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for St Cuthbert Without parish.

Final recommendations

St Cuthbert Without Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing four wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Parklands	7
St Cuthbert Without	3
Speckled Wood	1
Upperby	4

225 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Stanwix Rural parish.

Final recommendations

Stanwix Rural Parish Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing three wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Crosby & Linstock	4
Houghton	8
Windsor Park	3

226 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Westward parish.

Final recommendations

Westward Parish Council should comprise 10 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
West Curthwaite	6
Westward	4

227 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Whitehaven parish.

Final recommendations

Whitehaven Town Council should comprise 12 councillors, as at present, representing 10 wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Corkickle	1
Greenbank	1
Harras Park	1
Hillcrest	1
Kells	1
Mirehouse	2
Sandwith	1
Sneckyeat	1
Whitehaven Central North	2
Whitehaven Central South	1

228 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Wigton parish.

Final recommendations

Wigton Town Council should comprise 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Station Hill	2
Wigton	13

229 We are providing revised parish electoral arrangements for Workington parish.

Final recommendations

Workington Town Council should comprise 25 councillors, as at present, representing 14 wards:

Parish ward	Number of parish councillors
Ashfield	1
Harrington	3
Moorclose East	3
Moorclose West	1
Northside	1
Old Town	1
St John's	2
St Michael's	4
Salterbeck North	1
Salterbeck South	2

Seaton	1
Stainburn	2
Westfield North	2
Westfield South	1

What happens next?

230 We have now completed our review of Cumberland Council. The recommendations must now be approved by Parliament. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force our recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny, the new electoral arrangements will come into force at the local elections in 2027.

Equalities

231 The Commission is satisfied that it complies with its legal obligations under the Equality Act and that no adverse equality impacts will arise as a result of the outcome of the review.

Appendices

Appendix A

Final recommendations for Cumberland Council

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
1	Abbeytown & Solway Firth	1	3,751	3,751	-5%	3,664	3,664	-6%
2	Aspatia & Waverton	1	3,504	3,504	-11%	3,525	3,525	-10%
3	Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park	1	4,221	4,221	7%	4,131	4,131	6%
4	Botcherby	1	3,410	3,410	-13%	3,309	3,309	-15%
5	Brampton	1	3,859	3,859	-2%	3,862	3,862	-1%
6	Bransty, Lowca & Parton	1	4,303	4,303	9%	4,171	4,171	7%
7	Brigham	1	4,028	4,028	2%	4,039	4,039	4%
8	Caldbeck & Bothel	1	3,775	3,775	-4%	3,658	3,658	-6%
9	Castle	1	3,898	3,898	-1%	3,542	3,542	-9%
10	Cleator Moor North & Frizington	1	4,119	4,119	5%	4,112	4,112	5%
11	Cleator Moor South	1	3,659	3,659	-7%	3,604	3,604	-8%

	Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
12	Cockermouth North	1	3,891	3,891	-1%	3,821	3,821	-2%
13	Cockermouth South	1	3,667	3,667	-7%	3,586	3,586	-8%
14	Corby & Hayton	1	4,043	4,043	3%	3,881	3,881	0%
15	Corkickle & Harras Park	1	3,404	3,404	-14%	3,574	3,574	-8%
16	Currock	1	3,993	3,993	1%	3,835	3,835	-2%
17	Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo	1	3,481	3,481	-12%	3,625	3,625	-7%
18	Dearham & Papcastle	1	3,563	3,563	-10%	3,488	3,488	-11%
19	Denton Holme	1	3,784	3,784	-4%	3,596	3,596	-8%
20	Egremont	1	4,615	4,615	17%	4,611	4,611	18%
21	Gosforth	1	3,889	3,889	-1%	3,781	3,781	-3%
22	Harraby East	1	3,777	3,777	-4%	3,631	3,631	-7%
23	Harraby West & Petteril Bank	1	3,967	3,967	1%	3,843	3,843	-1%
24	Harrington	1	4,097	4,097	4%	4,052	4,052	4%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
25 Hensingham	1	4,206	4,206	7%	4,171	4,171	7%
26 Irthing	1	3,520	3,520	-11%	3,416	3,416	-12%
27 Kells & Harbour	1	4,032	4,032	2%	3,941	3,941	1%
28 Keswick	1	4,310	4,310	9%	4,188	4,188	7%
29 Kingstown & Crindledyke	1	4,368	4,368	11%	4,475	4,475	15%
30 Longtown	1	4,130	4,130	5%	4,033	4,033	3%
31 Maryport North	1	4,369	4,369	11%	4,265	4,265	9%
32 Maryport South & Flimby	1	3,781	3,781	-4%	3,829	3,829	-2%
33 Melbreak & Skiddaw	1	4,045	4,045	3%	3,882	3,882	0%
34 Millom	1	4,296	4,296	9%	4,275	4,275	10%
35 Millom Without	1	3,861	3,861	-2%	3,869	3,869	-1%
36 Mirehouse & Greenbank	1	4,235	4,235	8%	4,335	4,335	11%
37 Moorclose	1	3,287	3,287	-17%	3,511	3,511	-10%

Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
38 Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon	1	4,163	4,163	6%	4,086	4,086	5%
39 Morton East	1	4,205	4,205	7%	4,135	4,135	6%
40 Morton West	1	4,215	4,215	7%	4,188	4,188	7%
41 Newtown & Raffles	1	3,976	3,976	1%	3,765	3,765	-3%
42 Seaton & Camerton	1	4,198	4,198	7%	4,252	4,252	9%
43 Silloth & Allonby Bay	1	4,414	4,414	12%	4,324	4,324	11%
44 St Aidan's	1	4,294	4,294	9%	4,014	4,014	3%
45 St Bees & Sandwith	1	4,225	4,225	7%	4,180	4,180	7%
46 St Cuthbert's & Garlands	1	3,241	3,241	-18%	3,619	3,619	-7%
47 Stanwix East & Houghton	1	4,069	4,069	3%	3,977	3,977	2%
48 Stanwix West & Etterby	1	3,593	3,593	-9%	3,545	3,545	-9%
49 Thursby & Aikton	1	3,343	3,343	-15%	3,391	3,391	-13%
50 Upperby	1	3,673	3,673	-7%	3,862	3,862	-1%

