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7 October 2005

Dear Councillors

A special meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11 October 2005 at 7.30pm at 2 Bell House Barn, Dalton.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

C. Dale

Clerk to the Parish Council

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Receive apologies for absence
- 2. Agree a response to the letter from South Lakeland Council (attached) dated 4 October 2005 that proposes changes to the electoral arrangements
- 3. Date of next meeting
  The next meeting will take place on Thursday 20 October 2005 at
  7.30pm in the Memorial Hall

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Date:

4 October 2005

Dear Sir or Madam

**FURTHER ELECTORAL REVIEW 2005** 

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Since writing to you on the 26 September 2005 the Council's Members Advisory Group has met with officers following completion of four roadshows and I hope that those of you who were able to attend one of these found them informative.

At their meeting on the 29 September, Members decided to proceed with the consultation by way of sending you further information which is specific to your Council and invite your Members' views instead of the additional presentations as previously indicated to you. This decision is due to the tight timescales set by Electoral Commission for the Council to complete its submission to the Boundary Committee for England.

The roadshows have enabled my team to make changes to the first proposals of the draft submission, reflecting feedback from members of the public and Parish and Town Councillors. The enclosed refreshed maps and data relate to the existing parish boundaries and electoral warding in your part of the District. These demonstrate equality of electoral representation in most cases. Where this is not the case the areas shown green or red being a +/- % variance.

I shall be obliged if you will arrange to let me have any representations your Council may have within the next 10 days. In some cases I am aware this would mean you calling a special meeting or quorum of Councillors. If you need to clarify any specific issue which arises from your meeting please do not hesitate to contact John Sykes on ext. 7362 or email j.sykes@southlakeland.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Debbie Storr

**Executive Director (Central Services)** 

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# Further Electoral Review

## What it aims to do

- Achieve equality of electoral representation, that is the optimum councillor: elector ratio
- Adjust electoral ward size to re-balance ratio
- Strengthen representation
- Listen to local community views in this process
- Provide information for everyone to have the facts
- Maintain joint community initiatives

### What it won't do

- Change parish boundaries
- Change external boundaries of the District
- Create new parishes
- Endanger current community frameworks

The Council intends to hold meetings to explain the proposals to Parish Councillors at a number of venues in the District during October.

