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PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE
DISTRICT OF SOUTH RIBBLE IN THE COUNTY OF LANCASHIRE

1. We, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, having carried out our initial review of the electoral arrangements for the district of South Ribble 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 for 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 South Ribble Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Lancashire County Council, Parish Councils in the district, the Members of Parliament for the constituencies 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. South Ribble Borough Council were invited to prepare a draft scheme of representation for our consideration. In 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 asked also 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. On 27 September 1974 the South Ribble Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council had not exercised an option in accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. The provisions of section 7(6) of the Act - which provide for a system of whole council elections - therefore applied. The Council proposed to divide the area into 22 wards each returning 1, 2 or 3 members to form a Council of 54 rising progressively to 55 and 56 as the anticipated growth in one particular ward, affected by the development of the Central Lancashire New Town, was realised.

5. Comments on this draft scheme were received from a number of sources. They included an alternative scheme covering the whole of the district, revised proposals for a part of Leyland, a request for a different system of representation in one of the parishes and a suggestion that the name of one of the wards should be modified.

6. We considered the draft scheme together with the alternative scheme and all the comments which had been submitted. Except in the case of the suggested modification to the name of one of the wards, we concluded that, on balance, the proposals embodied in the alternative scheme and the comments offered no advantage over the draft scheme submitted by the Council. The suggestion that the scheme should provide for a progressive increase in the representation of one of the wards, we considered to be unacceptable and, having considered the likely development in the ward, we decided that it should be allotted one councillor. On the basis of the Council's forecast of the increase in the electorate, some unevenness in representation, already present in the scheme would occur by 1979. However, we accepted the Council's opinion that, uncertainty of the pattern and rate of development in the New Town make preparation of a long term scheme difficult and make forecasting unreliable.

After consulting Ordnance Survey, we made some minor adjustments to the alignment of some of the boundaries in order to secure boundary lines which were more

readily identifiable on the ground. With the one modification, to which we have already referred, we decided to adopt the ward names suggested by the Council. We then formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

7. On 29 November 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. Representation on our draft proposals were invited from those to whom they were circulated and, by public notices, from other members of the public and interested bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 24 January 1975.

8. Only the South Ribble Borough Council responded to this invitation. They supported the draft proposals, subject to a few amendments to the ward descriptions, none of which involved electors.

9. We considered that the minor amendments suggested to us by South Ribble Borough Council should be adopted. We accepted also a further suggestion by the Ordnance Survey for a minor boundary alteration to take account of some recently completed dwellings. The Borough Council had been consulted about this minor change affecting a small number of electors, and they had raised no objections. Subject to these alterations, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

10. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedule 1 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 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 map.

PUBLICATION

11. 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 South Ribble Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report are also being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed wards as defined on the map is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

Signed

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20 February 1975

DISTRICT OF SOUTH RIBBLE: NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND
NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO.OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ALL SAINTS	3
CHARNOCK	1
FARINGTON	3
HOWICK	2
HUTTON AND LONGTON EAST	3
KINGSFOLD	3
LITTLE HOOLE AND MUCH HOOLE	2
LONGTON CENTRAL AND WEST MANOR	3 2
MIDDLEFORTH GREEN	2
PRIORY	2
ST AMBROSE WESLEY	3
ST ANDREW'S	2
ST JAMES MOSS SIDE	1
ST JOHN'S	3
ST LEONARD'S	3
ST MARY'S	3
SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE	1
SEVEN STARS	3
WALTON-le-DALE CENTRAL	3
WALTON-le-DALE SOUTH	3
WALTON-le-DALE WEST	3

southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of No 20 Royal Avenue to Royal Avenue, thence southwestwards along said avenue to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 2-60 Cumberland Avenue, thence southeastwards to and along said boundaries and in a straight line crossing Cumberland Avenue to the northeastern corner of No 1 Suffolk Close thence southeastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 1-7 Suffolk Close, and in prolongation thereof to Shaw Brook Road, thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the western boundary of Worden Park, thence southwards to and along said western boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence southwards and following said district boundary to the point of commencement.

ST JAMES MOSS SIDE WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the eastern boundary of Much Hoole CP, thence northeastwards and following said CP boundary, the eastern boundary of Little Hoole CP the southeastern boundary of Longton CP and the southern boundary of Farington CP to the River Lostock, thence southwards and following said river to the western boundary of Seven Stars Ward, thence generally southwestwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence southwestwards and following said district boundary to the point of commencement.

