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

PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH  
OF BEVERLEY IN THE COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the Borough of Beverley in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of, and Schedule 9 to, the Local Government Act 1972, present our proposals for the future electoral arrangements of that borough.
2. In accordance with the procedure prescribed in section 60(1) and (2) of the 1972 Act, notice was given on 3 June 1974 that we were to undertake this review. This was incorporated in a consultation letter addressed to the Beverley Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Parish Councils in the borough, Humberside 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 of 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. Beverley Borough 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 30 October 1974, Beverley Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council proposed to divide the area of the district into 30 wards, each returning 1, 2 or 3 members, to form a council of 60.

6. We considered the draft scheme submitted by the Borough Council. We noted that the scheme complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act, 1972 and our own guidelines. We received representations that a council of 60 was too large for the borough and an alternative scheme providing for 45 members was submitted. We examined this scheme but considered it gave a less satisfactory standard of representation. Although we thought a council of 60 was rather large, we decided that, on the whole, we preferred the Council's scheme and decided to adopt it as our draft proposals, subject to the realignment of certain boundaries on the advice of Ordnance Survey and to the re-naming of the Minster East ward as Minster North and the Minster West ward as Minster South. We received representations that the parish of Skidby should form a separate ward with a single councillor but we considered that, on the basis of its electorate and taking into account its likely growth, this could not be justified. We therefore formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 31 December 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 maps, 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 28 February 1975.

8. The Borough Council supported our draft proposals but we received a number of comments raising objections. There was some support for the smaller sized council produced by the alternative scheme, some suggestions were made for altering boundaries and alternative arrangements for the Risby ward - including a change of name - were put forward.
9. In view of these differences of local opinion, we decided we needed further information before formulating final proposals. Therefore, in accordance with section 65(2) of the 1972 Act, and at our request, you appointed Mr R A Pearson as an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting and to report to us.
10. Notice of the local meeting was sent to all who had received our draft proposals or had commented upon them, and was published locally.
11. The Assistant Commissioner held the meeting at the Memorial Hall, Beverley on 25 June 1975. A copy of his report is attached at Schedule 1 to this report.
12. In the light of the discussion at the meeting and his inspection of the area, the Assistant Commissioner considers that a council of 60 members is too large for the borough but, on the other hand, he could not recommend the alternative scheme for 45 members. He has, accordingly, proposed a number of changes to the draft proposals which, together, produce a council of 53 members.
13. We considered again our draft proposals in the light of the comments we had received and the Assistant Commissioner's report of the meeting. We noted that the case for a 60 member council had not been substantiated and we accept that a smaller council would be preferable. We also noted that the modified scheme recommended by the Assistant Commissioner produced an overall standard of representation which was numerically inferior to our draft proposals, but taking into consideration the fact that this scheme was drawn up after local discussion and inspection of the area we decided, on balance, to modify our draft proposals as recommended by the Assistant Commissioner. We formulated

our final proposals accordingly.

14. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 2 to this report and on the attached maps. Schedule 2 gives the names of the wards and the number of councillors to be returned by each ward. The boundaries of the new wards are defined on the maps.

#### PUBLICATION

15. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the maps are being sent to Beverley Borough Council and will be made available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without maps) are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the maps is set out in Schedule 3 to this report.

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Signed

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20 November 1975

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 60ELECTORAL REVIEW - LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION'S  
DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR THE BEVERLEY DISTRICTREPORT of Mr. R.A. Pearson, Assistant Commissioner

I was appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Office to hold a meeting to hear representations relating to the proposed future electoral arrangements for the Borough of Beverley at the Memorial Hall, Beverley on the 25th June, 1975. A list of the persons attending the meeting is attached (Appendix 'A').

1. PREAMBLE

The Beverley Borough Council has a population of approximately 106,000 and an electorate of 76,609 and at the present time has 22 Wards with 60 Councillors. Five of these Wards have more than two Councillors per Ward, viz. Beverley Minster Ward and Beverley St. Mary's Ward with five each, Haltemprice Central Ward with twelve, Haltemprice Cottingham Ward with ten and Haltemprice Hessele Ward with nine Councillors.

The Beverley Borough Council have formulated a scheme to retain this number, their reasons being given as :-

- (a) Any reduction in the number of members would necessitate the grouping of more rural parishes, which would be detrimental;
- (b) The rural wards would be so large that it would be difficult for a Councillor to keep in contact with the electorate, and
- (c) Any change in the number of members would cause a second major upheaval in a short space of time and would again be detrimental.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England, apart from minor amendments of nomenclature and boundary lines, have accepted the Borough Council's Scheme as their draft Scheme. A statement of the Commission's proposals is annexed as Appendix 'B'. This draft Scheme is shown on three Maps, prepared by the Borough Council, and which for ease of reference and convenience have been marked as Council Map 1, 2 and 3, covering the following areas :-

Council Map 1 - Beverley Town Area  
 Council Map 2 - former Haltemprice Urban area, and  
 Council Map 3 - former Rural Area.

Objections and representations to the Commission's proposals, with details of alternative proposals, where applicable, were made by the following:-

- (a) Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party - submitting an alternative scheme with 32 Wards and 45 Councillors, details of which are set out in Appendix 'C' attached;
- (b) Central Ward Labour Party - representing that a portion of the proposed Kirk Ella Ward should be transferred to the proposed Anlaby Ward, on the grounds of community of interest;



- (c) Skidby Parish Council - objecting to the grouping of the Parish, being of the opinion that it should comprise a separate Ward. They further objected to the proposed name of 'Risby' and wished to retain 'Skidby'.
- (d) Mr. H.C. Sprinz - objecting to the proposed grouping of Rowley with Skidby on the grounds that the composition of the Beverley Borough Council was already weighted against rural interests and that a further reduction would be unfair;
- (e) Mr. J.M.S. Cherry - representing that the proposed boundary between St. Mary's East and St. Mary's West Wards should be amended on the grounds of community of interest.

