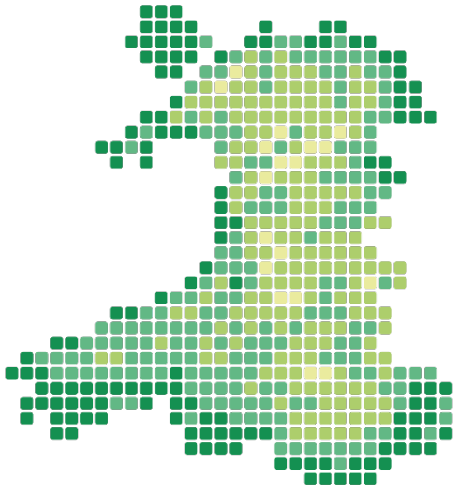


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FOREWORD

This is our report containing our Draft Proposals for the County Borough of Caerphilly.

This review of electoral arrangements of the County Borough of Caerphilly is conducted under the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 (“The 2013 Act”) and Commission’s Electoral Review Programme 2025 Policy and Practice document (ERP 2025 Policy and Practice).

In working up our proposals, we have considered local ties and those who wish to retain current boundaries. We have looked carefully at every representation made to us. However, we have had to balance these issues and representations against all the other factors we have to consider, and the constraints set out in the legislation. In particular, the requirement for electoral parity, alongside special geographical considerations.

Finally, may I thank the Members and officers of the principal council for assisting us with the information to aid us in developing our draft proposals, the Community and Town Councils for their contribution and all those who made representations.

We look forward to receiving any views you may wish to share.

Beverly Smith
Chair

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1. On 4 June 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government announced that Welsh Government had accepted the recommendations as set out in the Commission's Final Recommendations Report for the review of community arrangements for Caerphilly. The Commission understands that those recommendations will be implemented by means of an Order of the Welsh Ministers. The Commission is therefore conducting its electoral review on the basis of the community areas in Caerphilly as they will be once the Order of the Welsh Ministers comes into force. The Order is expected to be 'Caerphilly (Communities) Order 2025'. The Final Recommendations report for the Community Review can be found on the Commission's [website](#).
2. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) is conducting a review of the electoral arrangements of the County Borough of Caerphilly. This review is being conducted in accordance with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 ("The 2013 Act").
3. The Commission has a duty to conduct a review of all 22 of Wales' Principal Councils every 12 years. The rules and procedures the Commission follows can be found in the Commission's Electoral Review Programme 2025: Policy and Practice document which can be found on the Commission's [website](#) (ERP 2025 Policy and Practice).
4. The Commission is now seeking views on the proposed electoral arrangements identified at Chapter 3 in this report. On receipt of these views, the Commission will consider the representations and make final recommendations to Welsh Government. It will then be for Welsh Government Ministers to make the Order, if they deem it appropriate, with or without modification.
5. The Commission welcomes written representations that are based on evidence and facts which are relevant to the proposals under consideration. Details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in Chapter 4 of this report.

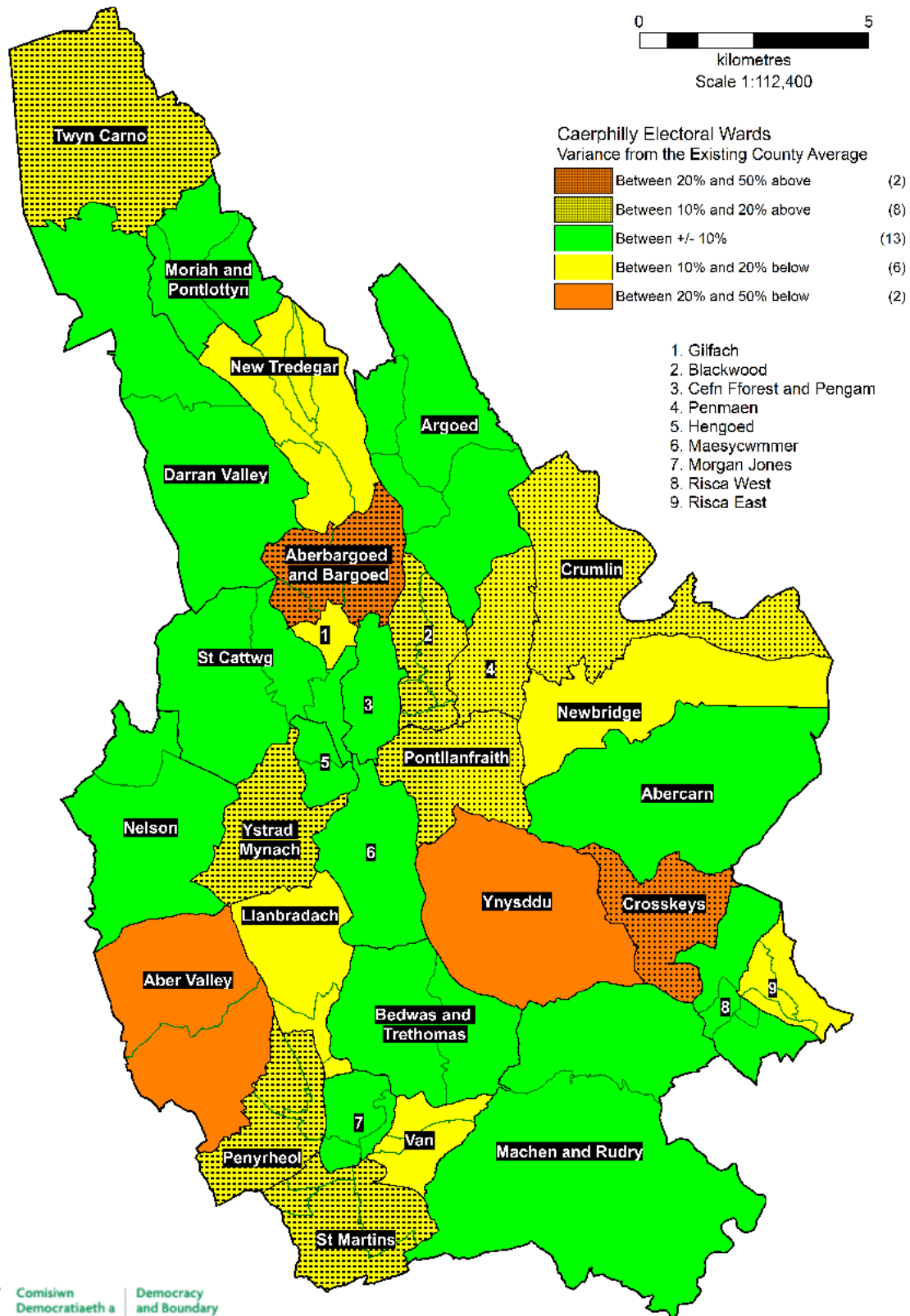
Chapter 2. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. The Commission proposes a change to the arrangement of electoral wards that should ensure that local government electoral wards continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area. The proposed change to the arrangement of electoral wards will achieve an improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County Borough of Caerphilly.
2. The Commission proposes a council of 67 members, a decrease from the council size of 69 that was recommended in the Caerphilly Community Review. This results in a proposed county average of 2,012 electors per member.
3. The Commission proposes 28 electoral wards.
4. The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Aber Valley** and **Penyrheol** (16% above the proposed county average). At present the greatest under-representation is in **Crosskeys** (28% above the existing county average).
5. The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Llanbradach** and **Newbridge** (19% below the proposed county average). At present the greatest over-representation is in **Ynysddu** (23% below the existing county average).
6. The Commission is proposing 24 multi-member wards in the county consisting of: twelve two-member electoral wards; nine three-member electoral wards; and, three four-member electoral wards.
7. The Commission has proposed to retain the existing electoral arrangements of 24 electoral wards.
8. The Commission proposes to have no electoral wards within the county which combines a part of a warded community, along with its neighbouring community.
9. The Commission received 5 representations during the initial consultation period from: County Councillor Janine Reed and County Councillor Jan Jones, County Councillor Bob Owen, Mayor of Blackwood Town George Etheridge, and two Members of the Public. The Commission considered the representations carefully before it formulated its proposals. All representations are published on the Commission's [website](#) in line with our publication and redaction policy.