ST JOHN'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of St James Moss Side Ward meets the northwestern corner of Seven Stars Ward, thence northeastwards and following said Moss Side Ward and generally eastwards along the southern boundary of Farington CP to Wheelton Lane, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said lane to Golden Hill, thence westwards along said hill to a point opposite the eastern boundary of St Mary's Junior School, thence southeastwards to and along said school boundary to Bannister Brook, thence generally southwestwards along said brook to a point opposite the eastern

SOUTH RIBBLE DISTRICT

SEVEN STARS WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the River Lostock, thence northeastwards and following said river to a point opposite the prolongation of the southern boundary of No 5a Western Drive, thence eastwards to and along said prolongation and boundary to Western Drive, thence southward along said drive to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 2-22 Western Drive, thence northeastwards to and northeastwards and following said rear boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 2a-18 Willow Tree Crescent, thence eastwards along said rear boundaries and in continuation to the northwestern corner of No 240 Leyland Lane, thence southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 240 and 242 Leyland Lane and southeastwards along the southern boundary of No 242 Leyland Lane to Leyland Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to the footpath that leads to Westfield Drive, thence eastwards along said footpath to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 107-103 Westfield Drive, thence southwards and following said rear boundaries to the northern boundary of Worden County Secondary School playing fields, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to Westfield Drive, thence eastwards along said drive to a point opposite the eastern boundary of Worden County Secondary School, thence southwards and following said school boundary to Mill Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 24 Mill Lane, thence southeastwards to and along said boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 81-157 Welsby Road, thence southeastwards and following said rear boundaries and in prolongation thereof to West Paddock, thence southwestwards along West Paddock to Fox Lane, thence northwestward along said lane to Queensway, thence southwestwards along Queensway to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 183-147 Fox Lane, thence southeastwards to and along said rear boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 2-20 Royal Avenue, thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries and

boundary of No 22 Haig Avenue, thence southeastwards to and along said eastern boundary and continuing in a straight line crossing Haig Avenue to the western boundary of St Mary's Junior School, thence southwards and southwestwards along said school boundary to the rear boundaries of Nos 13-41 Haig Avenue, thence southwestwards along said rear boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 64-14 Woodland Drive, thence southeastwards and following said rear boundaries to the rear boundaries of Nos 3-14 Eastwood Road, thence southeastwards and southwards along said rear boundaries, southwards and westwards around the garages to the eastern boundary of No 68 Westgate thence northwards along said boundary to the rear boundary of Nos 12-2 Eastwood Road, thence westwards along said rear boundaries and southwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 12-2 Woodland Drive and the southeastern boundary of No 131 Broadfield Drive to Broadfield Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive, to Elmwood Avenue, thence southwestwards along said Avenue to Larwood Crescent, thence southward along said crescent to Gorsewood Road, thence westwards along said road to Redwood Avenue, thence southwards along said avenue to the passage between Nos 18 and 20 Redwood Avenue, thence westwards along said passageway and in prolongation thereof to the eastern boundary of Seven Stars Ward, thence northwards and westwards along the eastern and northern boundaries of said ward to the point of commencement.

ST AMBROSE WESLEY WARD

Commencing at a point where the southern boundary of the District meets the railway line, thence northwestwards along said railway to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 84-72a Turpin Green Lane, thence westwards along said rear boundaries and continuing along the fence to the rear boundaries of Nos 106-116 Canberra Road, thence northwards and northwestwards along said rear boundaries to the western boundary of No 64 Turpin Green Lane, thence northeastwards along said boundary to Turpin Green Lane, thence

northwestwards along said lane to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 42 Turpin Green Lane, thence southwestwards to and along said eastern boundary; northwestwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 42-38 Turpin Green Lane to the unnamed road leading to Turpin Green Lane, thence northeastwards along said road to Turpin Green Lane, thence northwestwards along said lane to Bretherton Terrace, thence westwards along said terrace to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 153 and 151 Balcarres Road, thence southwards and eastwards along the rear and southern boundaries of 151 Balcarres Road to Balcarres Road thence southwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 131 Balcarres Road, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary and southwestwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 131, 129 and 121 Balcarres Road, and eastwards along the southern boundary of No 121 Balcarres Road to Balcarres Road, thence southward along said road to Broad Square, thence westward along said square to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 6 Broad Square, thence northward to and along said boundary westward along the rear boundaries of Nos 6-8 Broad Square to the eastern boundary of the LMSAC Sports Ground, thence southwards and following said boundary, southern and western boundaries of said sports ground to King Street, thence northeastwards along said street to a point opposite the eastern boundary of No 3 King Street, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 182-196 Towngate and westwards along the northern boundary of No 196 Towngate to Towngate, thence northwestwards along Towngate and School Lane to the eastern boundary of St John's Ward, thence northeastwards and following said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Farington CP, thence southeastwards and following said CP boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence eastwards and following said district boundary to the point of commencement.

