LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT 2007

The Westmorland and Furness Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026

Made this Twenty-Eighth Day of September 2026

Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2)

Westmorland and Furness Council ("the council"), in accordance with section 82 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007**(a)** ("the 2007 Act"), has undertaken a community governance review and made recommendations dated 30 July 2026.

The council has decided to give effect to those recommendations and, in accordance with section 93 of the 2007 Act, has consulted with the local government electors and other interested persons and has had regard to the need to secure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and is effective and convenient:

The council, in accordance with section 100 of the 2007 Act, has had regard to guidance issued under that section:

The council makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 86, 98 and 240(10) of the 2007 Act.

Citation and commencement

1. —(1) This Order may be cited as the Westmorland and Furness Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) below, this Order comes into force on 1st April 2027.

(3) Articles 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 21 shall come into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027.

(4) For the purposes of:

(a) this article; and

(b) proceedings preliminary or relating to the elections of parish councillors, to be held on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2027,

this Order shall come into force on the day after that on which it is made.

(a) 2007 c.28.

Interpretation

2. In this Order —

"ordinary day of election of councillors" has the meaning given by section 37 of the Representation of the People Act 1983**(a)**; and

"registration officer" means an officer appointed for the purpose of, and in accordance with, section 8 of the Representation of the People Act 1983**(b)**.

"existing" means existing on the date this Order is made;

"map" means the map marked "Map referred to in the Westmorland and Furness Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2026" and deposited in accordance with section 96(4) of the 2007 Act: and any reference to a numbered sheet is a reference to the sheet of the map which bears that number;

Effect of Order

3. This Order has effect subject to any agreement under section 99 (agreements about incidental matters) of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 relevant to any provision of this Order.

Alteration of Allithwaite & Cartmel and Lower Holker

4. The area coloured and designated by the letter "C" on the map shall cease to be part of the parish of Allithwaite & Cartmel and shall become part of the parish of Lower Holker.

Number of parish councillors for the parish of Arnside

5. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Arnside shall be eleven.

Alteration of Barton & Pooley Bridge and Dacre

6. The area coloured and designated by the letter "A" on the map shall cease to be part of the parish of Dacre and shall become part of the parish of Barton & Pooley Bridge.

Wards of the parish of Beetham and numbers of parish councillors

7. —(1) The existing wards of the parish of Beetham shall be abolished.
(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Beetham shall be seven.

(a) 1983 c.2, section 37 has been amended by section 18(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1985 (c.50), section 17 of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c.29) and section 60 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (c.28).
(b) Section 8 has been amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19) and the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39).
(c) 1993 c.10.

Grouping the parishes of Blawith & Subberthwaite and Lowick under a common parish council

8. —(1) The parishes of Lowick and Blawith & Subberthwaite shall be grouped under a common parish council.
(2) The name of the group shall be "The Lowick and Blawith & Subberthwaite Group of Parishes".
(3) The name of the common parish council shall be "The Common Parish Council of Lowick and Blawith & Subberthwaite".
(4) To preserve the separate rights of each parish the common parish council shall be deemed to be a separate parish council for each parish in the group for the purposes of section 79 of the Charities Act 1993**(c)** (parochial charities) and any provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 with respect to the custody of parish documents.
(5) the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Blawith &Subberthwaite shall be three
(6) the number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Lowick shall be four

Number of parish councillors for the parish of Clifton

9. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Clifton shall be five.

Change of parish name

10. The parish of Crook shall be named Crook & Winster.

Number of parish councillors for the parish of Dacre

11. The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Dacre shall be eight.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Dalton-with-Newton

12. The number of councillors to be elected for Anty Cross ward of the parish of Dalton-with-Newton shall be five and for Newton ward of that parish shall be one and for Beckside ward of that parish shall be four and for Dowdales ward of that parish shall be three.

