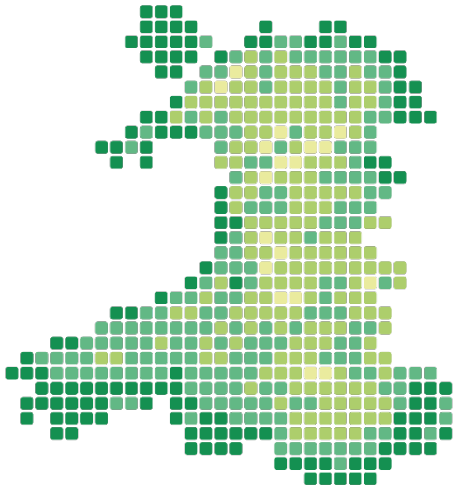


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FOREWORD

This is our report containing our Draft Proposals for the of the County of Carmarthenshire

This review of electoral arrangements of the County of Carmarthenshire 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. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) is conducting a review of the electoral arrangements of the County of Carmarthenshire. This review is being conducted in accordance with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 (“The 2013 Act”).
2. 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).
3. Carmarthenshire County Council completed a review of community areas within Carmarthenshire County and submitted its report to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru as the implementing authority on 17 September 2024. The Commission accepted the recommendations submitted by the council. The Order came into force 21 May 2025. The consequential changes to the electoral arrangements was not implemented by the council as part of their community review and are not included in *The Carmarthenshire (Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities) Order 2025*. These changes are proposed to be implemented as part of this electoral review.
4. Details of the Community Review can be found on the Commission’s [website](#).
5. 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.
6. 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 5 of this report.

Chapter 2. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

7. 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 of Carmarthenshire.
8. The Commission proposes a council of 74 members, an decrease from the current size of 75. This results in a proposed county average of 2,021 electors per member.
9. The Commission proposes 47 electoral wards.
10. The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Yr Hendy Tŷ-croes** (20% above the proposed county average). At present the greatest under-representation is in **Hendy** (31% above the county average).
11. The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Y Garnant** (19% below the proposed county average). At present the greatest over-representation is in **Llanfihangel Aberbythych** (23% below the county average).
12. The Commission is proposing 23 multi-member wards in the county consisting of: 19 two-member electoral wards; and, four three-member electoral wards.
13. The Commission has proposed to retain the existing arrangements of 39 electoral wards.
14. The Commission proposes to have no electoral wards within the county which combines a part of a warded community, along with its neighbouring community.
15. The Commission received two representations during the initial consultation period from: The Carmarthenshire County Council and one councillor. 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.

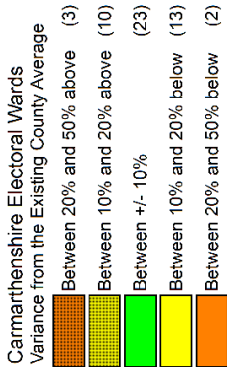
Summary Maps

16. On the following pages are thematic maps illustrating the current and proposed arrangements and their variances from the current and proposed county averages of 1,994 electors and 2,021 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.
17. As can be seen from these maps, the proposed arrangements provide for an improvement in electoral parity across the county.