Summary Maps

1. On the following pages are thematic maps illustrating the current and proposed arrangements and their variances from the current and proposed county averages of 1,954 and 2,012 electors per member respectively. Those areas in green are within +/-10% of the county average; yellow and hatched yellow between +/-10% and +/-20% of the county average; orange and hatched orange between +/-20% and +/-50% of the county average; and, those in red and hatched red are over +/-50% of the county average.
2. As can be seen from these maps, the proposed arrangements provide for an improvement in electoral parity across the county.

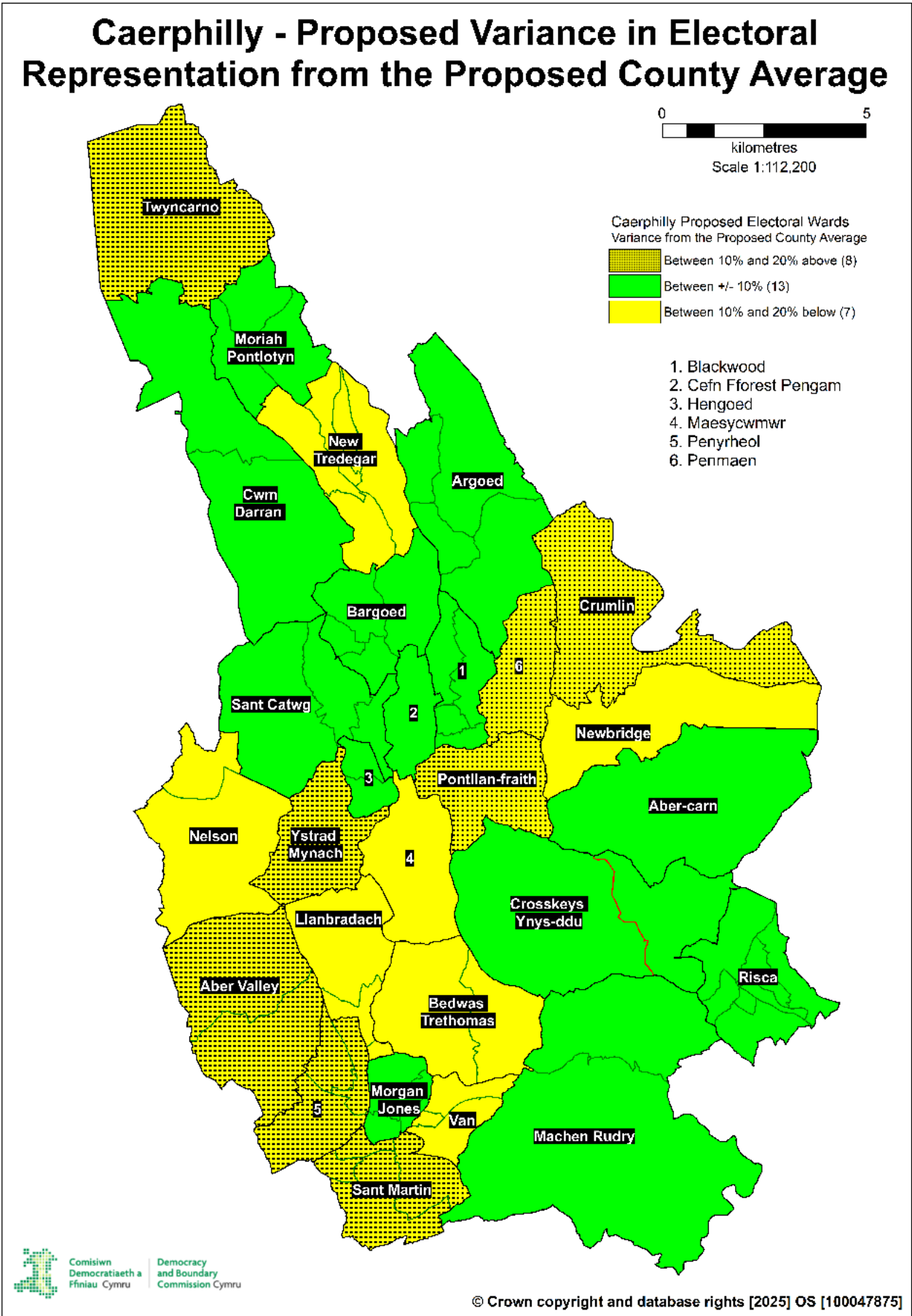
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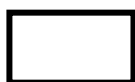
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Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

- The Commission's proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each new proposal the report sets out:
 - The name(s) of the existing electoral wards which wholly or in part constitute the proposed electoral ward;
 - a brief description of the existing arrangements in terms of the number of electors and elected members;
 - key arguments made during the Commission's deliberations;
 - The views of the Commission;
 - The composition of the proposed electoral ward and the proposed name;
 - A map of the proposed electoral ward (see key below).



