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

PROPOSALS FOR REVISED ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BOROUGH
OF FYLDE 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 borough of Fylde 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 for that borough.
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 Fylde Borough Council, copies of which were circulated to the Lancashire County Council, Parish Councils in the district, 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. Fylde 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 Lytham St Anne's Borough Council presented their draft scheme of representation. The Council had exercised an option in accordance with section 7(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 which provided for a system of whole council elections.
5. The Council proposed to divide the area into 21 wards each returning 1, 2, 3, or 4 members to form a council of 49, 4 more than at present.
6. Before we considered the draft scheme in detail we pointed out to the Borough Council that, save only in the most exceptional circumstances, our guidelines, as set out in our Report No 6, did not permit district wards returning more than 3 members. The Borough Council thereupon agreed, pursuant to section 50(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for the successor parish of Kirkham which it had been proposed should form a single district ward returning 4 members. In due course they informed us that they had made an appropriate order to establish two parish wards which would serve also as district wards, each returning two councillors.
7. We received proposals from a local political party for an alternative scheme of wards in the Lytham St Anne's area. These alternative proposals were supported by four local councillors.
8. We considered the draft scheme together with the alternative scheme. We concluded that the alternative wards offered less satisfactory electoral arrangements than those in the draft scheme submitted by the Council.
9. We considered a suggestion made to the Borough Council for an alternative name for one of the wards, which the Council had decided not to accept. We also considered the names of four of the wards which included in each case, the names of the two parishes comprising those wards, and decided, because they were rather long and clumsy, to abbreviate the ward name to the name of

the parish with the largest electorate in each of the groups.

10. We noted that the Borough Council's draft scheme, as modified in respect of the parish of Kirkham, complied with the rules in Schedule 11 to the Local Government Act 1972 and with our own guidelines. Subject to the shortened ward names mentioned above, we decided that this draft scheme provided a reasonable basis for the future electoral arrangements for the ~~borough~~ and we formulated our draft proposals accordingly.

11. On 10 March 1975 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 other members of the public and interest bodies. We asked that any comments should reach us by 16 May 1975.

12. Fylde Borough Council responded, recording their support for the draft proposals. However, they objected to the names of the four wards which we had altered and suggested alternative names which included the name of part at least of each of the constituent parishes. Similar proposals were made by a local association and alternative ward names were proposed by four parish councils, and a fifth approved the ward name for their area which we had proposed in our draft proposals.

13. We reconsidered our proposed ward names and decided to accept the alternative names suggested by the Borough Council.

14. The local political party which had previously made representations to us pressed for their alternative scheme to be reconsidered. They suggested the appointment of an Assistant Commissioner to hold a local meeting.

15. A private individual also wrote to say that a number of the proposed wards were unsatisfactory.

16. There was no new evidence in support of the alternative scheme and having considered the matter again, we concluded that on the grounds of equality of representation, our previous decision should not be altered.

17. Subject to adopting the modified ward names mentioned in para 13 above, we decided to confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals.

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

PUBLICATION

19. 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 Fylde Borough Council and will be available for public inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without the maps) 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 maps is set out in Schedule 2 to this report.

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Signed

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7 July 1975

SCHEDULE 1

BOROUGH OF FYLDE : NAMES OF PROPOSED WARDS AND NUMBERS
OF COUNCILLORS

<u>NAME OF WARD</u>	<u>NO OF COUNCILLORS</u>
ANSDELL	3
ASHTON	3
BRYNING-WITH-WARTON	2
CENTRAL	3
CLIFTON	3
ELSWICK AND LITTLE ECCLESTON	1
FALHAVEN	3
FRECKLETON EAST	2
FRECKLETON WEST	2
HEYHOUSES	3
KILNHOUSE	3
KIRKHAM NORTH	2
KIRKHAM SOUTH	2
MEDLAR-WITH-WESHAM	2
NEWTON AND TREALES	2
PARK	3
RIBBY-WITH-WREA	1
ST JOHN'S	3
ST LEONARDS	3
SINGLETON AND GREENHALGH	1
STAINING	1
WEEPON AND WESTBY	1

BOROUGH OF FYLDE : DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

ST LEONARD'S WARD

Commencing at a point where St Leonard's Road East meets Headroomgate Road, thence westwards and following said St Leonard's Road East, St Leonard's Road West and Sandgate and continuing southwestwards in a straight line to the western boundary of the District, thence generally northwards along said boundary, and northeastwards and following the northern boundary of the District to Nat Grid reference SD 3229231244 and continuing southeastwards in a prolongation of the said District boundary to the unnamed road from Common Edge Road to Blackpool Road North, thence southwestwards and southeastwards along said road, crossing the runway, and continuing southeastwards along Blackpool Road North, Leach Lane and Headroomgate Road to the point of commencement.

ASHTON WARD

Commencing at a point where St Anne's Road East meet Church Road, thence southwestwards along said St Anne's Road East, St Anne's Road West, and St Anne's Pier and in prolongation southwestwards thereof to the western boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the southeastern boundary of St Leonard's Ward, thence northeastwards and eastwards along said boundary to Headroomgate Road, thence southwards along said road to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the point of commencement.

CENTRAL WARD

Commencing at a point where St Thomas Road meets Church Road, thence southwestwards along said St Thomas Road and Links Road and in prolongation thereof southwestwards to the southwestern boundary of the District thence northwestwards along said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Ashton Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the point of commencement.