2. THE INQUIRY

The representations and objections put forward were :-

Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party

In support of their proposal that the Beverley Borough Council should comprise 45 members, the Labour Party representative drew attention to paragraph 12 of Home Office Circular dated 3rd June, 1974 where the number of Councillors for non-metropolitan district councils was within the range of 30 to 60 Councillors, which had been implemented with the following results :-

<u>District</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Number of Councillors</u>
Hull	280,000	60
Derby	217,000	54
Portsmouth	200,000	48
Southampton	212,000	51
Leicester	287,000	48
Nottingham	294,000	54
Swansea	190,000	51
Holderness	40,000	29
North Wolds	75,000	43
Beverley	106,000	60

It was contended that the retention of 60 Councillors for the Beverley Borough Council could not be justified, and that the alternative proposal of 45 was more realistic and in accordance with the guide lines laid down. Further, the number of Councillors should be no more than was necessary to carry out the duties required of them, bearing in mind that all Parishes in the district have Parish Councils. It was suggested that there would be a substantial financial saving in having the smaller number including that of support staff. It was pointed out that the number of Labour supporters in the area was some 12,000 based on the last two Parliamentary Elections, but owing to the present system the Party representation on the Borough Council was one out of sixty, and the proposed alternative system appeared to be equitable to all concerned.

The Labour Party's proposals are shown on three Maps, marked Labour Map 1, 2 and 3 corresponding to those for the draft Scheme.

The suggested reduction from 60 to 45 members would be achieved by reducing the number for the former Beverley Borough area from 9 to 8, for the Hessele area from 8 to 6, for the Central area of Haltemprice from 12 to 9, the Cottingham area from 10 to 7, and for the former rural area from 21 to 15, with an average of 1703 electors per Councillor compared with 1277 for a 60 member Council.

For the Beverley Town area it was proposed that there should be four Wards, each with two Councillors, the electorates being comparable. The naming of the Wards was felt to be of little consequence, and those in the Commission's proposals would be acceptable in the context of a 45 member Council.

In the Hessle area two Wards were suggested, each with three Councillors.

With regard to the Central area of Haltemprice, it was contended that 12 Councillors was too many and that 9 would be adequate. Single member Wards were proposed to enable more ready identification of Councillors by the electorate, and ensuring community of interest.

Dealing with the Cottingham area, the Cottingham Labour Party representative pointed out that at the first elections there were 10 Councillors to be elected for a single Ward, and the alternative proposal was for 7 single member Wards. They were not in favour of two or three member Wards which they could never win. It was suggested that this would result in fairer representation, a greater community of interest, a simpler ballot paper and less Members. On enquiry, however, it was admitted that the single member Wards were framed so that two were almost entirely Council housing Estates, which the Party would expect to win.

Mr. L. Cross, Parliamentary Candidate for the Haltemprice Constituency, supported the proposals suggesting that the Commission's proposals were unfair as better representation was given to the rural areas, and urging equity of representation.

Reference was made to the constitution of the three former local authorities for the area, the membership of which were :-

Beverley Borough	24 Members (of which 6 were Aldermen)
Haltemprice U.D.C.	27 Members
Beverley R.D.C.	<u>37</u> Members
Total	<u>88</u>

#### Central Ward Labour Party

The Central Ward Labour Party had objected to the inclusion in the Kirk Ella Ward of an area immediately North of Anlaby, with an electorate of some 489, on the grounds that its community of interest was with Anlaby and not with Kirk Ella.

#### Mr. J.M.S. Cherry

Mr. Cherry had objected to the proposed boundaries between St. Mary's East and West Wards of Beverley Town, representing that Manor Road and the streets running off it should form part of the St. Mary's East Ward, comprising an electorate of some 492, which could be partly counterbalanced by the transfer from the East Ward of part of the central town area with an electorate of some 171, as shown on the Plan annexed and marked 'J.M.S. Cherry's submission'. He contended that the Manor Road electorate had a greater community of interest with the proposed East Ward, the boundaries would be readily distinguishable, and would result in an equitable distribution of electors per Councillor.

Support for Mr. Cherry's submissions were given by Mrs. R.M. Allen, a local resident, and Mrs. I. Worrell, a School Crossing Patrol and local resident.

The Beverley Borough Council and Councillor J. Ramsden pointed out that the proposed Ward boundaries had been the subject of consideration by the Borough Council, of which Mr. Cherry was a member, on several occasions and had also been the object of consultation between the existing district Councillors for the Town, when general agreement had been reached and the line selected was only settled after very careful consideration. Further, Mr. Cherry's proposals were not put forward until a very late stage, after the Borough Council's recommendations had been made to the Boundary Commission.

#### Skidby Parish Council

The Parish Council considered it should continue to have its own Councillor, since they considered that the electorate of the Parish would increase by 400 by 1979 and not only 70 as estimated by the Borough Council. They pointed out that some 24 houses were under construction and plans had been approved or considered for a further 91 dwellings, to which should be added a further 45 houses by way of infilling. The Parish Council felt that Rowley should be grouped with Woodmansey where they suggested the 1979 estimate was exaggerated. Further, they objected to the name 'Risby' which was the name of an estate and not a place, and asked that the Ward should be named 'Skidby'.

The Borough Council pointed out that the outline planning approval for the 91 houses had lapsed, and that owing to major sewerage difficulties any major development in Skidby would be likely to be delayed. It was stated that Rowley and Woodmansey had no direct means of communication by road.