ST ANDREW'S WARD

Commencing at a point on the southern boundary of the LMSAC Sports Ground opposite the rear boundary of No 1 Haydock Avenue, thence eastwards and following the western boundary of St Ambrose Wesley Ward to Bent Bridge (Church Road), thence northwestwards along Church Road to Back Lane, thence southwestwards and following said lane and Langdale Road to a point opposite the northwestern boundary of No 2 Langdale Road, thence southwestwards to and along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 2-28 Borrowdale Road to the southern boundary of Balshaw's Grammar School Playing Fields, thence westwards and following said boundary to the eastern boundary of Mayfield Sports Ground, thence southwards along said boundary and southwestwards along the southern boundary of Mayfield Sports Ground to the rear boundaries of Nos 41-61 Park Road, thence southwestwards and northwestwards along said rear boundaries to the footpath between Edale Close and Park Road; thence northwestwards along said path to the path between Park Road and St Andrew's Vicarage approach-road, thence northwestwards along said path to St Andrew's Vicarage approach-road, thence northward along the eastern end of the approach-road to the path that leads to St Andrew's Church, thence northwards along said path to the path that leads to the Leyland Parish Church Hall, thence westwards and following said path to the fence that meets the eastern boundary of No 20 Church Road, thence northwards along said fence to the rear boundary of No 20 Church Road, thence westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 20-6 Church Road and northwards along the western boundary of No 6 Church Road, thence crossing Church Road to the footpath to the rear of Nos 2-4 Towngate, thence northwards along said path to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 1-17 Church Road, thence eastwards along said rear boundaries crossing Stanning Street to the northern boundary of the War Memorial, thence eastwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 21-27 Church Road to the rear boundaries of Nos 1-11 Sandy Lane, thence northeastwards along said rear boundaries crossing Eden Street to the western most point of the boundary of

No 13 Sandy Lane, thence northwestwards and following the rear boundaries of Nos 13-25 Sandy Lane to the northern boundary of No 10 Eden Street, thence westwards and northwards along said boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 12-16 Eden Street to the access road at the rear of Nos 7-1 Victoria Terrace, thence eastwards along said access to a point opposite the rear boundaries of Nos 33-35 Sandy Lane, thence northwards along said rear boundaries and the rear boundaries of Nos 19-1 Haydock Avenue to the point of commencement.

ST MARY'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Seven Stars Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence northwards and following said ward boundary to the southern boundary of St John's Ward, thence westwards and following said ward boundary to the northwestern boundary of St Ambrose Wesley Ward thence southeastwards and following said ward boundary the western boundary of St Andrew's Ward the southern boundary of St Andrew's Ward and the western boundary of St Ambrose Wesley Ward to the southern boundary of the District, thence westwards and following said boundary to the point of commencement.

WALTON-LE-DALE WEST WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of the District meets the northeastern boundary of Farington CP, thence southwestwards and following said CP boundary and the eastern boundary of Penwortham CP to a point opposite a straight line drawn from grid reference SD 5424827137 through grid reference SD 5390027142 and in prolongation thereof to the Penwortham CP boundary thence along the prolongation and stated line to the railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to Junction Bridge, thence southwards along the railway that goes under Red Bridge and along Preston Junction Fork to grid reference 5528625780, thence southeastwards in a straight line

to grid reference SD 5535325653, on the eastern boundary of parcel No 2460 on OS 1:2500 SD 54-5525 Edition 1965 thence southeastwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said district boundary to the point of commencement.

ST LEONARD'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the northern boundary of the District meets the eastern boundary of Penwortham CP, thence northeastwards and following said district boundary and the southern boundary of Cuerdale CP to the M6 Motorway, thence southwestwards along said motorway to a point opposite the northern boundary of Mosney Wood, thence northwestwards to and following said boundary and southwestwards and following the western boundary of Mosney Wood to the northern boundary of parcel No 6935 on OS 1:2500 plan SD 56-5727 edition of 1966, thence southwestwards along the northern boundary and southwards along the western boundary of said parcel number to the southern boundary of Parcel No 5335, thence northwestwards and following said boundary and the southern boundary of parcel no 3530 to the northern boundary of Holland House Farm, thence northwestwards along the northern boundary, southwestwards along the western boundary and southeastwards along the southern boundary of Holland House Farm to the eastern boundary of parcel no 0026, thence southeastwards along the eastern boundary of said parcel number and southwestwards along the southern boundary of parcel number 0026 to the western boundary of No 175 Chorley Road, thence southwestwards along said boundary crossing Chorley Road to Duddle Lane, thence southwestwards along said lane to Hennel Brook, thence northeastwards and following said brook to a prolonged line from the northern boundary of parcel No 4484 on OS 1:2500 plan SD 54-5526, thence southwestwards along the prolongation, northern boundary of said parcel number and southeastwards and following the western boundary of parcel nos 4484, 4371 and the eastern and southern boundaries of parcel no 3555, to the rear boundaries of Nos 25-18 Highfield Avenue, thence southward and following said boundaries to the western

boundary of parcel number 3636, thence southwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to the northeastern boundary of Walton-Le-Dale West Ward, thence northwestwards and southwestwards along said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of Penwortham CP, thence generally northwards along said CP boundary to the point of commencement.