Wards of the parish of Grange and numbers of parish councillors

13. —(1) The existing wards of the parish of Grange shall be abolished.
(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Grange shall be nine.

Wards of the parish of Hesket and numbers of parish councillors

14. —(1) The existing wards of the parish of Hesket shall be abolished.
(2) The parish shall be divided into five wards which shall be named Armathwaite, Calthwaite, Hesket, Plumpton, and Southwaite.
(3) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on map E by reference to the name of the map and demarcated by orange lines.
(4) The number of councillors to be elected for each ward shall be three.

Change of parish ward names and numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Kendal

15. —(1) The parish of Kendal shall be divided into eleven wards which shall be named Mintsfeet, Sandylands, Castle, Heron Hill, Strickland, Fell, Highgate, Kirkland, Oxenholme & Parks, Stonecross, and Kendal South
(2) Each ward shall comprise the area designated on map F by reference to the name of the ward and demarcated by orange lines.
(3) The number of councillors to be elected for Mintsfeet ward shall be two, and for Sandylands ward shall be three, and for Castle ward shall be three, and for Heron Hill ward shall be three, and for Strickland ward shall be four, and for Fell ward shall be two, and for Highgate ward shall be two, and for Kirkland ward shall be two, and for Oxenholme & Parks ward shall be three, and for Stonecross ward shall be two, and for Kendal South ward shall be two.

Alteration of Lindal & Marton and Pennington

16. The area coloured and designated by the letter "D" on the map shall cease to be part of the parish of Pennington and shall become part of the parish of Lindal & Marton.

Alteration of Penrith and Yanwath & Eamont Bridge

17. The area coloured and designated by the letter "B" on map B shall cease to be part of the parish of Penrith and shall become part of the parish of Yanwath & Eamont Bridge.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Penrith

18. The number of councillors to be elected for Carleton ward of the parish of Penrith shall be three and for the East ward of that parish shall be three and for the North ward of that parish shall be five and for the Pategill ward of that parish shall be one and for the South ward of that parish shall be two and for the West ward of that parish shall be three.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Skelton

19. The number of councillors to be elected for Hutton-in-the-Forest ward of the parish of Skelton shall be one and for the Ivegill ward of that parish shall be three and for the Laithes ward of that parish shall be one and for the Lamonby ward of that parish shall be one and for the Skelton ward of that parish shall be four.

Wards of the parish of Staveley with Ings and numbers of parish councillors

20. —(1) The existing wards of the parish of Staveley with Ings shall be abolished.
(2) The number of councillors to be elected for the parish of Staveley with Ings shall be twelve.

Numbers of parish councillors for the parish of Windermere & Bowness

21. The number of councillors to be elected for Applethwaite ward of the parish of Windermere & Bowness shall be four and for the Bowness North ward of that parish shall be four and for the Bowness South ward of that parish shall be three and for the Town ward of that parish shall be four.

Electoral register

22. The registration officer for Westmorland & Furness Council shall make such rearrangement of, or adaptation of, the register of local government electors as may be necessary for the purposes of, and in consequence of, this Order.

Order date

23. 1st April 2027 is the order date for the purposes of the Local Government (Parishes and Parish Councils) (England) Regulations 2008(a).