#### Mr. H.C. Sprinz

Mr. Sprinz who resides in the Parish of Rowley had made representations that Skidby and Rowley should continue to be separate Wards on the grounds that the composition of the Borough Council was already heavily weighted against rural interests and that a further reduction would be most unfair, and he met the Assistant Commissioner prior to the meeting emphasising the point that farming interests were now inadequately represented primarily due to the grouping of numbers of rural parishes to form Wards.

#### Beverley Borough Council

Mr. R. Gregory, Chief Administrative Officer, on behalf of the Borough Council referred to the criteria laid down by the Home Office in their letter of the 3rd June, 1972 regarding the numbers of Councillors for the new District Councils, as contained in the 11th Schedule to the Local Government Act 1972 viz.

- (1) regard be had to anticipated changes in population;
- (2) the ratio of Councillors to electorate was to be as near as possible the same in every Ward;
- (3) every Parish not divided into Parish Wards should lie wholly within a single Ward;
- (4) regard be had to the fixing of boundaries which are and will remain readily identifiable; and
- (5) regard be had to any local ties which would be broken in fixing any boundary.

Mr. Gregory outlined the difficulties in the amalgamation of a Borough, a large Urban District and a Rural District to form the new Borough Council, and consultations had taken place with the existing District Councils, Parish Councils and the various political parties when all views submitted were carefully considered. Although the Home Office had stated that the numbers of Councillors for non-metropolitan District Councils was to be within the range of 30 to 60 Councillors, they had accepted the maximum for the Beverley Borough Council, and it was inferred that this was because of the special difficulties. Mr. Gregory could not accept the suggestion that there would be any material financial saving by the reduction in the number of Councillors, nor the fact that every Parish had a Parish Council was relevant in relation to District Council Wards.

Details of the Committee structure, functions, etc. of the Beverley Borough Council were given as follows :-

<u>Committees</u>	Seven, six with 15 members, one with 21, meeting on six weekly cycle with one Committee meeting every three weeks.
<u>Sub-Committees</u>	Fifteen, membership from 3 to 10, meeting on average four times a year.
<u>Property etc.</u>	5,770 Council houses, 600 new houses in next 3 years. Sports Centre - visited by 346,000 in first year. Second swimming pool - 157,000 visitors in year, Art Gallery, Museum, Windmill, two Markets, produce Market, 1405 acres open space, a canal, historic buildings.
<u>Work Load</u>	1200 Planning Applications in year 12 Local Plans in course of preparation 9 Conservation Areas, one with 400 listed premises Tree Preservation Orders Housing Advances £550,000 Housing Improvement Grants £750,000 Agency - Highways, Sewerage £1,175,470 Gross Estimated Expenditure 1975/76 just under £3,000,000
<u>Staff etc.</u>	Staff 237, Manual Workers 386
<u>Delegation</u>	A reasonable amount of delegation to officers, e.g. Planning Applications dealing with conversions, which being added to as time goes on.

#### Mr. E.W. Shoebridge

Mr. E.W. Shoebridge, Secretary and Agent Haltemprice and Beverley Conservative Association, supported the Commission's proposals as they appear to be the fairest that could be devised. He suggested that the present constitution should remain for a while, pointing out that the rural areas had already suffered severely on representation, and the alternative put forward would mean that the number of District Councillors for the rural areas which had already been reduced from 37 to 21 would be further reduced to 15. He also drew attention to the lack of community interest between parishes proposed to be grouped to form Wards.

#### Mr. D.R. Horsley

Mr. D.R. Horsley, on behalf of the Liberal Rural Areas Association, drew attention to the fact that certain rural parishes were already grouped to form Wards, and a smaller council might lead to Councillors becoming more remote.

3. ACCOUNT OF INSPECTIONS MADE BY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

Your Assistant Commissioner made a tour of the whole area in an attempt to assess the relation of the urban and rural nature of the area, and also to assess those parts of the urban areas tending towards being more industrial as opposed to residential. He looked particularly at the specific areas in dispute, such as the suggested grouping of Skidby and Rowley, the incorporation of the area in Kirk Ella Ward which has been recommended to go into Anlaby, Leconfield and adjacent Parishes, and Beverley Town, in particular relation to Mr. Cherry's submission.

4. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S ASSESSMENT OF THE WEIGHT OF ARGUMENTS ADVANCED AT THE MEETING

The major issue raised as a result of the objections and representations made is that of the size of the membership of the Council. The details quoted by the Constituency Labour Party relate mainly to large urban areas which were formerly County Boroughs and only appear to be of relevance to the extent of indicating the manner in which the Home Office guide lines had been followed. The details quoted for the adjoining District Councils within the Humberside area, where conditions are generally comparable with Beverley Borough Council are, however, indicative that the number of members of the Beverley Borough Council should not be as high as 60, although the Constituency Labour Party's alternative of 45 might be felt to be going to the other extreme.

The various representations and objections may be assessed as follows :-

- (a) Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party - There is real inconsistency in their Warding proposals for the Urban areas - apparently they favour two and three Member Wards in Beverley and part of the Haltemprice area, but do not for the central and Cottingham parts where single member Wards are proposed for party political purposes. There seems little doubt of their sincerity in putting forward the 45 member scheme, although they obviously feel aggrieved with the result of the first elections in the multi-member Wards as then constituted.

The suggested Ward Boundaries for Beverley follow in a number of respects the lines proposed by the Commission. There would, however, seem to be a tendency, in an endeavour to secure uniformity in electorate between the proposed four Wards, to split areas where there is an apparent community of interest, and here their case does not appear to be strong.