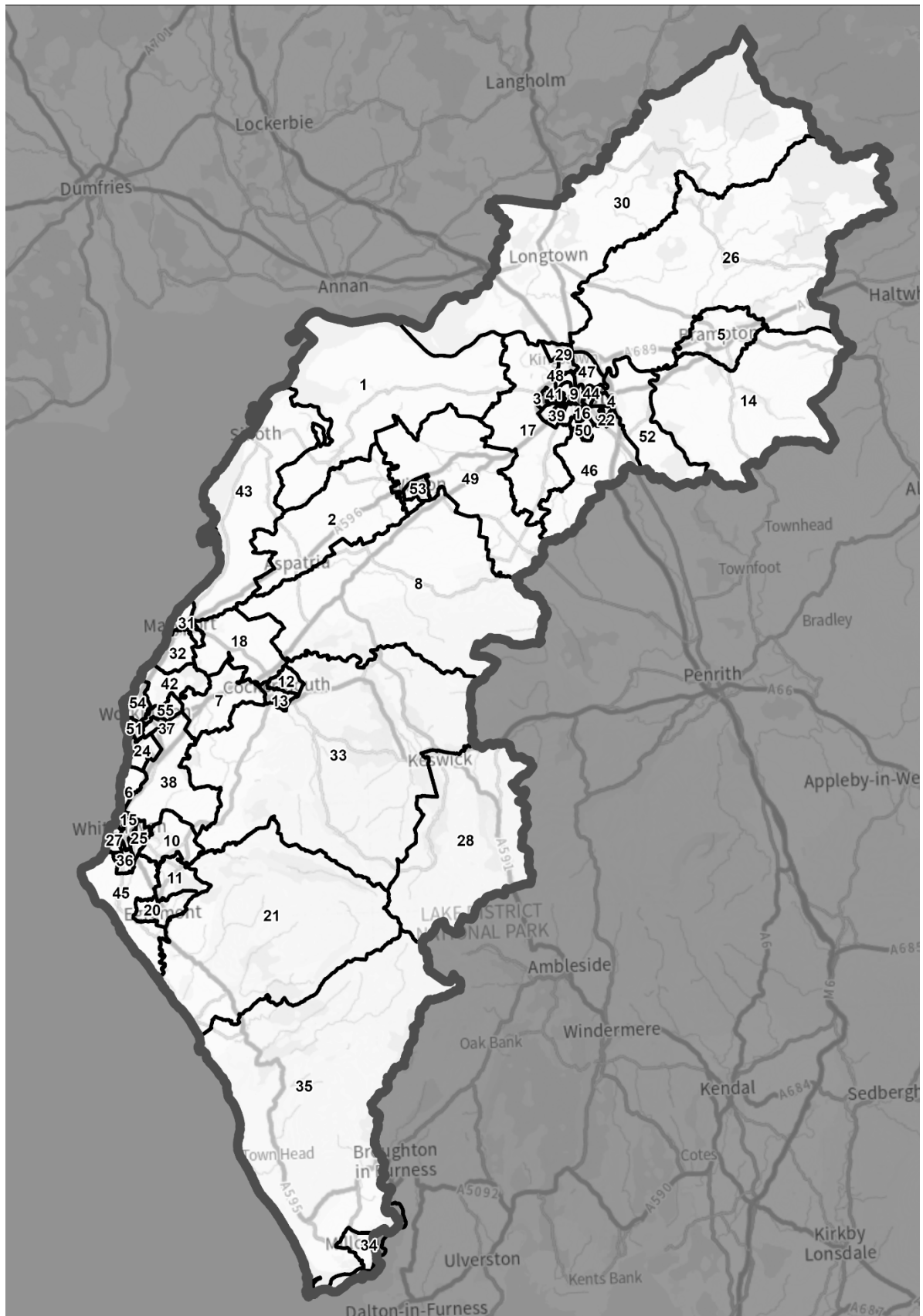
Ward name	Number of councillors	Electorate (2024)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %	Electorate (2031)	Number of electors per councillor	Variance from average %
51 Westfield	1	3,783	3,783	-4%	3,936	3,936	1%
52 Wetheral & Scotby	1	3,860	3,860	-2%	3,894	3,894	0%
53 Wigton	1	4,050	4,050	3%	4,140	4,140	6%
54 Workington Port	1	4,137	4,137	5%	4,113	4,113	5%
55 Workington Stainburn & St John's	1	4,015	4,015	2%	3,932	3,932	1%
Totals	55	216,592	-	-	214,482	-	-
Averages	-	-	3,938	-	-	3,900	-

Source: Electorate figures are based on information provided by Cumberland Council.

