

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to:	Democratic Services Committee
Date:	15th October 2021
Title:	Electoral Review of Ward Boundaries
Purpose of report:	To highlight amendments to Ward Boundaries in Ceredigion, and impact on Committee Membership

Background

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales recently conducted a review of electoral arrangements in Ceredigion in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, publishing its Final Recommendations on 31 May 2019.

The Commission proposed a council of 38 members, a reduction from the present 42 members, with a county average of 1,384 electors per member. It also recommended 34 electoral wards, a reduction from the 40 existing wards. The revised wards are derived as a result of creating four two-member electoral wards, namely Aberporth and Y Ferwig, Aberystwyth Morfa a Glais, Aberystwyth Penparcau and Beulah and Llangoedmor; and combining a part of a warded community, along with its neighbouring community. These community splits are present within the Communities of Dyffryn Arth, Llandysul and Nantcwnlle.

On 14 September 2021, the Minister for Finance and Local Government accepted the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales with modifications in respect of the County of Ceredigion, to be put in place for the 2022 local government elections. The final agreed version is due shortly, following minor outstanding items relating Ward names.

Full details can be reviewed in the 'Final Recommendations Report' available online at:

https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/Ceredigion%20Final%20Recommendations%20Report%201_0.pdf

Next steps:

Work will be undertaken over the next few months in preparation for the Local Government Elections in May next year, and a communication strategy will be developed with an to ensure that residents are aware of the changes that will have an impact upon them. A Task and Finish group has been established to conduct a full review of the size and membership of all Committees of the Council in order to ensure appropriate representation, in lieu of the reduced number of Councillors. The first meeting of the Task and Finish group was held on 29 September, and we are aiming to present the recommendations of this group to Council no later than December of this year.

Recommendations: That the Committee notes the action plan noted in the next steps above;

Appendices: A: Written Statement – Electoral Arrangements
Decision 12 August 2021

Background documents: Local Democracy and Boundary Commission Final
Recommendations Report:
https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/Ceredigion%20Final%20Recommendations%20Report%201_0.pdf

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WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE **Local Authority Electoral Boundary Review - Update**

DATE **12 August 2021**

BY **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government.**

On 16 June I wrote to members to set out the current position in respect of the current programme of Electoral Arrangements Reviews. I also set out the process by which I intend to communicate my decisions about each area.

This included my commitment to provide regular updates to members through written statements. This is the fifth of these updates.

On 11 August I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil to confirm my decision to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales with modifications, in respect of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil can be found [here](#). The modifications made to these recommendations are set out in the annex to this statement

In addition, I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County of Ceredigion to confirm the decision to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, with modifications, in respect of the County of Ceredigion.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County of Ceredigion can be found [here](#). The modifications made to these recommendations are set out in the annex to this statement.

Work will now be taken forward to implement these decisions by Order.

Further information will be provided once I have made decisions about other areas.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should

members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.

Modifications made to the Commission's Final recommendations for electoral arrangements in the following areas.

County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil

- The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Park is given the Welsh language name of Parc. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Y Parc.
- The Commission proposed no change to the electoral ward of Bedlinog. The electoral ward will be given the English language name of Bedlinog and Trelewis and the Welsh language name of Bedlinog a Threlewis.

County of Ceredigion

- The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Ceulanamaesmawr is given the single name of Ceulanamaesmawr. The electoral ward will be given the single name of Ceulan a Maesmawr.
- The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Llanarth be given the single name of Llanarth. The electoral ward will be given the single name of Llannarth.
- The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Aberporth and Y Ferwig is given the Welsh language name of Aberporth a'r Ferwig. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Aber-porth a'r Ferwig.
- The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Llandysul North and Troedyraur be given the Welsh language name of Gogledd Llandysul a Throedyraur. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Gogledd Llandysul a Throed-yr-aur