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Dear Ms Graham,

ELECTORAL REVIEW OF COPELAND: FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Today we have published our final recommendations on the future electoral arrangements for Copeland Borough Council. The report and interactive mapping of the final recommendations are available on the Commission's consultation portal: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/> and our main website: www.lgbce.org.uk. We have also arranged for hard copies of the report and map to be sent to the Council.

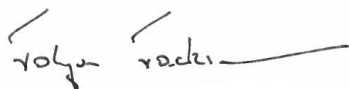
We have informed the national headquarters of the main political parties, MPs and MEPs with constituency interests in the area, all parish and town councils, the police authority, and all respondents to the consultation.

The Commission has now completed its review of Copeland Borough Council. The changes proposed must now be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft Order – the legal document which brings into force the recommendations – will be laid in Parliament. The draft Order will provide for new electoral arrangements for Copeland to be implemented at the local elections in 2019.

We would also like to invite you to participate in our online opinion survey: <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/about-us/lgbce-opinion-survey>. This survey seeks feedback on the review processes and procedures, to identify improvements that can be made.

Finally, Commissioners and staff wish to join me in thanking you and your colleagues for the co-operation and assistance that has been shown throughout the review. We are very grateful and wish you all the very best in the future.

Yours sincerely



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