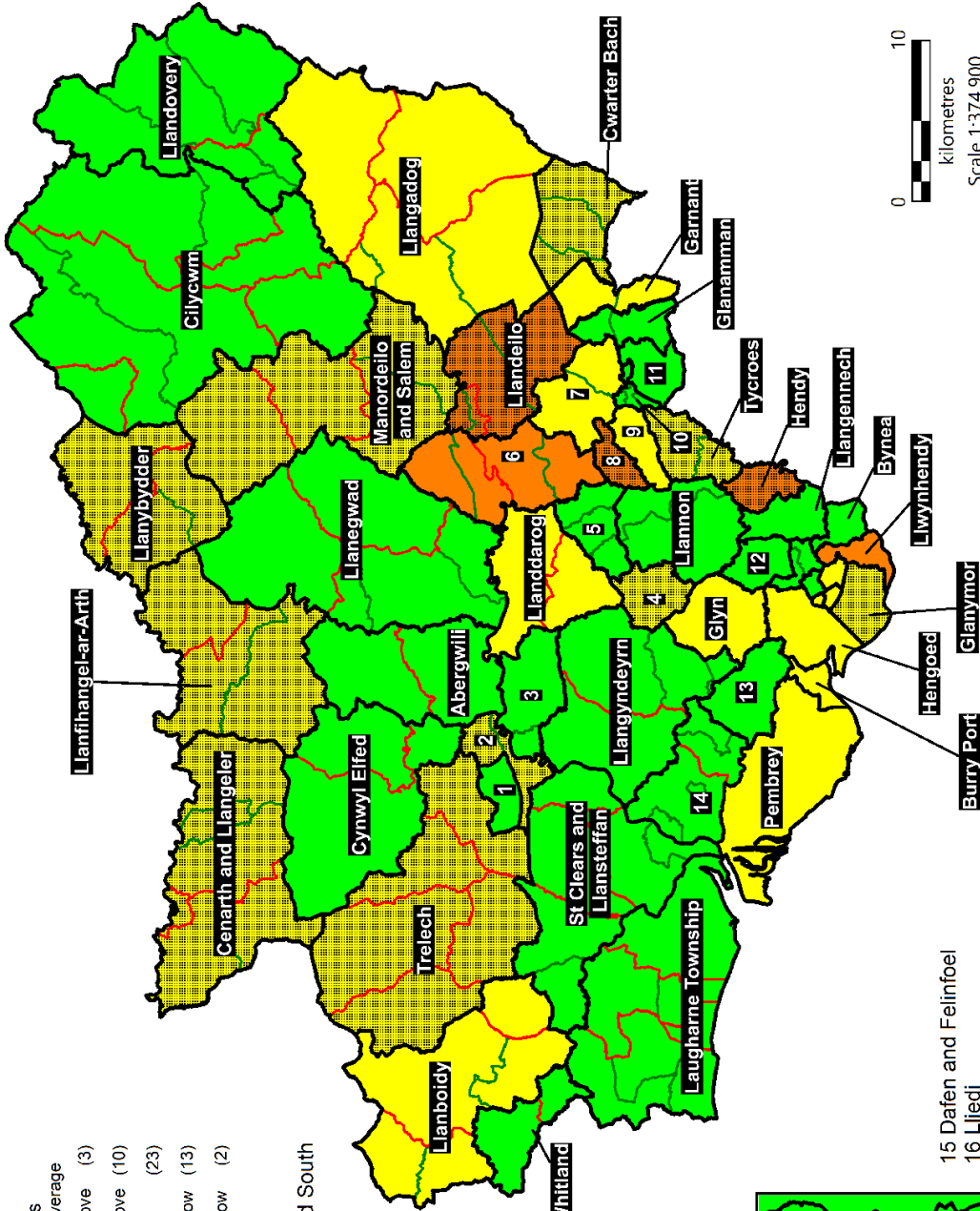


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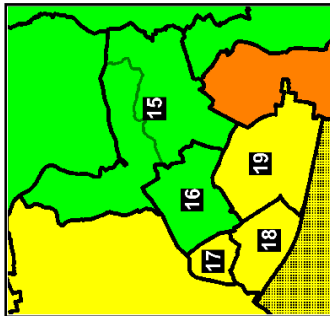
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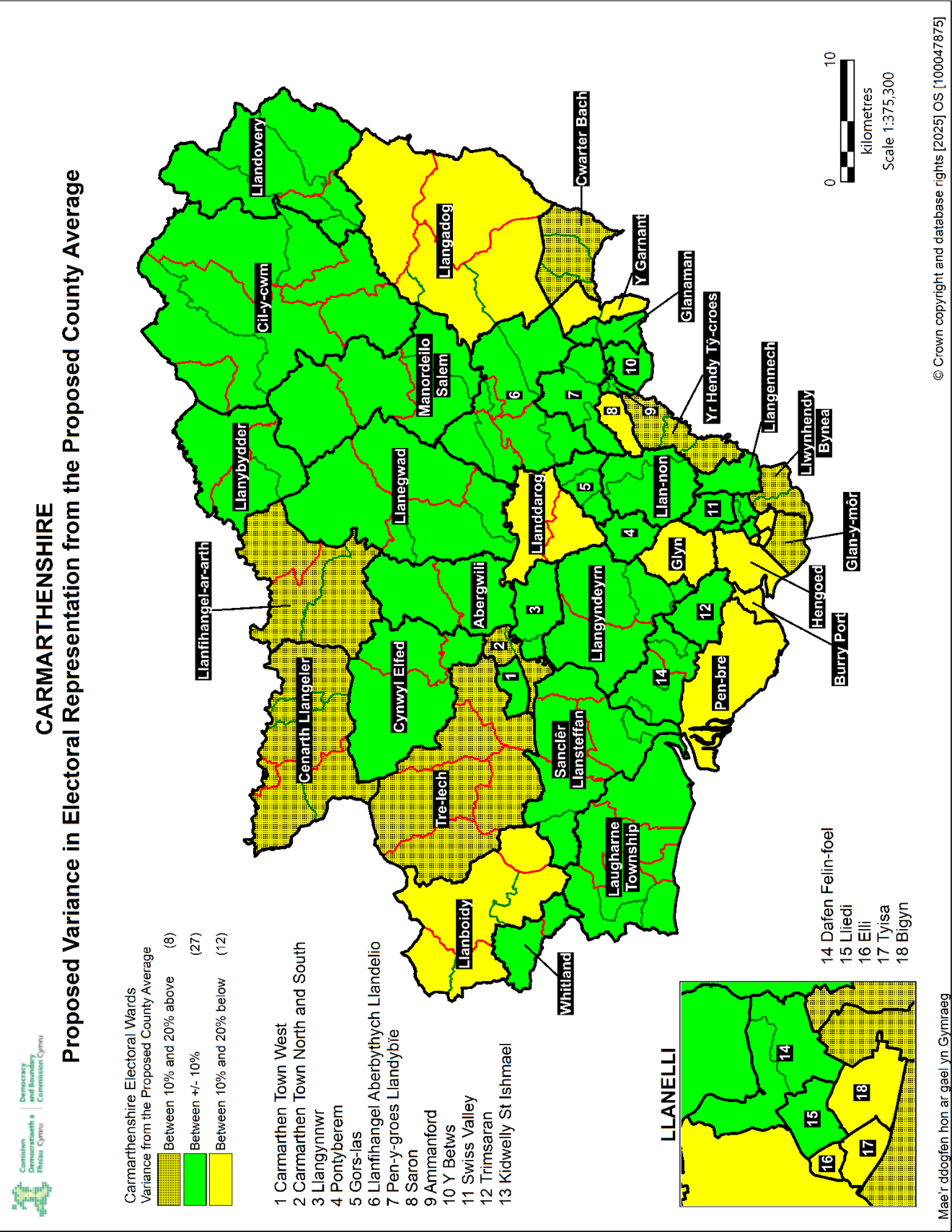
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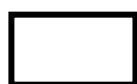


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- 17 Elli
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- 19 Bigyn



Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. 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

2. 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 all being within the accepted +/- 20% variance from the proposed County Average. The Commission acknowledges that the projected 2030 electorates provide for levels of variance that are over the +/- 20% tolerated variance for Bigyn, Garnant and Glanymor electoral wards. The Commission is aware that the existing arrangements have only been in place for a single election cycle and warrants further consideration for retention and is content to retain the existing electoral arrangements for these wards. The names below are as they appear in the Carmarthenshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021, with the Welsh form appearing first.