Sealed with the seal of the council on the 28th day of September 2026

The common SEAL of Westmorland and Furness Council

was hereto affixed

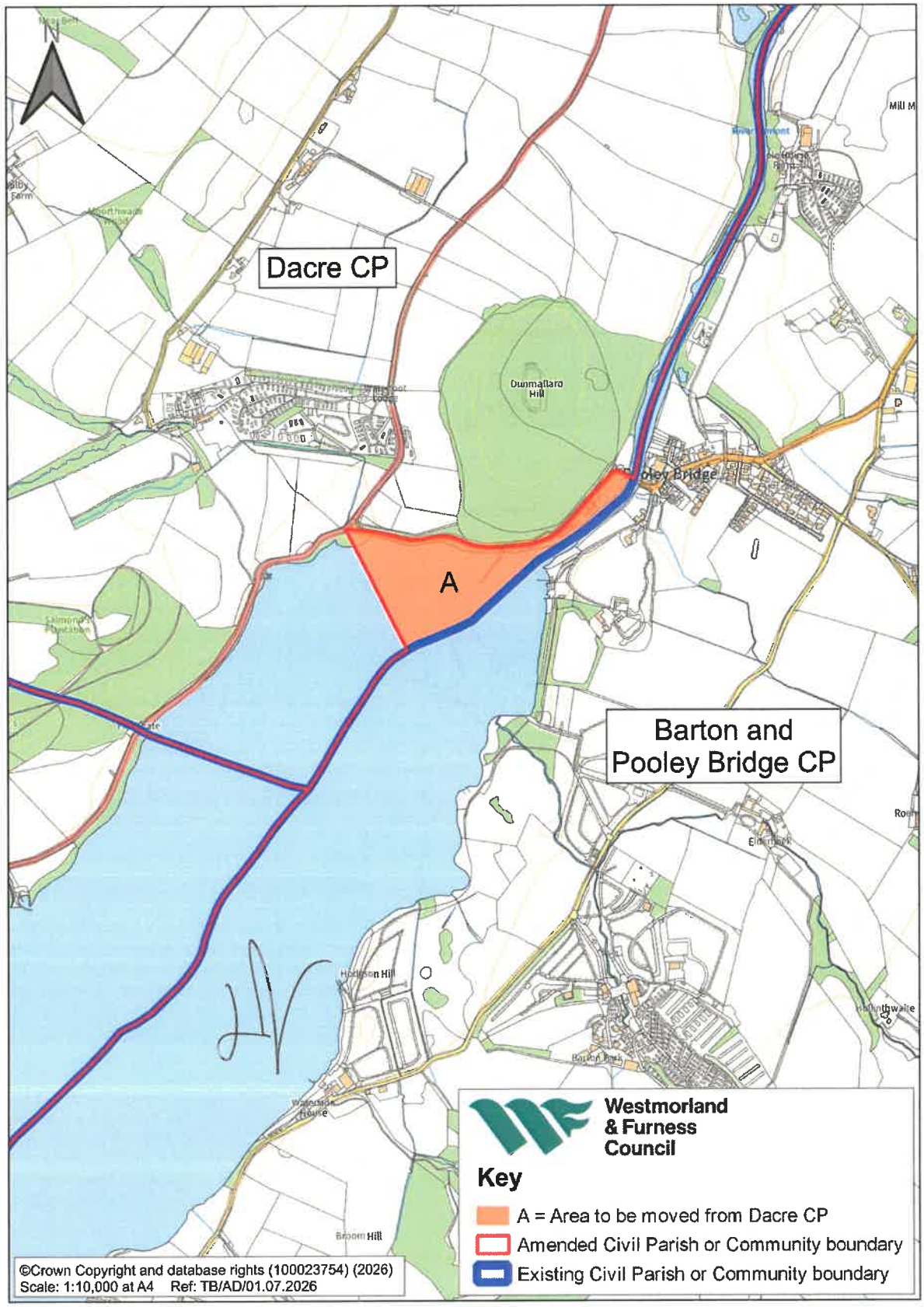
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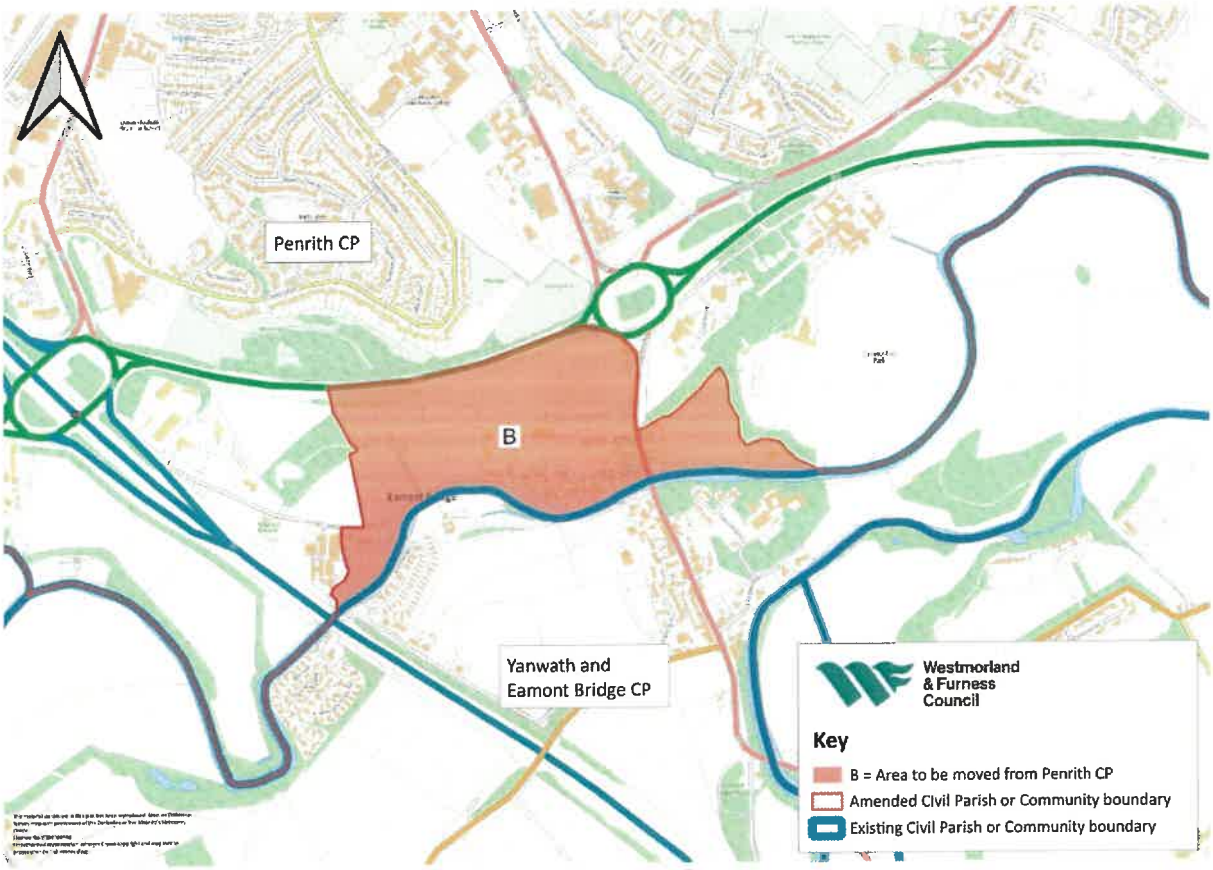