Proposed Electoral
Ward Boundary



Community
Boundaries



Community Ward
Boundaries

Retained Electoral Wards

- The Commission has considered the electoral arrangements of the existing electoral wards and the ratio of local government electors to the number of councillors to be elected. It is proposed that the existing arrangements should be retained within the following electoral wards, due to the wards being within the accepted +/- 20% variance from the proposed County Average. The names below are as they appear in the Caerphilly (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021, with the Welsh form appearing first.

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| • Aber-carn Abercarn | • Morgan Jones |
| • Argoed | • Moriah a Phontlotyn Moriah and Pontlottyn |
| • Bedwas a Threthomas Bedwas and Threthomas | • Nelson |
| • Coed-duon Blackwood | • Tredegar Newydd New Tredegar |
| • Cefn Fforest a Phengam Cefn Fforest and Pengam | • Trecelyn Newbridge |
| • Crymlyn Crumlin | • Penmaen |
| • Cwm Darran Darran Valley | • Penyrheol |
| • Hengoed | • Pontllan-fraith Pontllanfraith |
| • Llanbradach | • Sant Catwg St Cattwg |
| • Machen a Rhydri Machen and Rudry | • Sant Martin St Martins |
| • Maesycwmwr Maesycwmmwr | • Twyncarno Twyn Carno |
| | • Y Fan Van |
| | • Ystrad Mynach |

Proposed Names for Retained Electoral Wards

- As part of an electoral review, the Commission considers the names of electoral wards in the area under review. The Commission's general practice will be to recommend changes to the name of an electoral ward if it considers that the name can be improved, whether or not the Commission is also recommending changes to other electoral arrangements affecting that ward. In light of the Commission's duty to promote the use of the Welsh Language, the

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Commission's general preference will be for electoral wards to bear a single name in the Welsh Language which is acceptable for use in English.

4. The existing Electoral ward of **Abercarn** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Aber-carn**, and the existing English Language name of **Abercarn**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Aber-carn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
5. The existing Electoral ward of **Argoed** has the existing single language name of **Argoed**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Argoed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
6. The existing Electoral ward of **Bedwas and Trethomas** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Bedwas a Threthomas**, and the existing English Language name of **Bedwas and Trethomas**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Bedwas Trethomas** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
7. The existing Electoral ward of **Blackwood** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Coed-duon**, and the existing English Language name of **Blackwood**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Coed-duon**, and the English Language name of **Blackwood** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
8. The existing Electoral ward of **Cefn Fforest and Pengam** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cefn Fforest a Phengam**, and the existing English Language name of **Cefn Fforest and Pengam**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Cefn Fforest Pengam** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
9. The existing Electoral ward of **Crumlin** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Crymlyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Crumlin**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Crymlyn**, and the English Language name of **Crumlin** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
10. The existing Electoral ward of **Darran Valley** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cwm Darran**, and the existing English Language name of **Darran Valley**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Cwm Darran**, as proposed by the Welsh Language Commissioner.
11. The existing Electoral ward of **Hengoed** has the existing single language name of **Hengoed**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Hengoed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
12. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanbradach** has the existing single language name of **Llanbradach**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Llanbradach** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

13. The existing Electoral ward of **Machen and Rudry** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Machen a Rhydri**, and the existing English Language name of **Machen and Rudry**. The Commission proposes the Welsh Language name of **Machen Rhydri**, and the English Language name of **Machen Rudry** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
14. The existing Electoral ward of **Maesycwmmer** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Maesycwmwr**, and the existing English Language name of **Maesycwmmer**. The Welsh Language Commissioner recommended retaining the English language name of **Maesycwmmer**, and the Welsh language name of **Maesycwmwr** to be consistent with Caerphilly Council's usage. The Commission proposes the single name of **Maesycwmwr** for the electoral ward, to be consistent with its naming policy for the 2025 Electoral Review Programme and to adhere to the list of Standard Welsh Place-names.
15. The existing Electoral ward of **Morgan Jones** has the existing single Language name of **Morgan Jones**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Morgan Jones** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
16. The existing Electoral ward of **Moriah and Pontlottyn** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Moriah a Phontlotyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Moriah and Pontlottyn**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Moriah Pontlotyn** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
17. The existing Electoral ward of **Nelson** has the existing single language name of **Nelson**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Nelson** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
18. The existing Electoral ward of **New Tredegar** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Tredegar Newydd**, and the existing English Language name of **New Tredegar**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Tredegar Newydd**, and the English Language name of **New Tredegar** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
19. The existing Electoral ward of **Newbridge** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Trecelyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Newbridge**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Trecelyn**, and the English Language name of **Newbridge** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
20. The existing Electoral ward of **Penmaen** has the existing single language name of **Penmaen**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Penmaen** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
21. The existing Electoral ward of **Penyrheol** has the existing single language name of **Penyrheol**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Penyrheol** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

22. The existing Electoral ward of **Pontllanfraith** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Pontllan-fraith**, and the existing English Language name of **Pontllanfraith**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Pontllan-fraith**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
23. The existing Electoral ward of **St Cattwg** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sant Catwg**, and the existing English Language name of **St Cattwg**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Sant Catwg** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
24. The existing Electoral ward of **St Martins** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sant Martin**, and the existing English Language name of **St Martins**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Sant Martin** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
25. The existing Electoral ward of **Twyn Carno** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Twyncarno**, and the existing English Language name of **Twyn Carno**. The Commission proposes the single name of **Twyncarno**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
26. The existing Electoral ward of **Van** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Y Fan**, and the existing English Language name of **Van**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Y Fan**, and the English Language name of **Van** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
27. The existing Electoral ward of **Ystrad Mynach** has the existing single language name of **Ystrad Mynach**. The Commission proposes to retain the single name of **Ystrad Mynach** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
28. The Commission would welcome any comments on the ward names mentioned in this section.