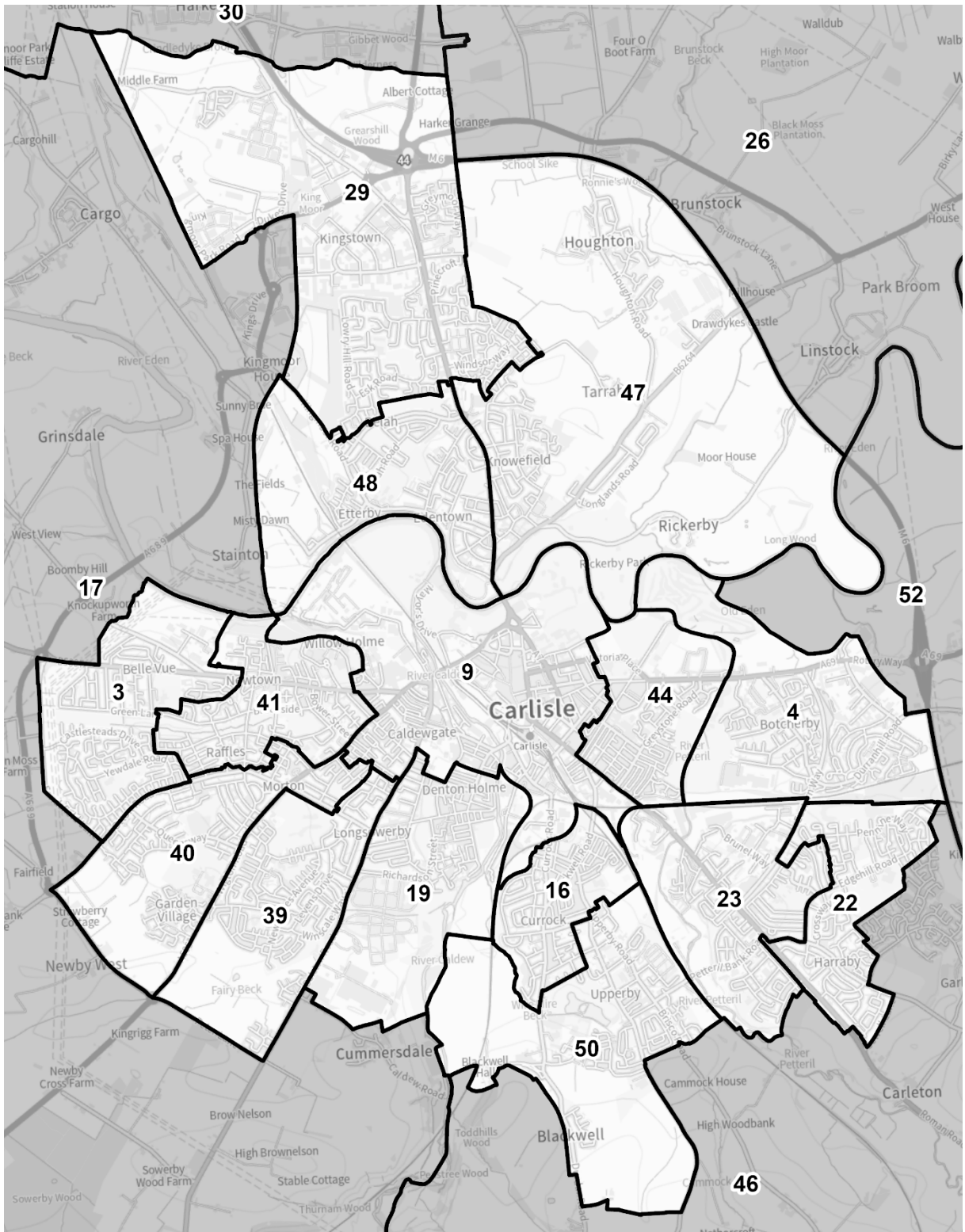
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Appendix B