With regard to the Haltemprice area, the proposed two Wards for Hessle seem to vary little in substance from the boundaries contained in the Commission's proposals if the proposed two eastern Wards, and the two Western Wards were amalgamated. No strong feelings either way appear to be held.

In the Cottingham area, where seven single member Wards are suggested, it was admitted that this was primarily for party political purposes and it is reasonable to assume that similar considerations apply in the Central Ward area, where nine single member Wards are suggested. The argument put forward in support of these single member Wards for part of the urban areas would not appear to be sufficiently strong to warrant variations to the two or three member Wards as suggested by the Commission.

- (b) Central Ward Labour Party - It is quite apparent that the area just north of the Anlaby portion of the Central area which is proposed to be included in the Kirk Ella Ward has little community of interest with Kirk Ella - it is effectively cut off by a new road.

- (c) Mr. J.M.S. Cherry - This submission does not appear to be very strong despite the support of the two ladies who attended the meeting. It was not supported by the Borough Council, and is contrary to the general agreement reached between the Borough Councillors for Beverley Town. The suggested amendments would have the undesirable effect of further accentuating the imbalance between St. Mary's East and St. Mary's West Wards as proposed.
- (d) Skidby Parish Council - The case for the Parish Council is not strong, in view of the contradictory information supplied by the Borough Council. The point that Risby is an Estate name and not that of an area is, however, a valid one.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that Skidby, with an electorate of 821, should be one of the largest Parishes at present comprising a district Ward and is proposed to be grouped with Rowley, which is also a separate Ward, when Leconfield Parish, with an electorate of 852, and which may well be the subject of substantial reductions in electorate in the foreseeable future, is proposed to be retained as a single Parish Ward in the Commission's proposals.

There seems to be some difficulty for the rural parishes to appreciate that the basic criteria for representation is that of electorate, and that unless this fundamental requirement can be reasonably satisfied, they will have to be grouped with their neighbours with one Borough Councillor looking after the interests of more than one Parish.

- (e) Mr. H.C. Sprinz - These representations are genuine enough, but the previous paragraph on Skidby Parish equally applies.
- (f) Beverley Borough Council - In support of the retention of a 60 Member Council, it was suggested that when the numbers of Councillors were first approved by the Home Office at this number, this gave rise to the inference that the Department had recognised that Beverley was a special case. This inference cannot, however, be regarded as of particular significance as it is well known that, with the extremely tight schedule to which the Home Office was working in relation to both the new Counties and District Councils in England, there was no time available for the Department to go back to the former local authorities, who had jointly submitted schemes for the constitution of the new authorities to deal with any more than the most striking inconsistencies. The circumstances in the Beverley Borough area do not seem to be different from those in other districts where the Home Office guide lines were followed and smaller councils were approved.

The Committee structure of the Borough Council appears to be such that no undue burden should be imposed on the Councillors, nor would this apply if the number were to be reduced

5. ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S FIRM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Map 1
- (1) That the Minster East and Minster West Wards be named 'Minster North' and 'Minster South' respectively;
  - (2) That the boundary between St. Mary's East and St. Mary's West Wards should be Walkergate (until such time as the new By-Pass is built to alleviate Walkergate when the By-Pass should be the boundary) instead of Hengate and Lairgate; and
  - (3) That there should be two Councillors for each of the four Wards
- Map 2
- (1) That the proposed Tranby and Southfield Wards should be combined to form the Hessle West Ward, with three Councillors;
  - (2) That the proposed Springville and Peshurst Wards should be combined to form the Hessle East Ward, with three Councillors;
  - (3) That the boundary between the Kirk Ella and Anlaby Wards should be Gorton Road, instead of along the disused railway line, Wolfreton Road and Springfield Way; and
  - (4) Subject to (3), the Central area be divided into four Wards, as proposed, with three Councillors for each Ward; and
  - (5) That the proposed Mill Beck and Croxby Wards should be combined to form the Mill Beck and Croxby Ward, with three Councillors; and
  - (6) That Castle and Priory Wards remain as proposed, each with three Councillors.
- Map 3 That the rural Wards in the Beverley Borough be constituted as follows :-
- (1) Leconfield - Parishes of Beswick, Leconfield and Lockington, with one Councillor.
  - (2) Cherry Holme - Parishes of Cherry Burton, Etton, Dalton Holme and Lund, with one Councillor.
  - (3) Molescroft - Parish of Molescroft, with two Councillors.
  - (4) Tickton - Parishes of Tickton, Routh and Wawne, with one Councillor.
  - (5) Leven - Parish of Leven with one Councillor
  - (6) Walkington - Parishes of Bishop Burton and Walkington, with one Councillor.
  - (7) Woodmansey - Parish of Woodmansey and polling district of Dunswell, with two Councillors.
  - (8) South Cave - Parishes of Brantingham, Elleker, Newbald and South Cave, with two Councillors.
  - (9) Skidby and Rowley - Parishes of Skidby and Rowley, with one Councillor.
  - (10) Brough - Parishes of Elloughton and Welton, with three Councillors.
  - (11) Swanland - Parishes of North Ferriby and Swanland, with three Councillors.

A Statement of the suggested Wards with relevant statistics is annexed and marked Appendix 'D'.

It is appreciated that the average electorate per Councillor in the proposed Molescroft, Leven, Woodmansey and Tickton Wards is on the low side. The reason for this is that Leven, Tickton, Routh and Wawne all lie to the East of the River Hull and the only crossing of any significance is in Beverley Town.