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|---|--|
| • Abergwili Abergwili | • Glan-y-môr Glanymor |
| • Rhydaman Ammanford | • Glyn Glyn |
| • Y Betws Betws | • Gors-las Gorslas |
| • Bigyn Bigyn | • Hengoed Hengoed |
| • Porth Tywyn Burry Port | • Cydweli a Llanismel Kidwelly and St. Ishmael |
| • Gogledd a De Tref Caerfyrddin Carmarthen Town North and South | • Lacharn Laugharne Township |
| • Gorllewin Tref Caerfyrddin Carmarthen Town West | • Llanboidy Llanboidy |
| • Cenarth a Llangeler Cenarth and Llangeler | • Llanddarog Llanddarog |
| • Cil-y-cwm Cilycwm | • Llanymdyfri Llandovery |
| • Cwarter Bach Cwarter Bach | • Llanegwad Llanegwad |
| • Cynwyl Elfed Cynwyl Elfed | • Llanfihangel-ar-arth Llanfihangel-ar-Arth |
| • Dafen a Felin-foel Dafen and Felinfoel | • Llangadog Llangadog |
| • Y Garnant Garnant | • Llangennech Llangennech |
| • Glanaman Glanamman | • Llanguynnwr Llangunnor |
| | • Llangyndeyrn Llangyndeyrn |
| | • Llan-non Llannon |
| | • Llanybydder Llanybydder |

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- Lliedi | Lliedi
- Manordeilo a Salem | Manordeilo and Salem
- Pen-bre | Pembrey
- Pontyberem | Pontyberem
- Saron | Saron
- Sanclêr a Llansteffan | St Clears and Llansteffan
- Swiss Valley | Swiss Valley
- Tre-lech | Trelech
- Trimsaran | Trimsaran
- Tyisha | Tyisha
- Hendy-gwyn ar Daf | Whitland

Proposed Names for Retained Electoral Wards

3. 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 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 **Abergwili** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Abergwili**, and the existing English Language name of **Abergwili**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Abergwili** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
5. The existing Electoral ward of **Ammanford** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Rhydaman**, and the existing English Language name of **Ammanford**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Rhydaman**, and the English Language name of **Ammanford** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
6. The existing Electoral ward of **Betws** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Y Betws**, and the existing English Language name of **Betws**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Y Betws** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
7. The existing Electoral ward of **Bigyn** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Bigyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Bigyn**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Bigyn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
8. The existing Electoral ward of **Burry Port** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Porth Tywyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Burry Port**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Porth Tywyn**, and the English Language name of **Burry Port** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
9. The existing Electoral ward of **Carmarthen Town North and South** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Gogledd a De Tref Caerfyrddin**, and the existing English Language name of **Carmarthen Town North and South**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language

name of **Gogledd a De Tref Caerfyrddin**, and the English Language name of **Carmarthen Town North and South** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.

10. The existing Electoral ward of **Carmarthen Town West** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Gorllewin Tref Caerfyrddin**, and the existing English Language name of **Carmarthen Town West**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Gorllewin Tref Caerfyrddin** and the English Language name of **Carmarthen Town West** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
11. The existing Electoral ward of **Cenarth and Llangeler** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cenarth a Llangeler**, and the existing English Language name of **Cenarth and Llangeler**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cenarth Llangeler** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
12. The existing Electoral ward of **Cil-y-cwm** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cil-y-cwm**, and the existing English Language name of **Cilycwm**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cil-y-cwm** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
13. The existing Electoral ward of **Cwarter Bach** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cwarter Bach**, and the existing English Language name of **Cwarter Bach**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cwarter Bach** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
14. The existing Electoral ward of **Cynwyl Elfed** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cynwyl Elfed**, and the existing English Language name of **Cynwyl Elfed**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cynwyl Elfed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
15. The existing Electoral ward of **Dafen and Felinfoel** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Dafen a Felin-foel**, and the existing English Language name of **Dafen and Felinfoel**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Dafen Felin-foel** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
16. The existing Electoral ward of **Elli** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Elli**, and the existing English Language name of **Elli**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Elli** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
17. The existing Electoral ward of **Garnant** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Y Garnant**, and the existing English Language name of **Garnant**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Y Garnant** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
18. The existing Electoral ward of **Glanamman** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Glanaman**, and the existing English Language name of **Glanamman**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Glanaman** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

19. The existing Electoral ward of **Glanymor** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Glan-y-môr**, and the existing English Language name of **Glanymor**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Glan-y-môr** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
20. The existing Electoral ward of **Glyn** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Glyn**, and the existing English Language name of **Glyn**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Glyn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
21. The existing Electoral ward of **Gorslas** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Gors-las**, and the existing English Language name of **Gorslas**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Gors-las** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
22. The existing Electoral ward of **Hengoed** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Hengoed**, and the existing English Language name of **Hengoed**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Hengoed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
23. The existing Electoral ward of **Kidwelly and St Ishmael** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cydweli a Llanismel**, and the existing English Language name of **Kidwelly and St Ishmael**. The Commission proposes to apply the Welsh Language name of **Cydweli Llanismel**, and the English Language name of **Kidwelly St Ishmael** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that Cydweli is the only standard form recommended in the list of Standard Welsh Place-names, and that is the form noted in Carmarthen County Council's gazetteer. However, Kidwelly is often used on the council's website and is widely used in general. The Welsh Language Commissioner is therefore willing to adhere to Kidwelly for the English name, especially as the second element in the name (Llanismel / St Ishmael) means that there would be two different Welsh and English names anyway.
24. The existing Electoral ward of **Laugharne Township** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Lacharn**, and the existing English Language name of **Laugharne Township**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Lacharn**, and the English Language name of **Laugharne Township** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that they didn't believe that township is essential in the English name. Laugharne by itself would be acceptable and would correspond to the Welsh name, Lacharn.
25. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanboidy** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanboidy**, and the existing English Language name of **Llanboidy**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llanboidy** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
26. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanddarog** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanddarog**, and the existing English Language name of **Llanddarog**. The Commission proposes

to apply the single name of **Llanddarog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