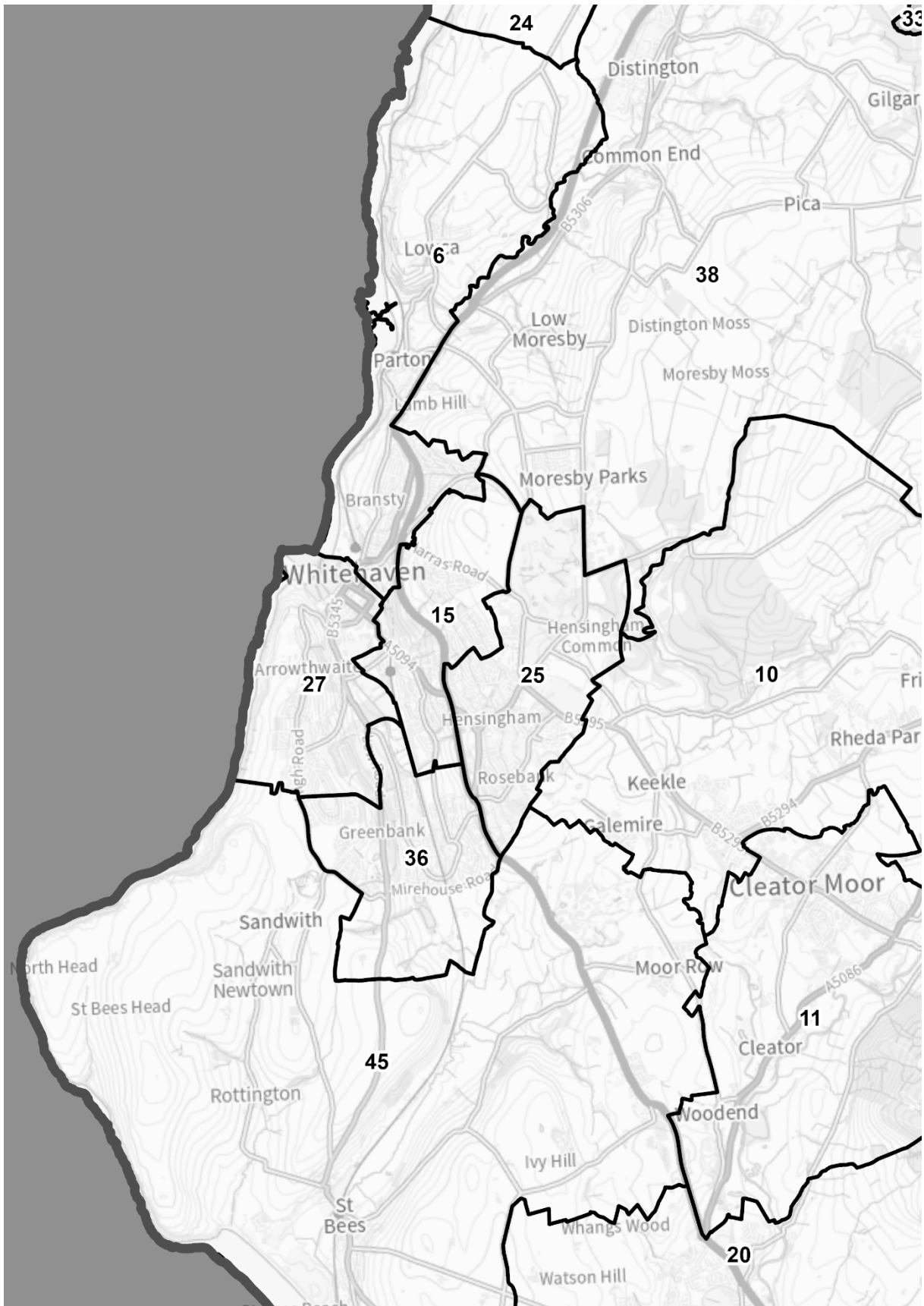
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