(a) S.I. 2008/625.

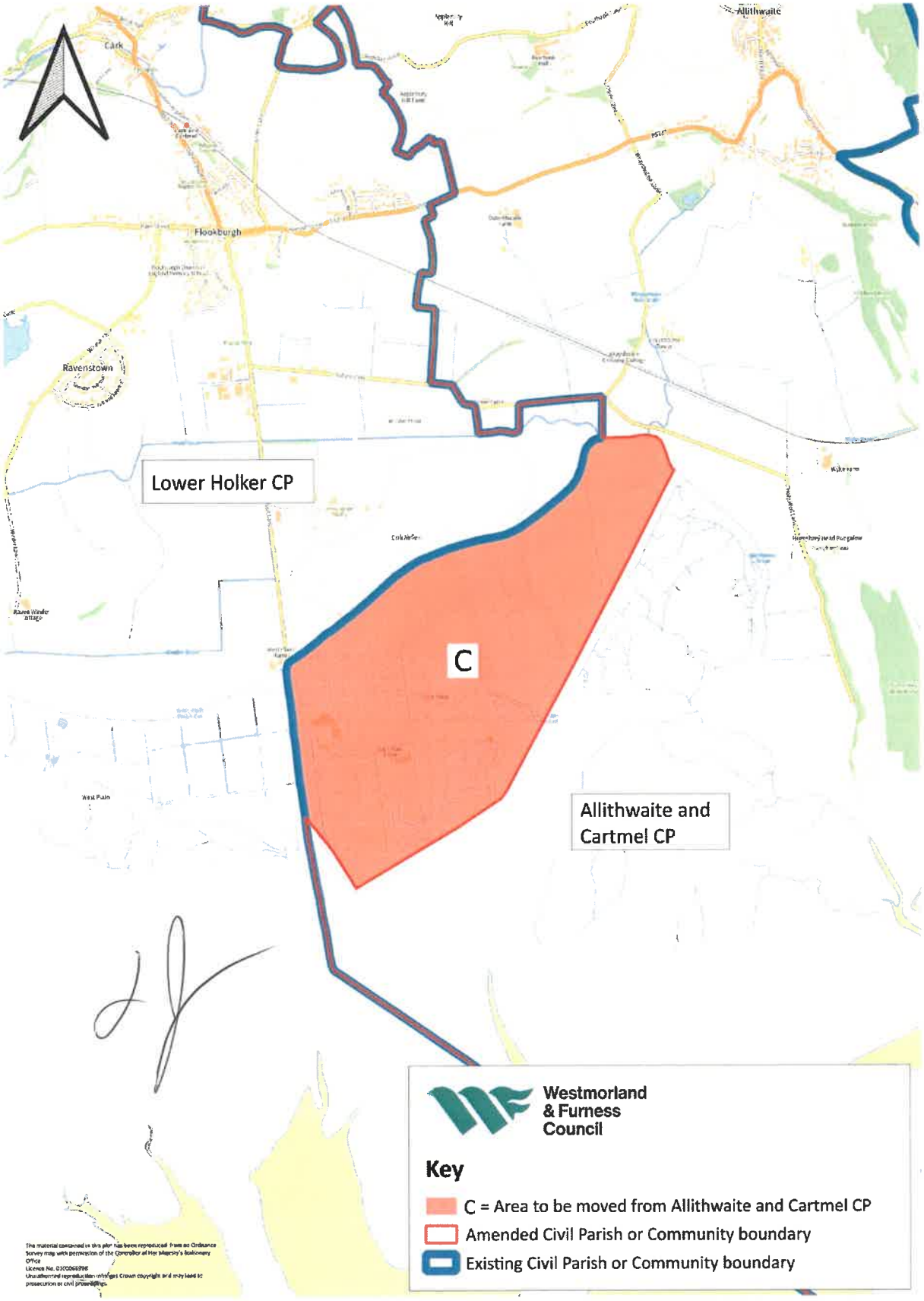
MAP A – Barton & Pooley Bridge and Dacre