27. The existing Electoral ward of **Llandovery** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanymddyfri**, and the existing English Language name of **Llandovery**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Llanymddyfri**, and the English Language name of **Llandovery** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
28. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanegwad** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanegwad**, and the existing English Language name of **Llanegwad**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llanegwad** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
29. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanfihangel-ar-Arth** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanfihangel-ar-arth**, and the existing English Language name of **Llanfihangel-ar-Arth**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llanfihangel-ar-arth** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
30. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangadog** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llangadog**, and the existing English Language name of **Llangadog**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llangadog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
31. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangennech** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llangennech**, and the existing English Language name of **Llangennech**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llangennech** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
32. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangunnor** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llangynnwr**, and the existing English Language name of **Llangunnor**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llangynnwr** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
33. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangyndeyrn** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llangyndeyrn**, and the existing English Language name of **Llangyndeyrn**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llangyndeyrn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
34. The existing Electoral ward of **Llannon** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llan-non**, and the existing English Language name of **Llannon**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llan-non** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
35. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanybydder** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanybydder**, and the existing English Language name of **Llanybydder**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Llanybydder** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

36. The existing Electoral ward of **Lliedi** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Lliedi**, and the existing English Language name of **Lliedi**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Lliedi** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
37. The existing Electoral ward of **Manordeilo and Salem** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Manordeilo a Salem**, and the existing English Language name of **Manordeilo and Salem**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Manordeilo Salem** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
38. The existing Electoral ward of **Pembrey** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Pen-bre**, and the existing English Language name of **Pembrey**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Pen-bre** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
39. The existing Electoral ward of **Pontyberem** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Pontyberem**, and the existing English Language name of **Pontyberem**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Pontyberem** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
40. The existing Electoral ward of **Saron** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Saron**, and the existing English Language name of **Saron**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Saron** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
41. The existing Electoral ward of **St Clears and Llansteffan** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sanclêr a Llansteffan**, and the existing English Language name of **St Clears and Llansteffan**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Sanclêr Llansteffan** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that St Clears is the English form in the Standard Welsh Place-names list, however they agree with the proposed single name.
42. The existing Electoral ward of **Swiss Valley** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Swiss Valley**, and the existing English Language name of **Swiss Valley**. The Commission proposes the Welsh Language name of **Dyffryn y Swistir**, and retain the English Language name of **Swiss Valley** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commission agrees with the proposed names. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that Dyffryn y Swisdir is the standard Welsh form in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.
43. The existing Electoral Ward of **Trelech** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Tre-lech**, and the existing English Language name of **Trelech**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Tre-lech** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
44. The existing Electoral ward of **Trimsaran** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Trimsaran**, and the existing English Language name of **Trimsaran**. The Commission proposes to apply the

single name of **Trimsaran** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

45. The existing Electoral ward of **Tyisha** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Tyisha**, and the existing English Language name of **Tyisha**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Tyisa** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name. The Place-names Standardisation Panel recommends Tyisa as the standard form (compare with Tyddewi and Tynewydd) ,recognise that there is wide use of the more dialectal form, Tyisha.
46. The existing **Whitland** electoral ward has the existing Welsh Language name of **Hendy-gwyn ar Daf**, and the existing English Language name of **Whitland**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Hendy-gwyn ar Daf**, and the English Language name of **Whitland** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commission agrees with the proposed names.
47. The Commission would welcome any comments on the ward names mentioned in this section.

Proposed Electoral Wards

48. 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.

LLWYNHENDY AND BYNEA

49. The existing Llwynhendy electoral ward is comprised of the Pemberton ward of the community of Llanelli Rural. The electoral ward has 3,166 electors represented by two councillors which is 21% below the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,501 electors represented by two councillors, which is 17% below the county average of 2,102.
50. The existing Bynea electoral ward is comprised of the Bynea ward of the community of Llanelli Rural. The electoral ward has 3,591 electors represented by two councillors which is 10% below the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,936 electors represented by two councillors, which is 6% below the county average of 2,102.

| Name | 2025 Electors | Cllrs | 2025 Ratio | Variance | 2030 Electors | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|------------|---------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Llwynhendy | 3,166 | 2 | 1,583 | -21% | 3,501 | 1,751 | -17% |
| Bynea | 3,591 | 2 | 1,796 | -10% | 3,936 | 1,968 | -6% |
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Representations

51. The Commission received one representation concerning the Llwynhendy Bynea wards from: Carmarthenshire County Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