The above recommendations, if adopted, would result in a Council of 53 Members, with an average electorate per Councillor of 1473, divided as follows :-

Map 1	8 Councillors
Map 2	27 Councillors
Map 3	<u>18 Councillors</u>
	<u>53 Councillors</u>



LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDING MEETING

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Coun. H. Harrison, Skidby	Skidby Parish Council
H.W. Young, 18 St. Michael's Close, Skidby	Clerk, Skidby Parish Council
Coun. J. Ramsden, 5 Regent Street, Beverley	Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party
N.B. Dickinson, 85 East Street, Leven, Hull	Secretary, Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party
P.D. Crampton, 42 Riplingham Road, Kirk Ella, Hull	Secretary, Central Ward Labour Party
L. Cross	Haltemprice Constituency Labour Party
M. Wilkinson	Humberside County Council
Mrs. R.M. Allan, 33 Manor Road, Beverley	-
Mrs. I. Worrell, 40 Manor Close, Beverley	-
Coun. J.M.S. Cherry, 35 Molescroft Park, Beverley	-
H.C. Sprinz, Walk Farm, Little Weighton, Hull	-
D.W. Smith, Conservative Central Office, (Yorks Area), Hull	Conservative Central Office (Yorks Area)
E.W. Shoebridge,	Secretary & Agent, Haltemprice and Beverley Conservative Association
D.R. Horsley, 7 Manor Road, Beverley	Beverley Rural Areas Liberal Association
R. Gregory,	Chief Admin. Officer, Beverley Borough Council, Lairgate, Beverley

PRESS

G. Dickinson, Hull Daily Mail, Hull  
Miss Carol Bond, Beverley Guardian, Kemps Corner, Beverley

PROPOSALS OF BOUNDARY COMMISSION

Ward and Parishes	No. of Couns.	Electorate, 1974			Est. Elect., 1979		
		Parish	Ward	Elect per Coun.	Parish	Ward	Elect per Coun.
St. Mary's East	3	-	3914	1304	-	4002	1334
Minster North	2	-	3054	1527	-	3054	1527
St. Mary's West	2	-	2773	1386	-	3005	1502
Minster South	2	-	2733	1366	-	2893	1446
Castle	3	-	3929	1309	-	4032	1344
Mill Beck	2	-	2469	1234	-	2469	1234
Priory	3	-	4068	1356	-	4120	1373
Croxby	2	-	2408	1204	-	2493	1246
Willerby	3	-	4229	1409	-	4439	1479
Kirk Ella	3	-	4407	1469	-	4647	1549
Springfield	3	-	3793	1264	-	4283	1427
Anlaby	3	-	4036	1345	-	4036	1345
Tranby	2	-	2733	1366	-	2733	1366
Penshurst	2	-	2665	1332	-	2665	1332
Southfield	2	-	2472	1236	-	2512	1256
Springville	2	-	2497	1248	-	2497	1248
Lockington	1	-	1076	1076	-	1296	1296
Lund	-	262	-	-	262	-	-
Beswick	-	217	-	-	217	-	-
Dalton Holme	-	201	-	-	201	-	-
Lockington	-	396	-	-	616	-	-
Leconfield	1	-	852	852	-	972	972
Leven	1	-	1213	1213	-	1343	1343
Cherry Burton	1	-	1095	1095	-	1335	1335
Etton	-	246	-	-	246	-	-
Cherry Burton	-	849	-	-	1089	-	-
Molescroft	2	-	2046	1023	-	2706	1353
Tickton	1	-	1248	1248	-	1408	1408
Routh	-	79	-	-	79	-	-
Tickton	-	416	-	-	556	-	-
Wawne	-	753	-	-	773	-	-
Walkington	1	-	1461	1461	-	1521	1521
Bishop Burton	-	377	-	-	377	-	-
Walkington	-	1084	-	-	1144	-	-
Woodmansey	2	-	1941	970	-	2641	1320
Woodmansey	-	1643	-	-	2343	-	-
Mill Beck(Dunswell)	-	298	-	-	298	-	-
South Cave	2	-	2941	1245	-	3331	1665
Newbald	-	530	-	-	770	-	-
South Cave	-	1961	-	-	2561	-	-
Risby	1	-	1514	1514	-	1604	1604
Rowley	-	693	-	-	713	-	-
Skidby	-	821	-	-	891	-	-
Brough	3	-	3907	1302	-	4252	1419
Ellerker	-	216	-	-	216	-	-
Brantingham	-	265	-	-	265	-	-
Elloughton	-	3426	-	-	3776	-	-
Welton	1	-	1218	1218	-	1278	1278
North Ferriby	2	-	2477	1238	-	2557	1278
Swanland	2	-	1890	945	-	2590	1295
Totals	60	-	77059	1284	-	82714	1378

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS BY THE HALTEMPRICE CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY  
FOR THE BEVERLEY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF HUMBERSIDE

<u>Name of Ward</u>	<u>No. of Councillors</u>
Norwood	2
St. Mary's	2
St. Nicholas	2
Minster	2
Hessle East	3
Hessle West	3
Kirk Ella	1
Mill	1
Tranby	1
Anlaby	1
Wolfreton	1
Sherwood	1
Spring Head	1
North Ella	1
Willerby	1
Keldgate	1
Castle	1
Parkway	1
Priory	1
New Village	1
Croxby	1
The Green	1
Risby	1
Swanland	3
South Cave	2
Woodmanscy	2
Cherry Holme	1
Leconfield	1
Leven	1
Molescroft	2
Elloughton	1
Brough	1