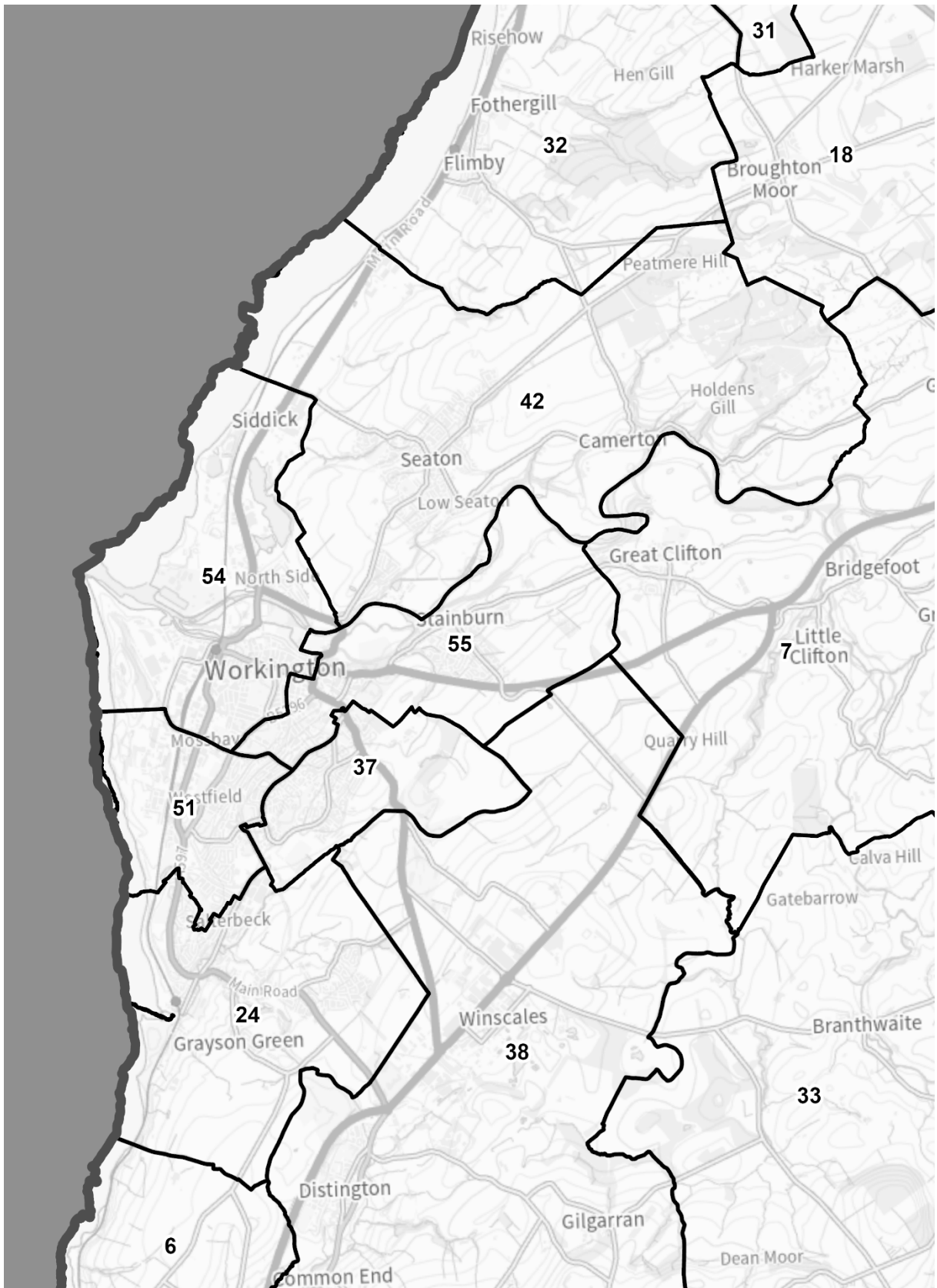
Carlisle and Houghton