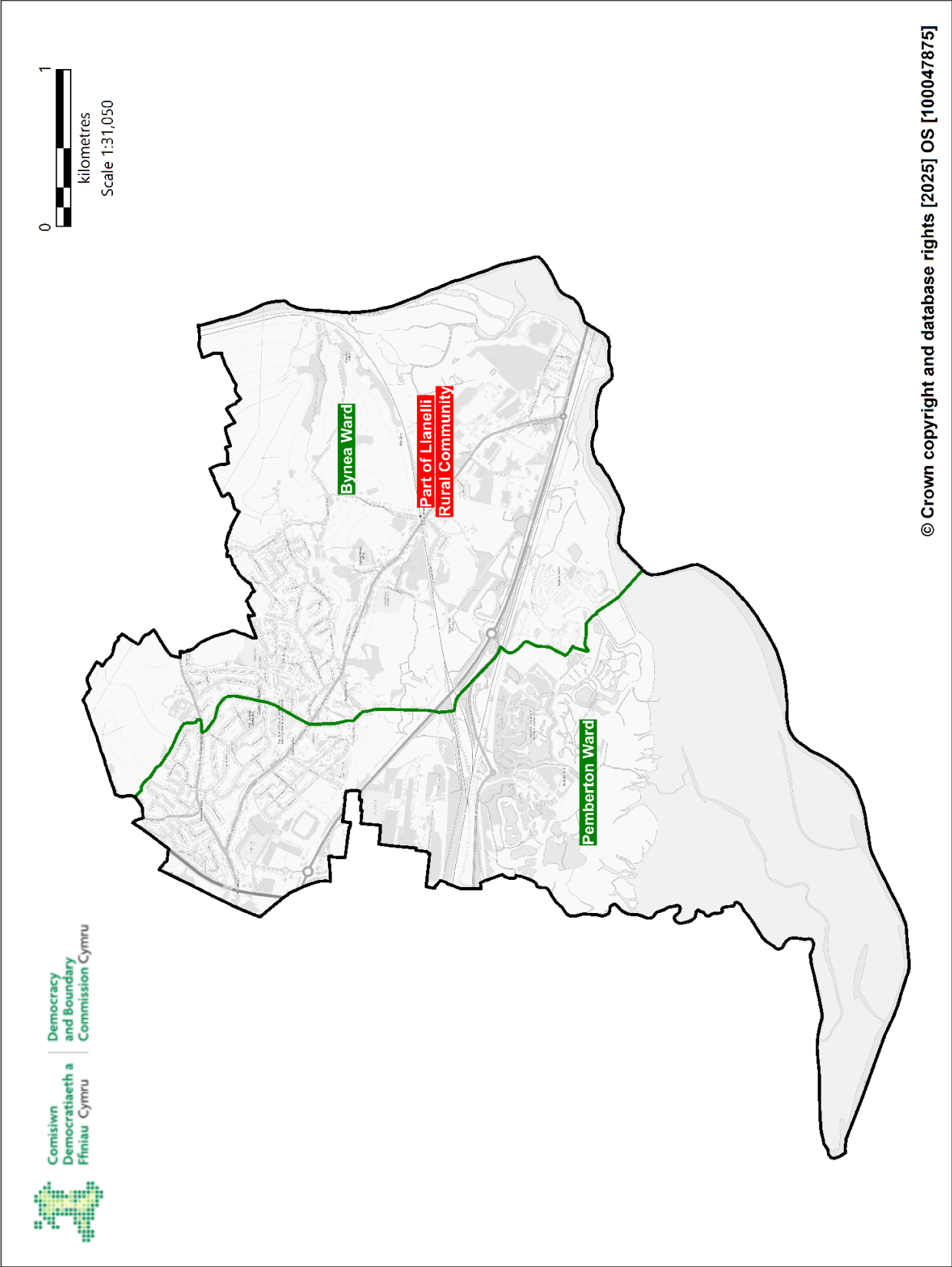
Electoral Ward boundary proposals

52. 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 Llwynhendy and Bynea electoral wards
53. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Llwynhendy and Bynea in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in the existing ward of Llwynhendy. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same community area. It reduces the overall number of councillors for the wards by one to three. This proposal agrees with the observations made by Carmarthenshire County Council during the initial consultation period, but not the number of councillors. Carmarthenshire County Council had suggested four councillors for this electoral ward.
54. The electorate within the proposed Llwynhendy Bynea electoral ward will be 6,757, represented by three councillors which is 12% above the projected county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 7,437 electors represented by three councillors, which is 16% above the projected county average of 2,130.

Proposed Names

55. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of **Llwynhendy Bynea**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed single name for the new ward.
56. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Llwynhendy Bynea electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.

Llwynhendy Bynea



HENDY AND TYCROES

57. The existing Hendy ward is composed of the Hendy ward of the community of Llanedi. It has 2,602 electors represented by one councillor which is 31% above the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,633 electors represented by one councillor, which is 25% above the county average of 2,102.
58. The existing Tycroes electoral ward is comprised of the Llanedi and Tycroes wards of the community of Llanedi. It has 2,242 electors represented by one councillor which is 13% above the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,267 electors represented by one councillor, which is 8% above the county average of 2,102.

| Name | 2025 Electors | Cllrs | 2025 Ratio | Variance | 2030 Electors | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|---------|---------------|-------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Hendy | 2,602 | 1 | 2,602 | 31% | 2,633 | 2,633 | 25% |
| Tycroes | 2,242 | 1 | 2,242 | 13% | 2,267 | 2,267 | 8% |
| | | 2 | | | | | |

Representations

59. The Commission received one representation concerning the Hendy and Tycroes wards from: Carmarthenshire County Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

60. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Combination of Hendy and Tycroes electoral wards
61. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Hendy and Tycroes in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in the existing ward of Hendy. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same community area. The overall number of councillors for the wards remains at two. This proposal agrees with the one of the observations made by Carmarthenshire County Council during the initial consultation period.
62. The electorate within the proposed Hendy and Tycroes electoral ward will be 4,844, represented by two councillors which is 20% above the projected county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,900 electors represented by three councillors, which is 15% above the projected county average of 2,130.

Proposed Names

63. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of **Yr Hendy Tŷ-croes**. The Welsh Language Commissioner recommends the single name Yr Hendy Tŷ-croes. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that the Welsh definite article is an integral part of the name Yr Hendy and is the standard form recommended the Standard Welsh Place-names list.

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64. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Hendy Tŷ-croes electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.