MAP B – Penrith and Yanwath & Eamont Bridge

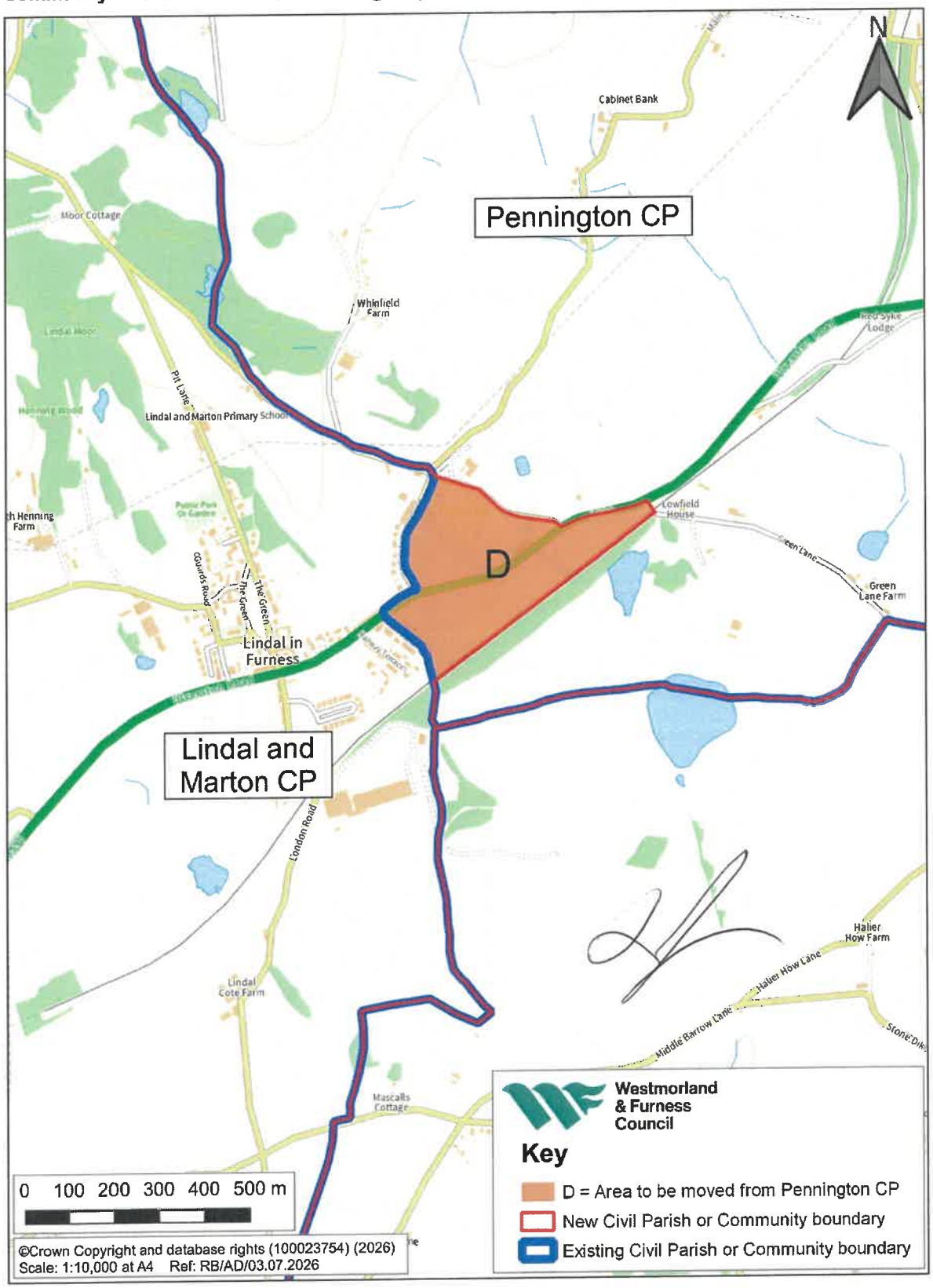