Proposed Electoral Wards

29. The Commission considered changes to the remaining electoral wards. Details of the current electoral arrangements can be found at Appendix 1. The Commission's proposed arrangements can be found at Appendix 2.
30. In the following section, when referring to existing electoral wards, the Report is referencing the electoral wards as recommended by the consequential changes in the Caerphilly Community Review's Final Recommendations. These recommendations were accepted in full by Welsh Government Ministers on 4 June 2025.

ABER VALLEY

31. The existing Aber Valley electoral ward is comprised of the Community of Aber Valley. The electoral ward has 4,666 electors represented by three councillors which is 20% below the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,668 electors represented by three councillors, which is 20% below the projected county average of 1,954.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Aber Valley	4,666	3	1,555	-20%	4,668	1,556	-20%
	4,666	3			4,668		

Representations

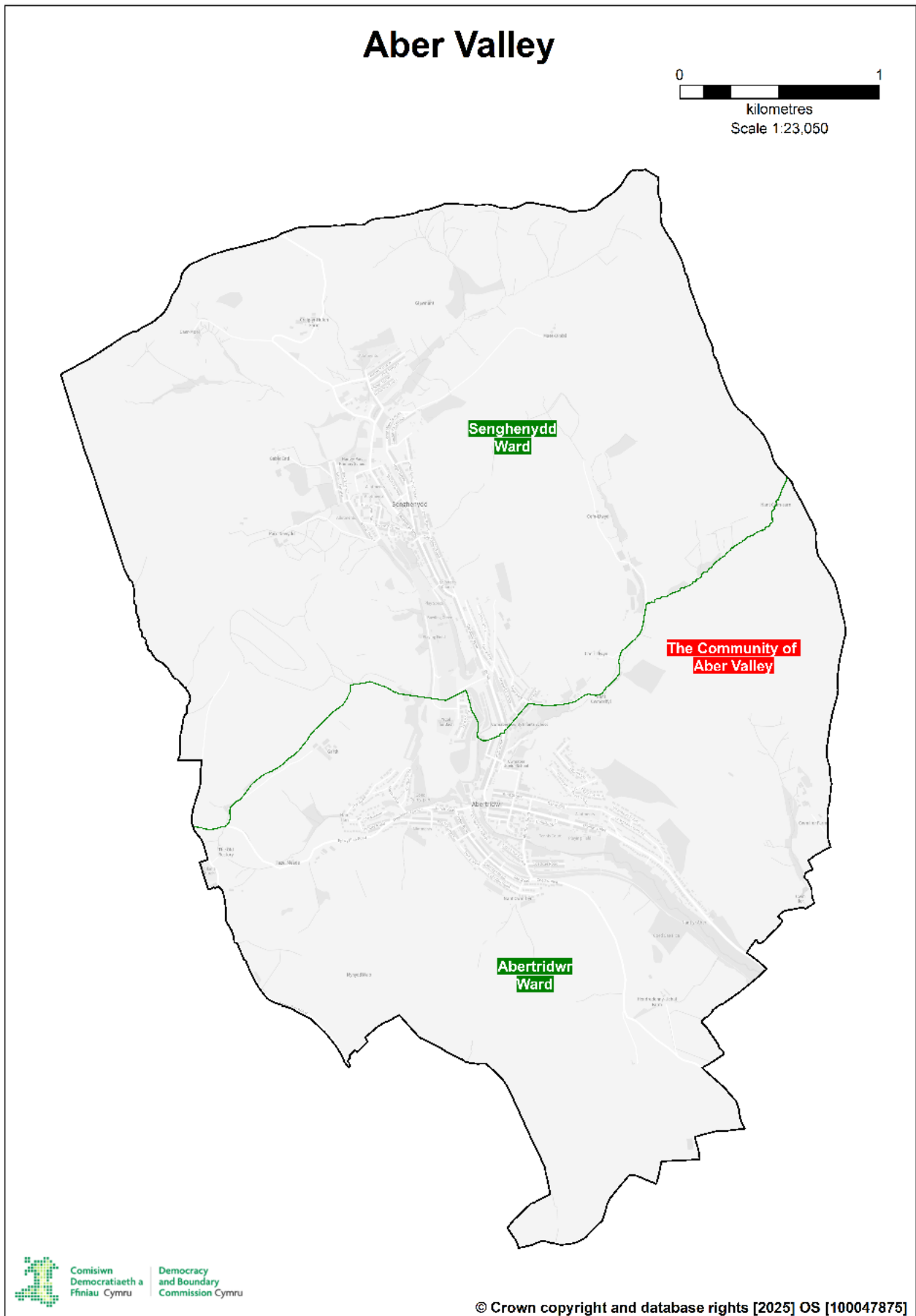
32. The Commission did not receive any representations concerning the Aber Valley electoral ward.

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

33. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward, which reduces the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Reduction of councillors for the Aber Valley electoral ward
34. The Commission proposes a reduction in the number of councillors for the Aber Valley electoral ward in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average. The Commission proposes to assign two county councillors to the electoral ward, which provides for significant improvements to electoral parity.
35. As a result of these proposals there would be no change to the electorate within the Aber Valley electoral ward. The Aber Valley electoral ward will be represented by two councillors which is 16% above the proposed county average of 2,012. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,668 electors represented by two councillors, which is 16% above the proposed projected county average of 2,013.

Proposed Names

36. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes to retain the existing English Language electoral ward name of **Aber Valley**, and the existing Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Cwm Aber**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names for the electoral ward.
37. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Aber Valley electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.



