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To the Rt Hon Roy Jenkins MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department

PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DISTRICT OF
TYNEDALE IN THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the District of Tynedale in accordance with the requirements of section 63 and Schedule 9 to the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements of that district.
2. In accordance with the procedure laid down in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 13 May 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Tynedale District Council, copies of which were circulated to the parish councils in the district, the Northumberland County Council, the Member of Parliament for the constituency concerned and the headquarters of the main political parties. Copies were also sent to the editors of the local newspapers circulating in the area and to the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review and invited comments from members of the public and from any interested bodies.
3. The Tynedale District Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. When doing so, they were asked to observe the rules laid down in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and the guidelines which we set out in our Report No. 6 about the proposed size of the council and the proposed number of councillors for each ward. They were also asked to take into account any views expressed to them following their consultation with local interests. We therefore asked that they should publish details of their provisional proposals about a month before they submitted their draft scheme to us, thus allowing an opportunity for local comment.
4. The Council have not passed a resolution under section 7(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) will therefore apply and the elections of all district councillors will be held simultaneously.

5. On 25 September 1974 the Tynedale District Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 31 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a council of 45.

6. The only comments received related to ward names. It was suggested that the proposed Chesters ward should be named "Simonburn with Chollerford" and that the proposed South Tynedale ward should be named "Derwentwater".

7. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Council. We thought that having regard to the vast area and widely scattered electorate, the scheme provided a generally satisfactory basis of representation for the district, but we noted that 2 of the proposed wards would be under-represented with one councillor each. We therefore modified the scheme by increasing the representation of one ward to 2 councillors and by dividing the other to form two single member wards thus increasing the total size of the Council to 47 members.

8. On 22 October 1974 we issued our draft proposals and these were sent to all who had received our consultation letter or had commented on the Council's draft scheme. The Council were asked to make these draft proposals and the accompanying map which defined the proposed ward boundaries, available for inspection at their main offices. Representations on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 17 December.

9. The comments which we received indicated general local support for the warding arrangements in our draft proposals but we did receive some proposals relating to ward names.

10. Objections previously received to the names of the Chesters and South Tynedale wards were reiterated with recommendations that the names be changed to "Simonburn with Chollerford" and "Derwentwater" respectively. We also received a new proposal suggesting that the prefix "Prudhoe" be attached to the names of the North, South and West wards contained within the parish of Prudhoe so as to avoid possible confusion with wards in other parts of the area.

11. We reviewed our draft proposals in the light of the comments which we had received and accepted the suggestion that the prefix "Prudhoe" be attached to the names of the North, South and West wards contained within the parish of Prudhoe. We adhered to our decision to adopt the other ward names proposed by the Council. We formulated our final proposals accordingly.

12. Details of these final proposals are set out in the Schedules to this report. Schedule 1 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. Schedule 2 describes the proposed wards.

PUBLICATION

13. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Tynedale District Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's offices at Hexham House, Hexham, Northumberland. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

Signed

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23 JANUARY 1975.

TYNEDALE DISTRICT: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ACOMB WITH SANDHOE	1
ALLENDALE	2
BARDON MILL	1
BELLINGHAM	1
BROOMHAUGH AND RIDING	1
BROOMLEY AND STOCKSFIELD	2
CASTLE	1
CHESTERS	1
CHOLLERTON WITH WHITTINGTON	1
CORBRIDGE	3
EAST TYNEDALE	1
GILESGATE	1
HALTWHISTLE	3
HAYDON	2
HENCOTES	2
LEAZES	2
NICKLEY	1
OVINGHAM	1
PRIESTPOPPLE	3
PRUDHOE NORTH	2
PRUDHOE SOUTH	2
PRUDHOE WEST	2
REDESDALE	1
SLALEY AND HEXHAMSHIRE	1
SOUTH TYNEDALE	1
TIPALT	1
UPPER NORTH TYNE	1
WANNEY	1
WARDEN AND NEWBROUGH	1
WARK	1
WEST TYNEDALE	1
WYLAM	2

TYNEDALE DISTRICT: VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF WARDS

ACOMB WITH SANDHOE WARD

The parishes of Acomb and Sandhoe.

ALLENDALE WARD

The parishes of Allendale, West Allen and lands common to the two parishes.

BARDON MILL WARD

The parishes of Bardon Mill, Henshaw and Melkridge.

BELLINGHAM WARD

The parish of Bellingham.

BROOMHAUGH AND RIDING WARD

The parish of Broomhaugh & Riding.

BROOMLEY AND STOCKSFIELD

The parish of Broomley and Stocksfield.

CASTLE WARD

The Castle ward of the parish of Prudhoe.

CHESTERS WARD

The parishes of Humshaugh, Simonburn and Wall.

CHOLLERTON WITH WHITTINGTON WARD

The parishes of Chollerton and Whittington.

CORBRIDGE WARD

The parish of Corbridge.

EAST TYNEDALE WARD

The parishes of Bywell, Horsley and Ovington.

GILESGATE WARD

The Gilesgate ward of the parish of Hexham.

HALTWHISTLE WARD

The Parish of Haltwhistle.

HAYDON WARD

The parish of Haydon.

HENCOTES WARD

The Hencotes ward of the parish of Hexham.

LEAZES WARD

The Leazes ward of the parish of Hexham.

MICKLEY WARD

The Mickley ward of the parish of Prudhoe.

OVINGHAM WARD

The parish of Ovingham.

PRIESTPOPPLE WARD

The Priestpople ward of the parish of Hexham.

PRUDHOE NORTH WARD

The North ward of the parish of Prudhoe.

PRUDHOE SOUTH WARD

The South ward of the parish of Prudhoe.

PRUDHOE WEST WARD

The West ward of the parish of Prudhoe.

REDESDALE WARD

The parishes of Otterburn and Rochester.

SLALEY AND HEXHAMSHIRE WARD

The parishes of Hexhamshire, Hexhamshire Low Quarter and Slaley.

SOUTH TYNEDALE WARD

The parishes of Blanchland Healey, Hedley and Shotley Low Quarter.

TIPALT WARD

The parishes of Featherstone, Greenhead and Thielwall.

UPPER NORTH TYNE WARD

The parishes of Falstone, Greystead, Kielder and Tarsset.

WANNEY WARD

The parishes of Bavington, Corsenside and Kirkwhelpington.

WARDEN AND NEWBROUGH WARD

The parishes of Warden and Newbrough.

WARK WARD

The parishes of Birtley and Wark.

WEST TYNEDALE WARD

The parishes of Coanwood, Hartleyburn, Knaresdale with Kirkhaugh, and Plenmeller with Whitfield.

WYLAM WARD

The parish of Wylam.