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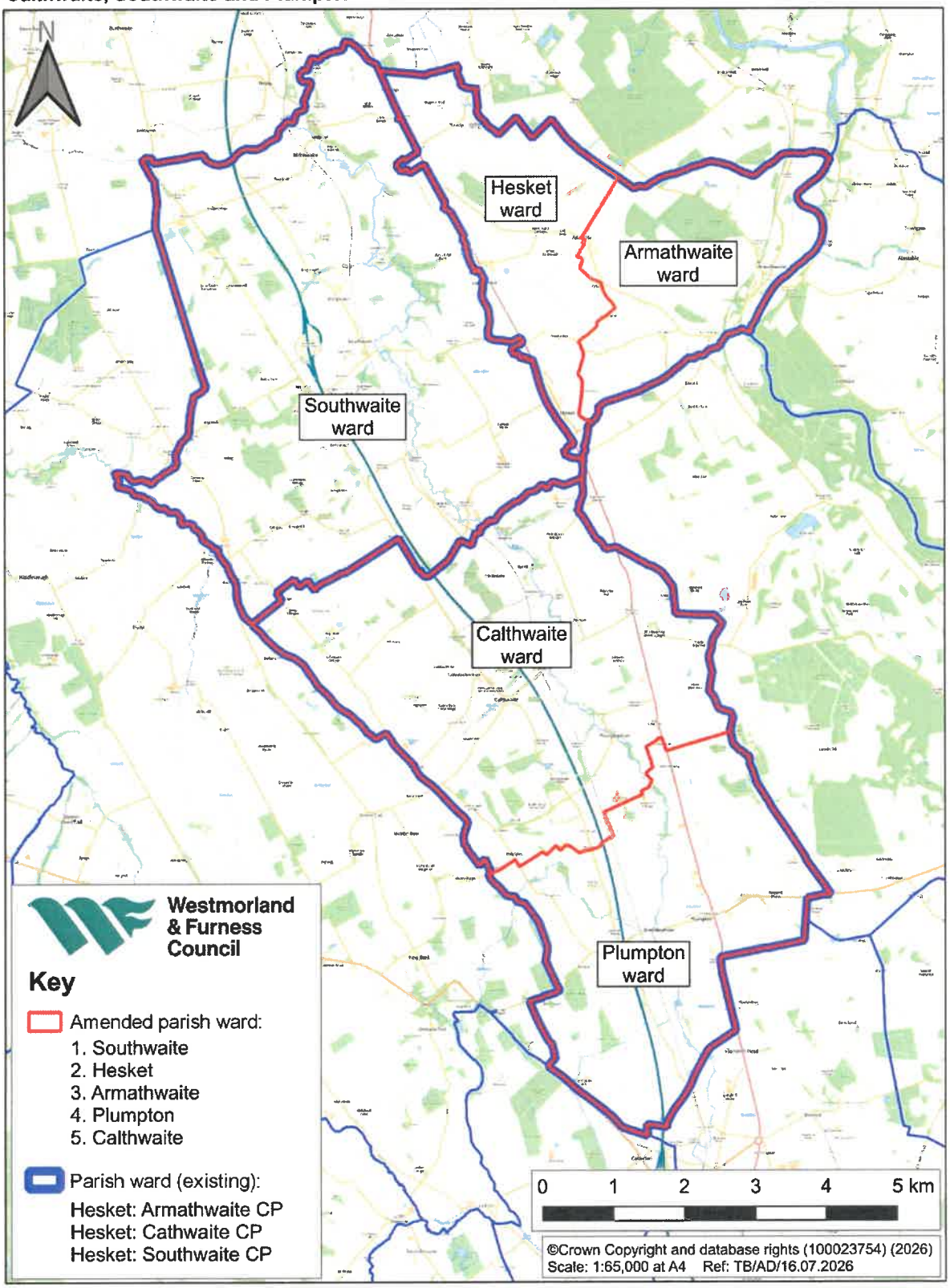
MAP D – Lindal & Marton and Pennington