CROSSKEYS AND YNYSDDU

38. The existing Crosskeys electoral ward is composed of the Community of Crosskeys. The electoral ward has 2,501 electors represented by one councillor which is 28% above the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,502 electors represented by one councillor, which is 28% above the projected county average of 1,954.
39. The existing Ynysddu electoral ward is comprised of the Community of Ynysddu. The electoral ward has 3,013 electors represented by two councillors which is 23% below the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,014 electors represented by two councillors, which is 23% below the projected county average of 1,954.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Crosskeys	2,501	1	2,501	28%	2,502	2,502	28%
Ynysddu	3,013	2	1,507	-23%	3,014	1,507	-23%
	5,514	3			5,516		

Representations

40. The Commission received one representation concerning the Crosskeys and Ynysddu electoral wards from: County Councillor Jan Jones and County Councillor Janine Reed (Ynysddu). The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

41. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the areas:
- Combination of Crosskeys and Ynysddu electoral wards
42. The Commission proposes the combination of the existing electoral wards of Crosskeys and Ynysddu in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in both electoral wards. The Commission proposes to assign three county councillors to the electoral ward, which will be composed of the Communities of Crosskeys and Ynysddu. This proposal provides for improvements to electoral parity and retains the overall number of councillors for the wards at three.
43. The Commission acknowledges the opposition against its Final Recommendations and the consequential outcome of the previous Electoral Review in relation to the Crosskeys and Ynysddu electoral wards. The Commission considered many of the points raised in the representation received from County Councillor Jan Jones and County Councillor Janine Reed. However, the Commission believes that the amalgamation of the two electoral wards is the only viable option to improve the levels of variance due to the geographic position of the Ynysddu electoral ward, and the variance of both existing electoral wards exceeding the +/- 20% of the county average. The Commission welcomes feedback on the proposal and encourages participation during the draft consultation period.

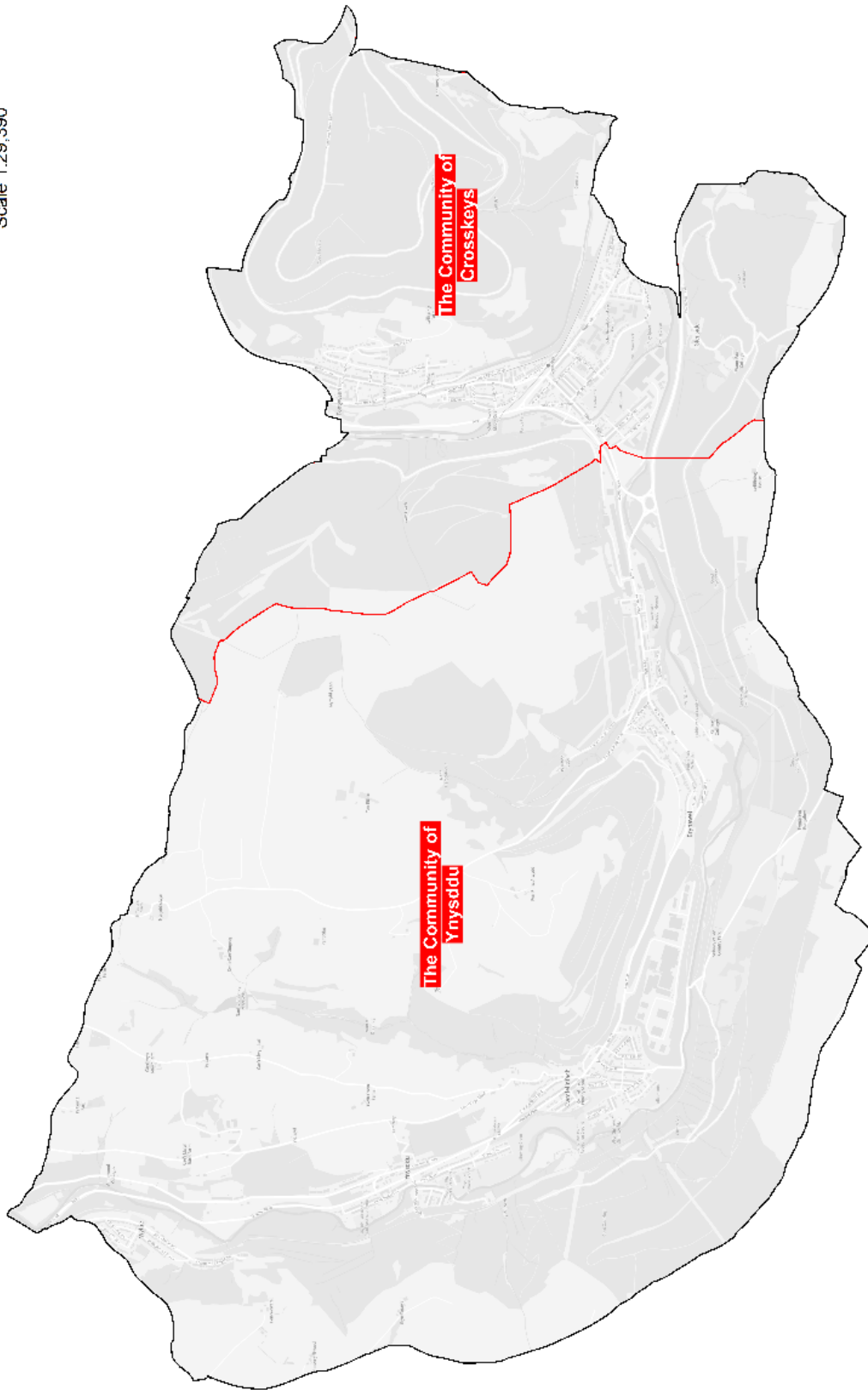
44. As a result of these proposals the electorate within the proposed Crosskeys and Ynysddu electoral ward will be 5,514, represented by three councillors which is 9% below the proposed county average of 2,012. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 5,516 electors represented by three councillors, which is 9% below the projected county average of 2,013.

Proposed Names

45. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the single electoral ward name of **Crosskeys Ynys-ddu**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names for the electoral ward.
46. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Crosskeys Ynys-ddu electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.