FAIRHAVEN WARD

Commencing at a point on the southeastern boundary of Central Ward at the Lytham St Annes to Blackpool railway, thence southeastwards along said railway to a point opposite Lake Road North, thence southwestwards to and along said road and Lake Road and southwestwards in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of the District, thence northwestwards and following the said boundary to the southeastern boundary of Central Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

ANSDELL WARD

Commencing at a point where Blackpool Road meets the Lytham St Annes to Kirkham railway thence eastwards along said railway to the track from Lytham Hall to Church Road, thence southwards and following said track across Church Road to Fairlawn Road, thence southwestwards along said road and in prolongation thereof southwestwards to the southern boundary of the District thence westwards along said boundary to the southwestern boundary of Fairhaven Ward, thence northeastwards along said boundary and northwestwards along the northeastern boundary of the said ward to the path from Arundel Road to Links View, thence northeastwards along said path to a point opposite the southwestern boundary of No 2 Worsley Road, thence northwestwards to and along said boundary, the rear boundaries of Nos 32 and 34 Central Drive and northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of No 34 Central Drive to Central Drive, thence northwestwards along said drive and continuing along the path from Central Drive to Beauclerk Road to Ledbury Avenue (path), thence northeastwards along said avenue to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road and Albany Road to Blackpool Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the point of commencement.

CLIFTON WARD

Commencing at a point where Ballam Road meets the southern boundary of Westby-with-Plumpton CP, thence generally southwards along said road, Park View Road and Station Road and southwards in prolongation thereof to the southern boundary of the District thence northwestwards and following said boundary to the **eastern** boundary of Ansdell Ward thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the Kirkham to Lytham St Annes railway, thence eastwards along said railway to a point opposite the rear boundaries of 51 to 41 Frenchwood Avenue, thence northwestwards to and along said boundaries thence northeastwards along the northwestern boundary of Lytham Hall Park County Primary School to the western boundary of the Playground that is adjacent to the northern boundary of the said school, thence northwestwards and northeastwards along the western and northern boundaries of the said playground to the footpath that runs from the northeastern corner of the playground to Forest Drive, thence northwestwards along the said footpath to Forest Drive thence southwestwards along the said drive to a point opposite the footpath that connects Forest Drive with Liggard Brook, thence generally northeastwards to and along the said footpath to Liggard Brook thence eastwards along the said brook to the western boundary of Westby-with-Plumpton CP, thence southeastwards along the western and southern boundaries of the said CP to the point of commencement.

ST JOHN'S WARD

Commencing at a point where the **eastern** boundary of Clifton Ward meets the southern boundary of the District, thence generally northwards along said ward boundary to the southern boundary of Westby-with-Plumpton CP, thence eastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Bryning-with-Warton CP, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to the southern boundary of the District, thence generally westwards along the said boundary to the point of commencement.

KILNHOUSE WARD

Commencing at a point where St Alban's Road meets the northeastern boundary of Central Ward, thence northwestwards along said ward boundary and northwestwards and northwards along the eastern boundary of Ashton Ward and St Leonard's Ward to the northern boundary of the District, thence northeastwards and following said boundary to North Houses Lane, thence southwards and following said lane to Sluice Lane (track), thence northwestwards along said lane to the track from Division Lane to Queensway, thence southwestwards and following said track to Queensway, thence southwestwards and following said Queensway to Heyhouses Lane, thence southeastwards along said lane to Lowton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Shepherd Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Rossendale Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Curzon Road, thence northwestwards along said road to St Alban's Road, thence southwestwards along said road to the point of commencement.

HEYHOUSES WARD

Commencing at a point where the northeastern boundary of Central Ward meets the southeastern boundary of Kilnhouse Ward, thence northeastwards and following said southeastern boundary to the southern boundary of Westby-with-Plumpton CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to Moss Hall Lane, thence southwards and following said lane to North Houses Lane, thence southwards along said lane to Heyhouses Lane, thence northwestwards and following said lane to Waddington Road, thence southwestwards and following said road to Whalley Place, thence southwestwards along said place to Boston Road, thence southeastwards along said road to Skipton Road, thence southwestwards along said road to Church Road, thence southeastwards along said road to the western boundary of Ansdell Ward, thence southwestwards and following said boundary to the northeastern boundary of Fairhaven Ward, thence northwestwards along said boundary to the eastern boundary of Central Ward,

thence northeastwards and northwestwards along the said boundary and northeastern boundary of the said ward to the point of commencement.

PARK WARD

Commencing at a point being the most northerly point of Ansdell Ward, thence northwestwards and following the eastern boundary of Heyhouses Ward to the southern boundary of Westby-with-Plumpton CP, thence southeastwards and following said boundary to the western boundary of Clifton Ward, thence generally southwards along the said boundary to the northeastern boundary of Ansdell Ward, thence generally northwestwards along said boundary to the point of commencement.

SINGLETON AND GREENHALGH WARD

The parishes of Singleton and Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton.

ELSWICK AND LITTLE ECCLESTON WARD

The parishes of Elswick and Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck. .

MEDLAR-WITH-WESHAM WARD

The parish of Medlar-with-Wesham.

NEWTON AND TREALES WARD

The parishes of Newton-with-Clifton and Treales, Roseacre and Wharles.

STAINING WARD

The parish of Staining.

FRECKLETON EAST WARD

The East Ward of the parish of Freckleton.

FRECKLETON WEST WARD

The West Ward of the parish of Freckleton.

BRYNING-WITH-WARTON WARD

The parish of Bryning-with-Warton.

RIBBY-WITH-WREA WARD

The parish of Ribby-with-Wrea.

WEETON AND WESTBY WARD

The parishes of Weeton-with-Preese and Westby-with-Plumpton.

KIRKHAM NORTH WARD

The North Ward of the parish of Kirkham.

KIRKHAM SOUTH WARD

The South Ward of the parish of Kirkham.