Community Governance Review: Pennington parish and Lindal & Marton parish



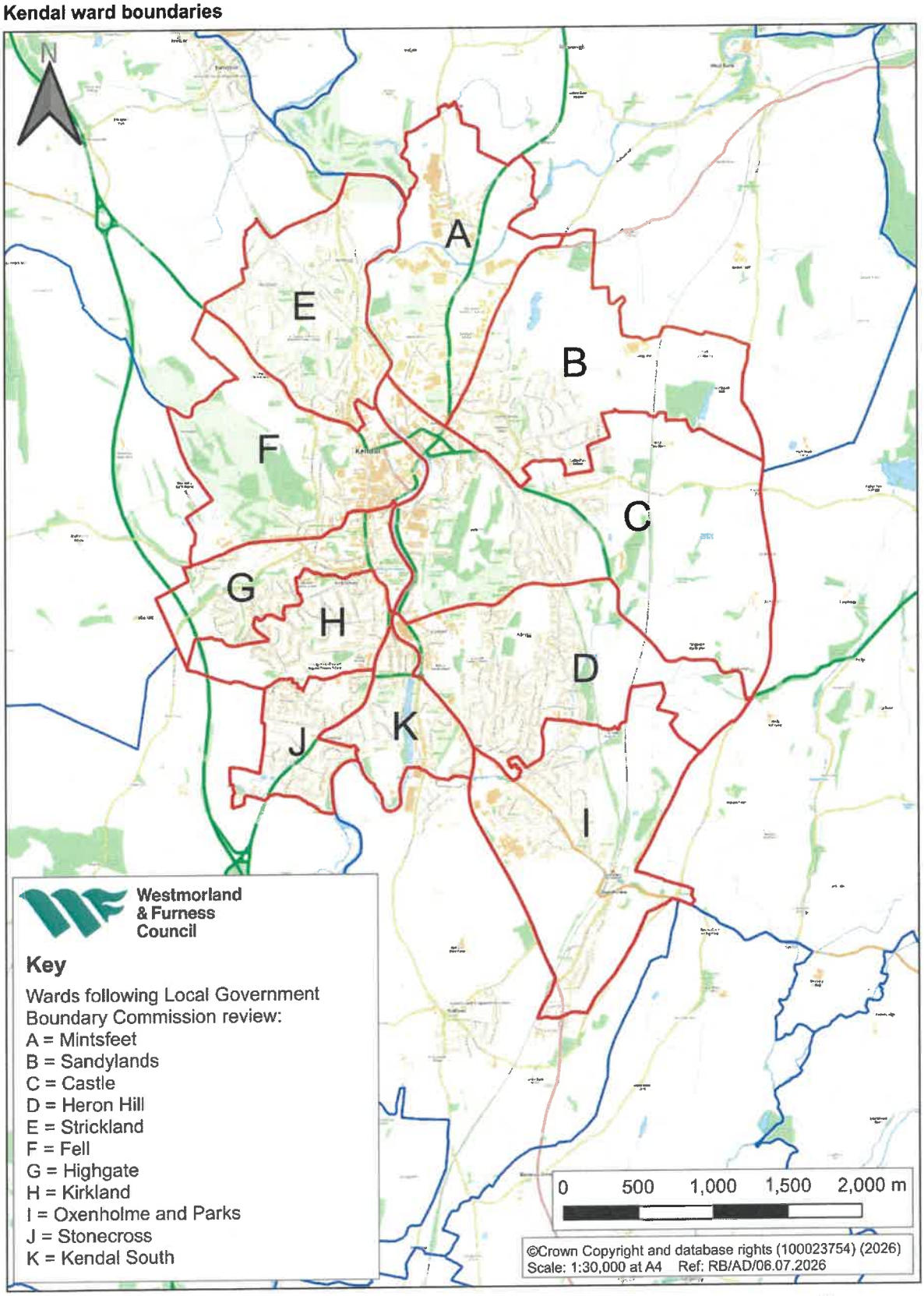
MAP E – Hesket

Community Governance Review: New ward boundaries for Hesket CP: Armathwaite, Hesket, Calthwaite, Southwaite and Plumpton



MAP F – Kendal

Kendal ward boundaries



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order gives effect to recommendations made by Westmorland & Furness Council to amend parish governance arrangements following a Community Governance Review that concluded in July 2026.