Crosskeys Ynys-ddu

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RISCA EAST AND RISCA WEST

47. The existing Risca East electoral ward is composed of the community wards of Trenewydd, Pontymister Tŷ Sign, and Pontymister Upper of the Community of Risca. The electoral ward has 4,728 electors represented by three councillors which is 19% below the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,730 electors represented by three councillors, which is 19% below the projected county average of 1,954.
48. The existing Risca West electoral ward is composed of the community wards of Risca Dan-y-graig, Pontymister Lower, Risca Town and Fernlea, and Tŷ-Isaf Fields and Ochrwyth of the Community of Risca. The electoral ward has 3,979 electors represented by two councillors which is 2% below the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,981 electors represented by two councillors which is 2% below the projected county average of 1,954.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Risca East	4,728	3	1,576	-19%	4,730	1,577	-19%
Risca West	3,979	2	1,990	-2%	3,981	1,991	-2%
	8,707	5			8,711		

Representations

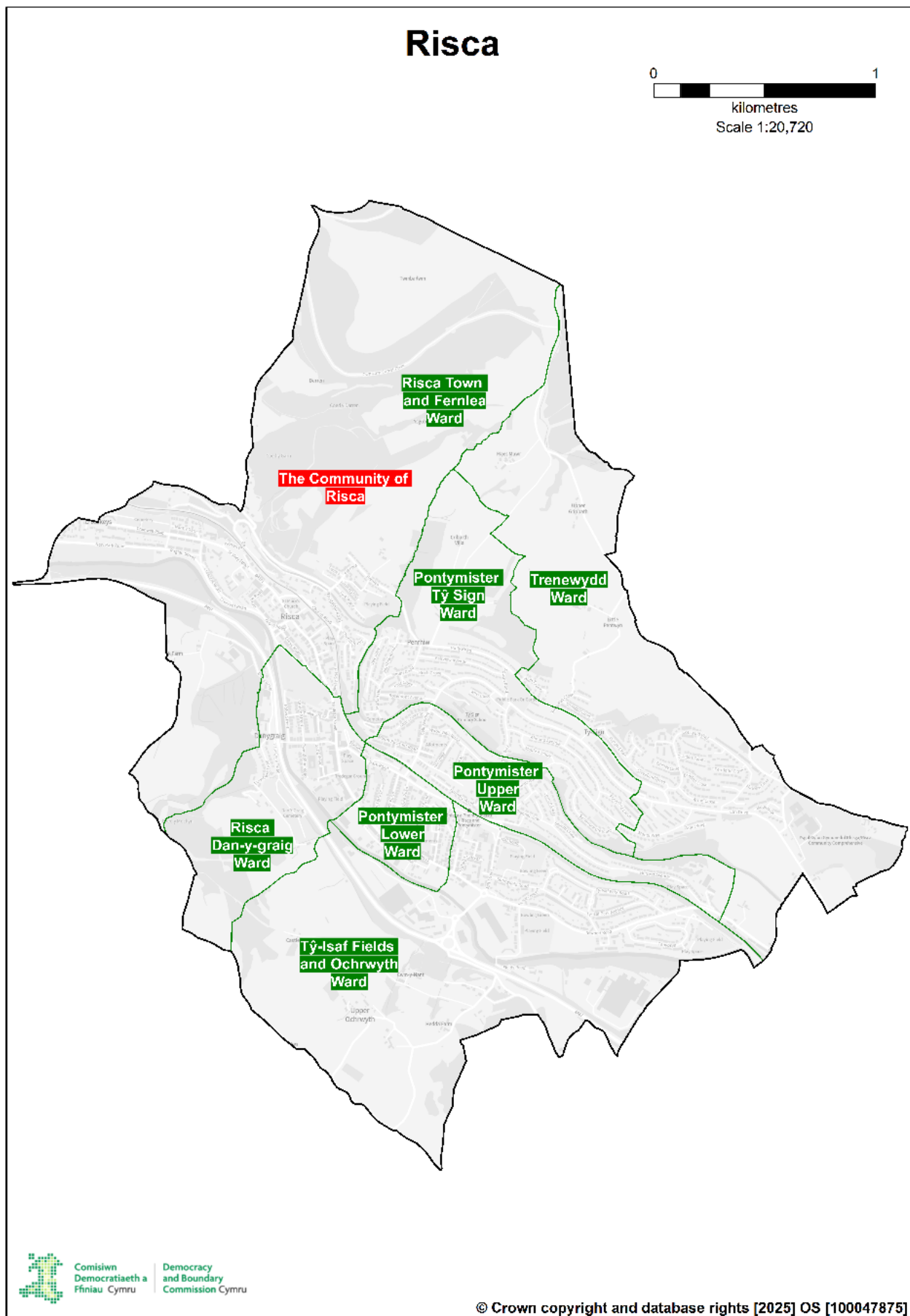
49. The Commission received two representations concerning the Risca East and Risca West electoral wards from: County Councillor Bob Owen (Risca West) and 1 Member of the Public. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

50. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which decreases the overall number of county councillors for the area by one:
- Combination of Risca East and Risca West electoral wards
51. The Commission proposes the combination of the existing electoral wards of Risca East and Risca West. This proposal addresses the level of variance from the proposed county average in the Risca East electoral ward. The Commission proposes to assign four county councillors to the electoral ward, which decreases the overall number of county councillors in the area by one. This proposal is based on the representation received from County Councillor Bob Owen and creates an electoral ward which is coterminous with the Community of Risca providing recognisable boundaries for the electorate and improvements to effective and convenient local government.
52. As a result of these proposals the electorate within the proposed Risca electoral ward will be 8,707, represented by four councillors which is 8% above the proposed county average of 2,012. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 8,711 electors represented by four councillors, which is 8% above the projected county average of 2,013.

Proposed Names

53. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new English Language electoral ward name of **Risca**, and the new Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Rhisga**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
54. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Risca electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.