Whitehaven and its surroundings



Workington and its surroundings



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2	Aspatia & Waverton
3	Belle Vue & Sandsfield Park
4	Botcherby
5	Brampton
6	Bransty, Lowca & Parton
7	Brigham
8	Caldbeck & Bothel
9	Castle
10	Cleator Moor North & Frizington
11	Cleator Moor South
12	Cockermouth North
13	Cockermouth South
14	Corby & Hayton
15	Corkickle & Harras Park
16	Currock
17	Dalston, Cummersdale & Cargo
18	Dearham & Papcastle
19	Denton Holme
20	Egremont
21	Gosforth
22	Harraby East
23	Harraby West & Petteril Bank
24	Harrington
25	Hensingham
26	Irthing
27	Kells & Harbour
28	Keswick
29	Kingstown & Crindledyke
30	Longtown
31	Maryport North
32	Maryport South & Flimby
33	Melbreak & Skiddaw
34	Millom
35	Millom Without
36	Mirehouse & Greenbank
37	Moorclose
38	Moresby, Distington & Arlecdon
39	Morton East
40	Morton West
41	Newtown & Raffles

42	Seaton & Camerton
43	Silloth & Allonby Bay
44	St Aidan's
45	St Bees & Sandwith
46	St Cuthbert's & Garlands
47	Stanwix East & Houghton
48	Stanwix West & Etterby
49	Thursby & Aikton
50	Upperby
51	Westfield
52	Wetheral & Scotby
53	Wigton
54	Workington Port
55	Workington Stainburn & St John's

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Appendix C

Submissions received

All submissions received can also be viewed on our website at:

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Submissions received in response to our draft recommendations

Local Authority

- Cumberland Council

Political Groups

- Carlisle & District Branch Cumbria Green Party
- Cumberland Conservatives
- Cumberland Liberal Democrats
- West Cumberland Green Party
- Whitehaven & Workington Labour Party
- Workington Branch Labour Party

Councillors

- Councillor H. Davison (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor P. Deeks (Lorton Parish Council)
- Councillor L. Jones-Bulman (Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council)
- Councillor J. Perry (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor T. Pickstone (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor G. Troughton (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor H. Tucker (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor J. Whalen (Cumberland Council)

Local organisations

- Lowry Hill Residents' Association (2)
- The Melbreak Communities

Parish and Town Councils

- Allhallows Parish Council
- Blindbothel Parish Council
- Brampton Parish Council

- Crosscanonby Parish Council
- Egremont Town Council
- Waverton Parish Council
- Workington Town Council

Local residents

- 53 local residents

Submissions received in response to our further draft recommendations

Local Authority

- Cumberland Council

Political Groups

- Carlisle & District Branch Cumbria Green Party
- Cumberland Conservatives
- Cumberland Liberal Democrats
- West Cumberland Green Party
- Workington Branch Labour Party

Councillors

- Councillor J. Mallinson (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor B. Wernham (Cumberland Council)
- Councillor C. Wills (Cumberland Council)

Parish and Town Councils

- Above Derwent Parish Council
- Beaumont Parish Council
- Broughton Parish Council
- Workington Town Council

Local Residents

- 17 local residents

Appendix D

Glossary and abbreviations

Council size	The number of councillors elected to serve on a council
Electoral Change Order (or Order)	A legal document which implements changes to the electoral arrangements of a local authority
Division	A specific area of a county, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever division they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the county council
Electoral inequality	Where there is a difference between the number of electors represented by a councillor and the average for the local authority.
Electorate	People in the authority who are registered to vote in elections. We only take account of electors registered specifically for local elections during our reviews.
Number of electors per councillor	The total number of electors in a local authority divided by the number of councillors
Over-represented	Where there are fewer electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Parish	A specific and defined area of land within a single local authority enclosed within a parish boundary. There are over 10,000 parishes in England, which provide the first tier of representation to their local residents

Parish council	A body elected by electors in the parish which serves and represents the area defined by the parish boundaries. See also 'Town council'
Parish (or town) council electoral arrangements	The total number of councillors on any one parish or town council; the number, names and boundaries of parish wards; and the number of councillors for each ward
Parish ward	A particular area of a parish, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever parish ward they live for candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the parish council
Town council	A parish council which has been given ceremonial 'town' status. More information on achieving such status can be found at www.nalc.gov.uk
Under-represented	Where there are more electors per councillor in a ward or division than the average
Variance (or electoral variance)	How far the number of electors per councillor in a ward or division varies in percentage terms from the average
Ward	A specific area of a district or borough, defined for electoral, administrative and representational purposes. Eligible electors can vote in whichever ward they are registered for the candidate or candidates they wish to represent them on the district or borough council

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