ALL SAINTS WARD

Commencing at a point where the M61 motorway crosses the railway, thence northwestwards along said motorway and the western slip road to the M6 motorway, thence continuing northwestwards along said motorway to the eastern boundary of St Leonard's Ward, thence northeastwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Cuerdale CP, thence eastwards and following said CP boundary and southeastwards along the southwestern boundary of Samlesbury CP to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southwards and southwestwards along said district boundary to the railway, thence southwestwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

WALTON-LE-DALE SOUTH WARD

Commencing at a point where Meanygate crosses the railway, thence northeastwards along Meanygate to a point opposite the northern boundary of No 1 Meanygate, thence eastwards to and along said boundary and continuing eastwards along the rear boundaries of Nos 68-46 Queensway to the rear boundaries of Nos 10-8 Ellen Street, thence northeastwards along said rear boundaries and the northern boundary of No 8 Ellen Street crossing Ellen Street in a straight line to the southwestern corner of No 5 Ellen Street, thence northeastwards along the southern boundary of said property and continuing northeastwards along the plots of land to the rear of Nos 29-1 Saint Mary's Road and the southern boundary of No 154a Station Road to Station Road, thence northwestwards along said road to a point opposite the northern boundary of the Corn Mill, thence northeastwards along the northern boundary of said mill and southeastwards along the northeastern

boundary of the Corn Mill to the rear boundaries of Nos 23-9 Maple Drive, thence northeastwards along said rear boundaries, the southeastern boundary of No 2 and 1 Elm Drive, Nos 7-3 Maple Drive, the southeastern end of Yewlands Avenue, the southeastern boundary of No 11 Yewlands Avenue and the southeastern boundary of No 12 Poplar Avenue crossing said avenue to the northwestern corner of No 9 Poplar Avenue, thence northeastwards along said boundary and the rear boundary of No 7 Poplar Close and in a straight line from the northeastern corner of No 7 Poplar Close to the southwestern corner of No 15 Larch Grove, thence northeastwards along the eastern boundary of said property to the rear boundaries of Nos 24-36 Ash Grove, thence northeastwards along said rear boundaries and the southern and eastern boundary of the Electric Sub Station, thence northeastwards and following the end of Ash Grove to the path between Ash Grove and Brindle Road, thence northeastwards along said path to Brindle Road, thence southeastwards along said road to a point opposite the southeastern boundary of No 85 Brindle Road, thence northeastwards to and along said boundary to the northern boundary of parcel No 1945 on OS 1:2500 plan SD 56-5726 edition 1965, thence northeastwards along said boundary and in prolongation thereof to a grid reference SD 5733526600 on the western boundary of All Saints Ward, thence southeastwards and following said ward boundary to the eastern boundary of the District, thence southeastwards and following said district boundary to the eastern boundary of Walton-Le-Dale West Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary to the railway, thence eastwards along said railway to the point of commencement.

WALTON-LE-DALE CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where the eastern boundary of Walton-Le-Dale West Ward meets the northern boundary of Walton-Le-Dale South Ward, thence northwestwards and following said Walton-Le-Dale West Ward to the southern boundary of St Leonard's Ward, thence northeastwards and following said St Leonard's Ward

to the western boundary of All Saints Ward, thence southeastwards along said All Saints Ward to the northern boundary of Walton-Le-Dale South Ward, thence southwestwards along said Walton-Le-Dale South Ward to the point of commencement.

FARINGTON WARD

The Parish of Farington.

HUTTON AND LONGTON EAST WARD

The parish of Hutton and the East ward of the parish of Longton.

LITTLE HOOLE AND MUCH HOOLE WARD

The parishes of Little Hoole and Much Hoole.

LONGTON CENTRAL AND WEST WARD

The Central and West wards of the parish of Longton.

HOWICK WARD

The Howick Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

PRIORY WARD

The Priory Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

MANOR WARD

The Manor Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

KINGSFOLD WARD

The Kingsfold Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

MIDDLEFORTH GREEN WARD

The Middleforth St Leonards Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

CHARNOCK WARD

The Charnock Ward of the parish of Penwortham.

SAMLESBURY AND CUERDALE WARD

The parishes of Samlesbury and Cuerdale.