ABERBARGOED AND BARGOED, AND GILFACH

55. The existing Aberbargoed and Bargoed electoral ward is composed of the town wards of Aberbargoed, Bargoed, and Park of the Town of Bargoed. The electoral ward has 7,086 electors represented by three councillors which is 21% above the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 7,088 electors represented by three councillors, which is 21% above the projected county average of 1,954.
56. The existing Gilfach electoral ward is composed of the town ward of Gilfach of the Town of Bargoed. The electoral ward has 1,632 electors represented by one councillor which is 16% below the existing county average of 1,954. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 1,633 electors represented by one councillor, which is 16% below the projected county average of 1,954.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Aberbargoed and Bargoed	7,086	3	2,362	21%	7,088	2,363	21%
Gilfach	1,632	1	1,632	-16%	1,633	1,633	-16%
	8,718	4			8,721		

Representations

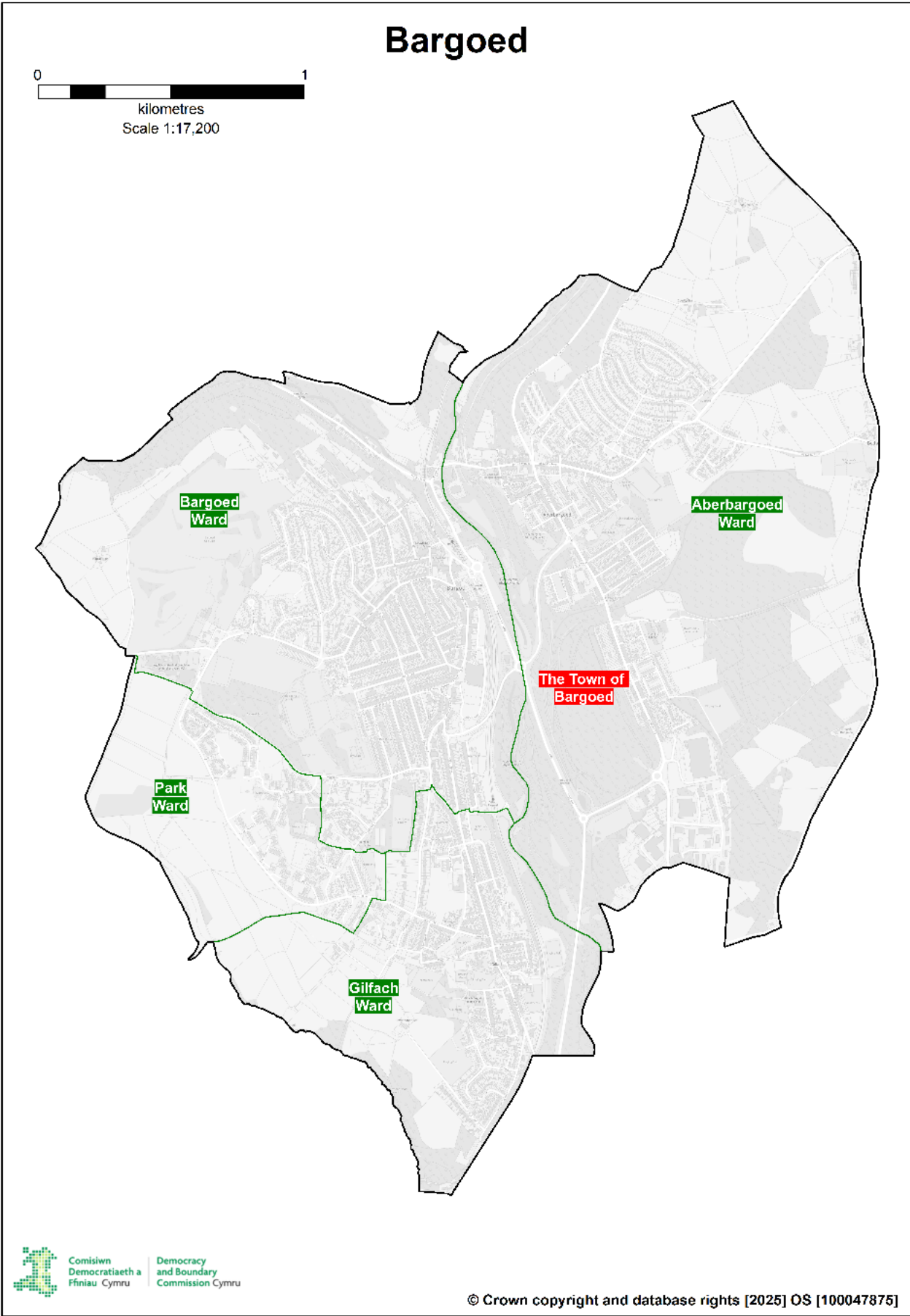
57. The Commission did not receive any representations concerning the Aberbargoed and Bargoed, and Gilfach electoral wards.

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

58. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the areas:
- Combination of Aberbargoed and Bargoed, and Gilfach electoral wards
59. The Commission proposes the combination of the existing electoral wards of Aberbargoed and Bargoed, and Gilfach in order to address the levels of variance from the existing county average in the Aberbargoed and Bargoed electoral ward. The Commission proposes to assign four county councillors to the electoral ward. This proposal provides for improvements to electoral parity and retains the overall number of councillors for the wards at four. This proposal creates an electoral ward which is coterminous with the Town of Bargoed providing recognisable boundaries for the electorate and improvements to effective and convenient local government.
60. As a result of these proposals the electorate within the proposed Bargoed electoral ward will be 8,718, represented by four councillors which is 8% above the proposed county average of 2,012. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 8,721 electors represented by four councillors, which is 8% above the projected county average of 2,013.

Proposed Names

61. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new English Language electoral ward name of **Bargoed**, and the new Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Bargod**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
62. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Bargoed electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.



Chapter 4. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

1. All observations on these draft proposals should be sent to:

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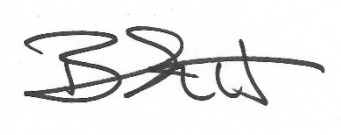
Or by email to: consultations@dbcc.gov.wales Observations can also be submitted via the online consultation portal: www.reviewswales.wales no later than 7 December 2025.

2. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Commission webpage: www.dbcc.gov.wales

Chapter 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to the principal council, the community and town councils and other interested bodies and persons for their assistance during the course of developing these draft proposals.