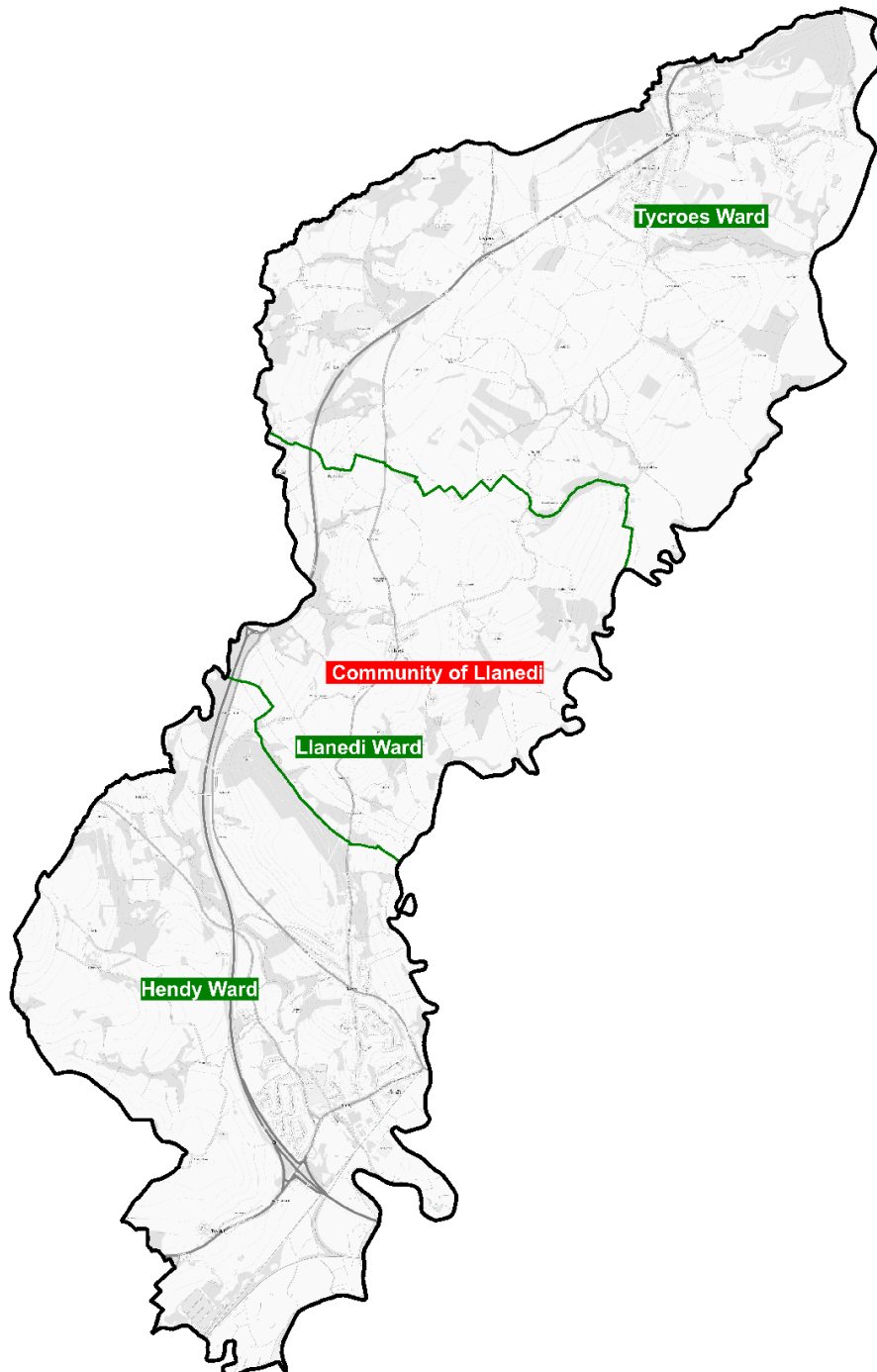
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LLANFIHANGEL ABERBYTHYCH AND LLANDEILO

65. The existing Llanfihangel Aberbythych electoral ward is comprised of the communities of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llangathen. It has 1,544 electors represented by one councillor which is 23% below the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 1,556 electors represented by one councillors, which is 26% below the county average of 2,102.
66. The existing Llandeilo electoral ward is composed of the community of Dyffryn Cennen and the town of Llandeilo. It has 2,418 electors represented by one councillor which is 21% above the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,480 electors represented by one councillors, which is 18% above the county average of 2,102.

| Name | 2025 Electors | Cllrs | 2025 Ratio | Variance | 2030 Electors | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Llanfihangel Aberbythych | 1,544 | 1 | 1,544 | -23% | 1,556 | 1,556 | -26% |
| Llandeilo | 2,418 | 1 | 2,418 | 21% | 2,480 | 2,480 | 18% |
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Representations

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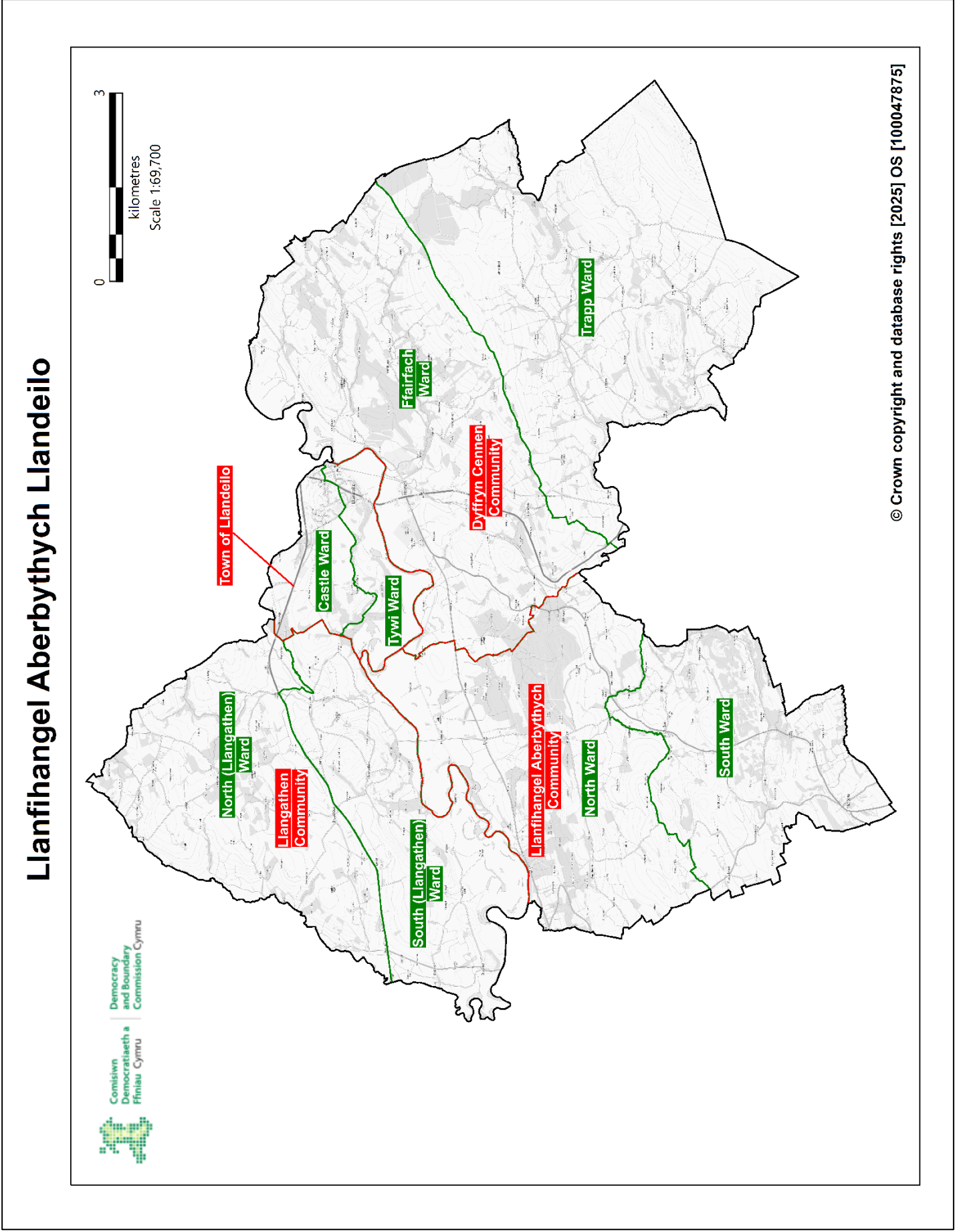
Electoral Ward boundary proposals

68. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Combination of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llandeilo electoral wards
69. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llandeilo in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in the existing wards of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llandeilo. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same community area. The overall number of councillors for the wards remains at two. This proposal agrees with the one of the observations made by Carmarthenshire County Council during the initial consultation period, for this area.
70. The electorate within the proposed Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llandeilo electoral ward will be 3,962, represented by two councillors which is 2% below the projected county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,036 electors represented by two councillors, which is 5% below the projected county average of 2,130.

71. The Commission also considered the alternative option of combining the electoral wards Llanfihangel Aberbythych with Penygroes, and Llandeilo with Llandybie. The Commission welcomes representations concerning these alternative options.

Proposed Names

72. As a result of these proposals, the Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of **Llanfihangel Aberbythych Llandeilo**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed single name for the new ward.
73. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the Llanfihangel Aberbythych Llandeilo electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.



PENYGROES AND LLANDYBIE

74. The existing Penygroes electoral ward is composed of the Penygroes ward of the community of Llandybie. It has 2,446 electors represented by one councillor which is 23% above the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,878 electors represented by one councillor, which is 37% above the county average of 2,102.
75. The existing Llandybie electoral ward is comprised of the Heolddu and Llandybie wards of the community of Llandybie. It has 3,472 electors represented by two councillors which is 13% below the county average of 1,994. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,524 electors represented by two councillors, which is 16% below the county average of 2,102.

| Name | 2025 Electors | Cllrs | 2025 Ratio | Variance | 2030 Electors | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|-----------|---------------|----------|------------|----------|---------------|------------|---------------|
| Penygroes | 2,446 | 1 | 2,446 | 23% | 2,878 | 2,878 | 37% |
| Llandybie | 3,472 | 2 | 1,736 | -13% | 3,524 | 1,762 | -16% |
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Representations

76. The Commission received one representation concerning the Penygroes and Llandybie wards from: Carmarthenshire County Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

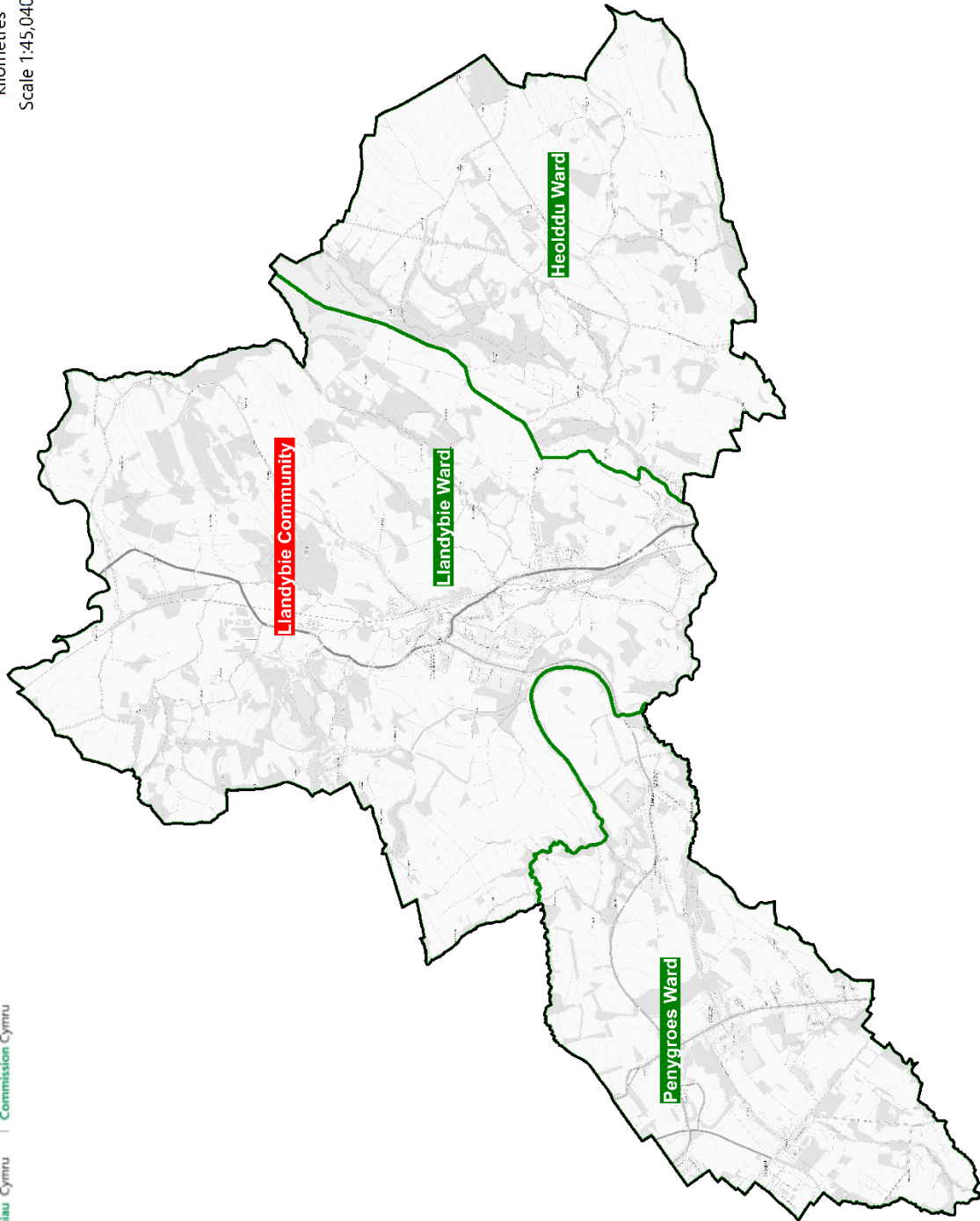
77. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Combination of Penygroes and Llandybie electoral wards
78. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Penygroes and Llandybie order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in the existing ward of Penygroes. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same community area. The overall number of councillors for the wards remains at three. This proposal agrees with the one of the observations made by Carmarthenshire County Council during the initial consultation period, for this area.
79. The electorate within the proposed Penygroes and Llandybie electoral ward will be 5,918, represented by three councillors which is 2% below the projected county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward the projected electorate is equal to the projected county average of 2,130.