## HALTEMPRICE CONSTITUENCY LABOUR PARTY

## PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS IN BEVERLEY BOROUGH

(1) Proposed Name	Ward/Parish	(2) Proposed No. of Cllrs.	(3) Electorate 1974/75	(4) No. of Electors per Cllr.	Additional Electors 1979	(5) Forecast Electorate 1979	(6) Forecast of Elector: per Cllr.
<u>BEVERLEY</u>							
Norwood	A	2	3207	1603	88	3295	1647
St. Mary's	B	2	2992	1496	237	3229	1615
St. Nicholas	C	2	3284	1642	-	3284	1642
Minster	D	2	3062	1531	160	3222	1611
<u>HESSLE</u>							
East	A	3	5357	1786	-	5357	1786
West	B	3	5003	1668	40	5043	1681
<u>CENTRAL</u>							
Kirk Ella	A	1	1943	1943	40	1983	1983
Mill	B	1	1817	1817	150	1967	1967
Tranby	C	1	1643	1643	50	1693	1693
Anlaby	D	1	1894	1894	-	1894	1894
Wolfreton	E	1	1733	1733	380	2113	2113
Sherwood	F	1	2303	2303	110	2413	2413
Spring Head	G	1	1502	1502	180	1682	1682
North Ella	H	1	1778	1778	-	1778	1778
Willerby	I	1	1880	1880	30	1910	1910
<u>COTTINGHAM</u>							
Keldgate	A	1	2011	2011	50	2061	2061
Castle	B	1	1773	1773	50	1823	1823
Parkway	C	1	1765	1765	20	1785	1785
Priory	D	1	1661	1661	40	1701	1701
New Village	E	1	1759	1759	-	1759	1759
Croxby	F	1	1963	1963	80	2043	2043
The Green	G	1	1914	1914	-	1914	1914
Risby	Rowley Skidby	1	693 821 (1514)	1514	20 70	1604	1604
Swanland	Swanland Nth. Ferriby Welton	3	1890 2477 (5585) 1218	1861	700 80 60	6425	2142
South Cave	South Cave Ellerker Brantingham Newbald	2	1961 216 265 (2972) 530	1486	600 - - 240	3812	1906

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(1) Proposed Name	Ward/Parish	(2) Proposed No. of Cllrs.	(3) Electorate 1974/75	(4) No. of Electors per Cllr.	Additional Electors 1979	(5) Forecast Electorate 1979	(6) Forecast of Elector. per Cllr.
Woodmansey	Woodmansey Walkington Bishop Burton Dunswell	2	1643 1084 (3362) 337 298	1681	700 60 - -	4122	2061
Cherry Holme	Cherry Burton Etton Dalton Holme Lund	1	849 246 (1558) 201 262	1558	240 - - -	1798	1798
Leconfield	Beswick Lockington Leconfield	1	217 396 (1465) 852	1465	- 220 120	1805	1805
Leven	Leven Routh Wawne	1	1213 79 (2045) 753	2045	130 - 20	2195	2195
Molescroft	Molescroft Tickton	2	2046 416 (2462)	1231	660 140	3262	1631
Elloughton Brough	<u>ELLOUGHTON</u>						
	A B	1 1	1488 1938 (3426)	1488 1938	338 12	1826 1950	1826 1950
TOTAL		45	76633	1703	6115	82748	1804

## BEVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTION

Map	Ward and Parishes	No. of Couns.	Electorate 1974			Est. Elect. 1979		
			Parish	Ward	Elect. per Coun.	Parish	Ward	Elect. per Coun.
1.	St. Mary's East	2	-	3743	1871	-	4002	2001
	St. Mary's West	2	-	2944	1472	-	3032	1516
	Minster North	2	-	3054	1527	-	3054	1527
	Minster South	2	-	2733	1366	-	2893	1446
2.	Hessle East	3	-	5162	1730	-	5162	1730
	Hessle West	3	-	5205	1735	-	5245	1748
	Kirk Ella	3	-	4153	1386	-	4398	1466
	Willerby	3	-	4229	1409	-	4439	1479
	Springfield	3	-	3793	1264	-	4283	1427
	Anlaby	3	-	4525	1508	-	4525	1508
	Mill Beck & Croxby	3	-	4877	1625	-	4962	1654
	Castle	3	-	3929	1309	-	4032	1344
	Priory	3	-	4068	1356	-	4120	1373
3.	Leconfield	1	-	1465	1465	-	1850	1850
	Beswick	-	217	-	-	262	-	-
	Leconfield	-	852	-	-	972	-	-
	Lockington	-	396	-	-	616	-	-
	Cherry Holme	1	-	1558	1558	-	1798	1798
	Cherry Burton	-	849	-	-	1089	-	-
	Etton	-	246	-	-	246	-	-
	Dalton Holme	-	201	-	-	201	-	-
	Lund	-	262	-	-	262	-	-
	Molescroft	2	-	2046	1023	-	2706	1353
	Tickton	1	-	1248	1248	-	1408	1408
	Routh	-	79	-	-	79	-	-
	Tickton	-	416	-	-	556	-	-
	Wawne	-	753	-	-	773	-	-
	Leven	1	-	1213	1213	-	1343	1343
	Woodmansey	2	-	1941	970	-	2641	1320
	Dunswell	-	298	-	-	298	-	-
	Woodmansey	-	1643	-	-	2543	-	-
	Walkington	1	-	1461	1461	-	1521	1521
	Bishop Burton	-	377	-	-	377	-	-
	Walkington	-	1084	-	-	1144	-	-
	South Cave	2	-	2972	1486	-	3812	1906
	Brantingham	-	265	-	-	265	-	-
	Elleker	-	216	-	-	216	-	-
	Newbald	-	530	-	-	770	-	-
	South Cave	-	1961	-	-	2561	-	-
	Skidby & Rowley	1	-	1514	1514	-	1604	1604
	Rowley	-	693	-	-	713	-	-
	Skidby	-	821	-	-	891	-	-
Brough	3	-	4644	1548	-	5054	1684	
Elloughton	-	3426	-	-	3776	-	-	
Welton	-	1218	-	-	1278	-	-	
Swanland	3	-	4367	1455	-	5147	1715	
North Ferriby	-	1890	-	-	2557	-	-	
Swanland	-	2477	-	-	2590	-	-	
		53	-	76849	1449	-	83031	1566

## BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

NAME OF WARD	NO OF COUNCILLORS
ANLABY	3
BROUGH	3
CASTLE	3
CHERRY HOLME	1
HESSLE EAST	3
HESSLE WEST	3
KIRK ELLA	3
LECONFIELD	1
LEVEN	1
MILL BECK AND CROXBY	3
MINSTER NORTH	2
MINSTER SOUTH	2
MOLESCROFT	2
PRIORY	3
ST MARY'S EAST	2
ST MARY'S WEST	2
SKIDBY AND ROWLEY	1
SOUTH CAVE	2
SPRINGFIELD	3
SWANLAND	3
TICKTON	1
WALKINGTON	1
WILLERBY	3
WOODMANSEY	2

## BOROUGH OF BEVERLEY: VERBAL DESCRIPTION OF WARD BOUNDARIES

NOTE: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature it should be deemed to follow the centre line of the feature unless otherwise stated.

## ST MARY'S WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Molescroft CP meets the the eastern boundary of No 21 Manor Close, southeastwards along said eastern boundary and continuing southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 23 to 28 Manor Close and the northeastern boundary of the Transport Depot to the southeastern boundary of said Depot, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Manor Road, thence southeastwards along said road, Walkergate and Butcher Row to Well Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane and Champney Road to Lairgate, thence southwards along Lairgate to Keldgate, thence southwest along Keldgate to Kitchen Lane, thence southwards and westwards along said lane to the northern boundary of Woodmansey CP, thence westwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Walkington CP, thence northwestwards along said boundary and continuing northwestwards and northeastwards along eastern boundary of Bishop Burton CP to the southern boundary of Molescroft CP, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

## ST MARY'S EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of St Mary's West Ward meets the southern boundary of Molescroft CP, thence northeastwards along said parish boundary to the western boundary of Tickton CP, thence southwards and eastwards along said boundary to a point opposite the western boundary on Parcel No 0006 as shown on OS1:2500 plan TA 04/0541 edition of 1972, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and continuing southeastwards and southwestwards along the western boundary of Parcel 0006 as shown on OS1:2500 plan TA 04/0540 edition of 1974 to Swinemoor Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to a point opposite the rear boundaries of nos 3-11 Storkhill Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary to the western



boundaries of no 3 in said road thence southwards along said boundary to the western boundary of no 1 in said road, thence southwestwards along said boundary to Sigston Road, thence northwestwards along said road to the access road to the rear of properties on the northern side of Ashmole Walk, thence southwestwards along said access road and continuing southwestwards along the rear boundary of nos 5-1 Ashmole Walk to the western boundary of no 1 in said Walk, then generally southeastwards along said boundary to Ashmole Walk thence southwestwards along said Walk to Burden Road thence southeastwards along said road to Burden Close, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said Close to the path which runs to the northwest of no 1 Wilberforce Crescent, thence southwestward along said path to said Crescent, then generally southwestward along said Crescent to Coltman Avenue thence northwestward along said Avenue to Goths Lane, thence southwestward along said Lane to Cherry Tree Lane, thence southwards along said Lane to Cherrytree Crossing, thence westwards along said Crossing to Mill Lane, thence southwestward along said Lane and Wilbert Lane to the eastern boundary of St Mary's West Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### MINSTER NORTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of St Mary's East Ward meets the western boundary of Tickton CP, thence northeastwards and southwards along said boundary to the road known as Grovehill, then westward along said road and Grovehill Road to Cherry Tree Lane, thence northwestwards along said Lane to the southeastern boundary of St Mary's East Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said boundary and northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of said ward to the point of commencement.

#### MINSTER SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of Minister North Ward meets the western boundary of Tickton CP, thence generally southeastward along said parish boundary to the western boundary of Wawne CP, thence southward along said boundary to the northern boundary of Woodmansey CP, thence generally northwestward along said boundary to the eastern boundary of St Mary's West Ward, thence generally northwards and northeastwards along said boundary and continuing

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northeastwards along the southeastern boundary of St. Mary's East Ward to the southern boundary of Minister North Ward, thence southeastwards and generally eastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

#### CASTLE WARD

Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Skidby Parish being a point in prolongation southwestwards of Castle Road thence northwards and eastwards following said eastern boundary to Park Lane, thence generally southwestwards and southeastwards along Park Lane to a point opposite the western boundary of No 49 said Lane thence southwards to and along said western boundary and continuing along the eastern boundary of The Lawns (The University of Hull) to Northgate, thence eastwards along Northgate, to and southwards along King Street, to and westwards along South Street, to Southwood Road thence southwards and westwards along said road and Castle Road and in prolongation of the latter to the point of commencement.

#### HILL BECK AND CROXBY WARD

Commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of Castle Ward at the junction where Northgate meets King Street, westwards and northwards following the eastern boundary of Castle Ward, thence to and eastwards and northwards following the eastern boundary of Skidby CP, to and eastwards along the southern boundary of Woodmansey CP, to and southwards along the access road to Low Farm from Dunswell Lane, thence eastwards along Dunswell Lane, to a point opposite eastern boundary of parcel Nos 0018, as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TA 04/0535 (1965), thence southeastwards to and along said boundary and continuing southeastwards, westwards and southwards along the eastern boundary of parcel No 9700, as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TA 06/0735 (1965), and TA 04/0534 revision of December, 1961, and continuing southwards and westwards along the eastern and southern boundary of parcel No 8400 to Cottingham Drain, thence generally southwards and southwestwards along the eastern and southern boundaries of the District to the railway, thence northwestwards following said railway to Northgate, thence generally westwards along Northgate to the point of commencement.