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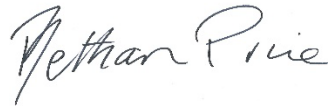
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October 2025

**THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF CAERPHILLY COUNCIL
EXISTING COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
VARIANCE FROM THE EXISTING COUNTY AVERAGE**

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2025	2025 RATIO	% variance from existing County average	ELECTORATE 2030	2030 RATIO	% variance from existing County average	Population Eligible to Vote
1	Aber Valley	The Community of Aber Valley (4,666), [4,668]	3	4,666	1,555	-20%	4,668	1,556	-20%	6,385
2	Aberbargoed and Bargoed	The Aberbargoed (2,779), [2,780], Bargoed (3,619), [3,620] and Park (688), [688] wards of the Town of Bargoed	3	7,086	2,362	21%	7,088	2,363	21%	9,963
3	Abercarn	The Community of Abercarn (4,075), [4,076]	2	4,075	2,038	4%	4,076	2,038	4%	5,419
4	Argoed	The Community of Argoed (2,062), [2,062]	1	2,062	2,062	6%	2,062	2,062	6%	2,764
5	Bedwas and Trethomas	The Bedwas (3,488), [3,489] and Trethomas (1,794), [1,795] wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and	3	5,282	1,761	-10%	5,284	1,761	-10%	6,561
6	Blackwood	The Town of Blackwood (6,508), [6,511]	3	6,508	2,169	11%	6,511	2,170	11%	8,158
7	Cefn Fforest and Pengam	The Community of Cefn Fforest and Pengam (5,747), [5,749]	3	5,747	1,916	-2%	5,749	1,916	-2%	7,358
8	Crosskeys	The Community of Crosskeys (2,501), [2,502]	1	2,501	2,501	28%	2,502	2,502	28%	3,249
9	Crumlin	The Community of Crumlin (4,441), [4,442]	2	4,441	2,221	14%	4,442	2,221	14%	5,801
10	Darran Valley	The Community of Darran Valley (1,867), [1,867]	1	1,867	1,867	-4%	1,867	1,867	-4%	2,482
11	Gilfach	The Gilfach (1,632), [1,633] ward of the Town of Bargoed	1	1,632	1,632	-16%	1,633	1,633	-16%	2,065
12	Hengoed	The Cefn Hengoed (1,840), [1,841] and Hengoed (2,203), [2,204] wards of the Community of Gelligaer	2	3,843	1,922	-2%	3,845	1,923	-2%	5,560
13	Llanbradach	The Community of Llanbradach and Pwllpant (3,245), [3,247]	2	3,245	1,623	-17%	3,247	1,624	-17%	3,991
14	Machen and Rudry	The Machen (2,964), [2,965] and the Rudry (901), [901] wards of the Community of Bedwas, Trethomas, Machen and Rudry	2	3,865	1,933	-1%	3,866	1,933	-1%	5,121
15	Maescymmer	The Community of Maescymmer (1,797), [1,798]	1	1,797	1,797	-8%	1,798	1,798	-8%	2,495
16	Morgan Jones	The Bryncoed (858), [858], Parcyllyn (3,610), [3,611] and Tynyfelin (1,347), [1,347] wards of the Town of Caerphilly	3	5,815	1,938	-1%	5,816	1,939	-1%	7,607
17	Moriah and Pontllynn	The Abertyswg (1,045), [1,045], St Davids and Moriah (1,607), [1,607], and Pontllynn (1,363), [1,364] wards of the Community of Rhymney	2	4,015	2,008	3%	4,016	2,008	3%	5,390
18	Nelson	The Community of Nelson (3,545), [3,546]	2	3,545	1,773	-9%	3,546	1,773	-9%	4,427
19	New Tredegar	The Community of New Tredegar (3,330), [3,330]	2	3,330	1,665	-15%	3,330	1,665	-15%	4,661
20	Newbridge	The Community of Newbridge (4,873), [4,875]	3	4,873	1,624	-17%	4,875	1,625	-17%	6,259
21	Penmaen	The Community of Penmaen (4,562), [4,564]	2	4,562	2,281	17%	4,564	2,282	17%	5,716
22	Penyrheol	The Community of Penyrheol, Treceydd and Energlyn (9,297), [9,301]	4	9,297	2,324	19%	9,301	2,325	19%	12,140
23	Pontllanfraith	The Community of Pontllanfraith (6,673), [6,675]	3	6,673	2,224	14%	6,675	2,225	14%	8,269
24	Risca East	The Pontymister Ty Sign (1,848), [1,849], Pontymister Upper (1,333), [1,333] and Trenewydd (1,547), [1,548] wards of the Community of Risca	3	4,728	1,576	-19%	4,730	1,577	-19%	6,164
25	Risca West	The Dan-y-graig (461), [461], Pontymister Lower (644), [644], Risca Town and Fernlea (1,384), [1,385] and Ty-Isaf Fields and Ochryth (1,490), [1,491] wards of the Community of Risca	2	3,979	1,990	2%	3,981	1,991	2%	5,076
26	St Cattwg	The Cascade (2,853), [2,854], Greenhill (1,710), [1,711], and Tir-y-berth (1,078), [1,078] wards of the Community of Gelligaer	3	5,641	1,880	-4%	5,643	1,881	-4%	7,419
27	St Martins	The Castle (1,390), [1,390], Twyn (1,702), [1,703], Walford (1,301), [1,301] and Cwrt Rawlins (2,268), [2,269] wards of the Town of Caerphilly	3	6,661	2,220	14%	6,663	2,221	14%	8,470
28	Twyn Carno	The Twyn Carno (2,255), [2,256] ward of the Community of Rhymney	1	2,255	2,255	15%	2,256	2,256	15%	3,105
29	Van	The Community of Van (3,305), [3,306]	2	3,305	1,653	-15%	3,306	1,653	-15%	4,682
30	Ynysddu	The Community of Ynysddu (3,013), [3,014]	2	3,013	1,507	-23%	3,014	1,507	-23%	3,908
31	Ystrad Mynach	The Ystrad Mynach (4,487), [4,488] ward of the Community of Gelligaer	2	4,487	2,244	15%	4,488	2,244	15%	5,465
TOTAL:			69	134,796	1,954		134,842	1,954		

Appendix 1

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor
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Population Eligible to Vote figure provided by the Office for National Statistics (ONS)

	2025		2030	
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