80. The Commission considered the alternative option of combining the electoral wards Llanfihangel Aberbythych with Penygroes, and Llandeilo with Llandybie. The Commission welcomes representations concerning these alternative options.

Proposed Names

81. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of **Pen-y-groes Llandybïe**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed single name for the new ward.
82. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the Pen-y-groes Llandybïe electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.

Pen-y-groes Llandybïe



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Chapter 4. CONSEQUENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Since the last electoral review there have been several changes to local government boundaries in the County of Carmarthenshire. The following changes were made to the community boundaries but the consequential changes was not implemented for the electoral wards.
2. The Commission is recommending the consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries for these electoral wards in the interests of effective and convenient local government. This section of the report details our recommendations for such consequential changes. The electoral statistics used in this section were provided by Carmarthenshire County Council
3. There are three changes to community and community ward boundaries which, as a consequence, the Commission must consider the electoral ward arrangements. The recommended changes to electoral ward boundaries are as follows:

Glyn electoral ward

4. The electoral ward of **Glyn** is recommended to have the same consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries of the Glyn community, as illustrated at [The Carmarthenshire \(Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of two electors transferred from Glyn Community Ward of the Llanelli Rural Community to the Caraway Community Ward of Llangynderyrn.

| Name | No . Of Cllrs | Electorate 2025 | 2025 Ratio | Variance | Electorate 2030 | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Existing Glyn | 1 | 1,756 | 1,756 | -13% | 1,931 | 1,931 | -9% |
| Recommended Glyn | 1 | 1754 | 1754 | -13% | 1,931 | 1,931 | -9% |

Trimsaran electoral ward

5. The electoral ward of **Trimsaran** is recommended to have the same consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries of the Trimsaran community, as illustrated on the map at [The Carmarthenshire \(Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of 17 electors transferred from Trimsaran Community to the Caraway Community Ward of Llangynderyrn.

| Name | No . Of Cllrs | Electorate 2025 | 2025 Ratio | Variance | Electorate 2030 | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Existing Trimsaran | 1 | 1,968 | 1,968 | -3% | 2,023 | 2,023 | -5% |
| Proposed Trimsaran | 1 | 1,951 | 1,951 | -4% | 2,023 | 2,023 | -5% |

Pontyberem electoral ward

6. The electoral ward of **Pontyberem** is recommended to have the same consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries of the Pontyberem community, as illustrated on the map at [The Carmarthenshire \(Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of two electors transferred from Pontyberem community to the Llangynderyrn community ward of

Llangynderyrn community.

| Name | No . Of Cllrs | Electorate 2025 | 2025 Ratio | Variance | Electorate 2030 | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Existing Pontyberem | 1 | 2,220 | 2,220 | 10% | 2,254 | 2,254 | 6% |
| Proposed Pontyberem | 1 | 2,218 | 2,218 | 10% | 2,254 | 2,254 | 6% |

Llangyndeyrn electoral ward

7. The electoral ward of **Llangyndeyrn** is recommended to have the same consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries of the Trimsaran community, as illustrated on the map at [The Carmarthenshire \(Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of 21 electors:

- 17 electors transferred from Trimsaran community to the Caraway community ward of Llangynderyrn community.
- two electors transferred from Glyn community ward of the Llanelli Rural community to the Caraway community ward of Llangynderyrn community
- two electors transferred from Pontyberem community to the Llangynderyrn community ward of Llangynderyrn community.

| Name | No . Of Cllrs | Electorate 2025 | 2025 Ratio | Variance | Electorate 2030 | 2030 Ratio | 2030 Variance |
|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|----------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| Existing Llangyndeyrn | 2 | 4,313 | 2,157 | 7% | 4,460 | 2,230 | 5% |
| Proposed Llangyndeyrn | 2 | 4,334 | 2,167 | 7% | 4,460 | 2,230 | 5% |

Chapter 5. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

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

The Chief Executive
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
4th Floor
Welsh Government Building
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or by email to: consultations@dbcc.gov.wales

Observations can also be submitted via the online consultation portal: www.reviewswales.wales
no later than 12 November 2025.

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

Chapter 6. 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. The Commission commend the draft proposals contained within this report.

BEVERLEY SMITH (Chair)



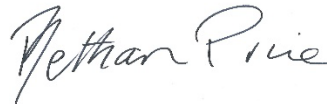
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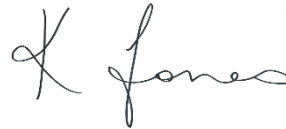
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