## PRIORY WARD

Commencing at a point where Green Lane meets the eastern boundary of Skidby CP, northwards along said boundary to the southern boundary of Castle Ward thence northeastwards and northwards following the southern and eastern boundaries of said Ward to and eastwards and southeastwards following the western boundary of Mill Beck and Croxby Ward, to and southwestwards following the eastern boundary of the District to Priory Road, thence northwestwards along Priory Road, westwards along the southern boundary of Cranleigh, northwards along the western boundaries of Cranleigh and Stramongate, eastwards along the northern boundary of Stramongate to Priory Road, thence northwestwards along Priory Road to Wood Lane, thence generally southwestwards along Wood Lane, generally westwards along the drain from Wood Lane to Willerby Low Road, crossing said road, thence westwards along the northern boundaries of De la Pole Farm and parcel No 9166 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TA 02/0331 (1962) to the road from Willerby Low Road to Beverley Road thence westwards along said road passing through De la Pole Hospital (General), thence northwards along Beverley Road and southwestwards along Green Lane to the point of commencement.

## WILLERBY WARD

Commencing at a point where the access road from Great Gutter Lane to the east of Thoraby Farm meets the eastern boundary of Skidby CP, northwards along said boundary, generally eastwards along the southern boundary of Priory Ward, thence southwestwards and following the eastern boundary of the District to Kingston Road, thence westwards along Kingston Road to Gorton Road, thence southwestwards along Gorton Road and in prolongation of said Road to the dismantled railway, thence northwestwards along said railway, to a point in prolongation southwards of the road leading to Great Gutter Lane thence to and along said prolongation and said road, crossing Great Gutter Lane and northwards along the access road to the east of Thoraby Farm to the point of commencement.

## KIRK ELLA WARD

Commencing at a point where Tranby Lane meets the eastern boundary of Swanland CP, northwards along said boundary, northwestwards and eastwards along the southern boundary of Skidby CP, southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Willerby Ward to Gorton Road, thence southwestwards along said Road thence generally westwards along South Ella Way, generally southeastwards along Mill Lane, southwestwards and following Woodland Drive and southwestwards along Tranby Lane to the point of commencement.

## SPRINGFIELD WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Kirk Ella Ward meets the southern boundary of Willerby Ward, thence northeastwards and eastwards following said boundary, northeastwards and following the southern boundary of Willerby Ward, southwards and following the eastern boundary of the District to Boothferry Road, thence southwestwards along Boothferry Road to and northwestwards along First Lane, eastwards along Hull Road, northwestwards along that portion of Springfield Way to the rear of 203 to 213 Hull Road, northwards along Springfield Lane and northwestwards and following Springfield Way to Wolfreton Road, thence northwards along said Road to the disused railway, thence northwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

## ANLABY WARD

Commencing at a point where Jenny Brough Lane meets the eastern boundary of Swanland CP, westwards and following said boundary, to and westwards along the southern boundary and northeastwards along the eastern boundary of Kirk Ella Ward, to and generally southwestwards along the western boundary of Springfield Ward, westwards along the southern boundary of "Chowringhee" and the southern boundaries of parcel Nos 0064,

as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TA 04/0527 (1969) and 0064 and 4155 as shown on OS 1:2500 plan TA 02/0327 (1971), to and northwards along Beverley Road, westwards along the northern boundary of 185 Beverley Road, northwards, westwards and southwards along the eastern, northern and western boundaries of the Playing Fields, westwards along the southern boundaries of parcel Nos 9547 and 6451 and northwestwards to and following Jenny Brough Lane to the point of commencement.

#### HESSLE WEST WARD

Starting where Ferriby Road meets the eastern boundary of Swanland CP, northwards along said boundary, southeastwards and following the southern boundary of Anlaby Ward, to and southwards along Beverley Road and Northgate to and eastwards along Swinegate, southwards along Southgate, to and eastwards along the southern carriageway and along Hull Road to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 102 said Road, thence southwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 1 to 47 Edward Street, and continuing in a straight line due southwards to and generally westwards along the southern boundary of the District, to and northwards along the eastern boundary of Swanland Parish to the point of commencement.

#### HESSLE EAST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Hesse West Ward meets the southern boundary of Anlaby Ward, thence eastwards along said southern boundary to and southwards and eastwards along the southern boundary of Springfield Ward to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southwards and westwards following the eastern and southern boundary of the District to the eastern boundary of Hesse West Ward, thence northwards, westwards and again northwards following said western boundary to the point of commencement.

**BROUGH WARD**

The parishes of Elloughton and Welton

**CHERRY HOLME WARD**

The parishes of Cherry Burton, Etton, Dalton Holme and Lund

**LECONFIELD WARD**

The parishes of Beswick, Leconfield and Lockington

**LEVEN WARD**

The parish of Leven

**MOLESCROFT WARD**

The parish of Molescroft

**SKIDBY AND ROWLEY WARD**

The parishes of Rowley and Skidby

**SOUTH CAVE WARD**

The parishes of Brantingham, Ellerker, Newbald and South Cave

**SWANLAND WARD**

The parishes of Swanland and North Ferriby

**TICKTON WARD**

The parishes of Routh, Tickton and Wawne

**WALKINGTON WARD**

The parishes of Bishop Burton and Walkington

**WOODMANSEY WARD**

Parish of Woodmansey plus an area bounded by a line commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Mill Beck and Croxby Ward meets the eastern boundary of the district, thence northwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Woodmansey Parish thence generally eastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the district, thence generally southwards and westwards along said district boundary to the point of commencement.