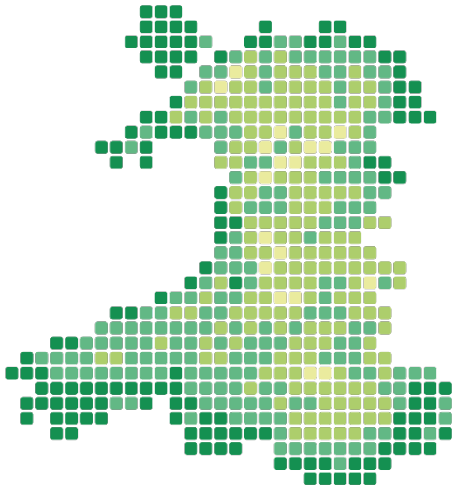


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FOREWORD

The Commission is pleased to present this Report to the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government, which contains its recommendations for electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire.

This review of electoral arrangements of the County of Carmarthenshire 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 final recommendations, 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 geographic considerations.

The Commission is grateful to the Members and Officers of the County of Carmarthenshire for their assistance in its work, to the Community and Town Councils for their valuable contributions, and to all who have made representations throughout the process.

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Chair

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Chapter 1. Introduction

1. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) has conducted a review of the electoral arrangements of the County of Carmarthenshire. The review was 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 two reviews of community areas within Carmarthenshire County and submitted its reports to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru as the implementing authority, on 17 September 2024 and 6 August 2025. The Commission accepted the recommendations submitted by the Council. *The Carmarthenshire (Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities) Order 2025* came into force 21 May 2025. *The Carmarthenshire (Llanboidy and Whitland) Order 2025* came into force 5 November 2025. The consequential changes to the electoral arrangements were not implemented by the council as part of their community review and are not included in the orders. These changes are recommended to be implemented as part of this electoral review.
4. Details of the Community Reviews can be found on the Commission’s website:
[The Carmarthenshire \(Llangyndeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#).
[The Carmarthenshire \(Llanboidy and Whitland\) Order 2025](#)
5. Having completed the review of the principal council area and submitted the Commission’s recommendations to the Welsh Government on the future electoral arrangements for the principal authority, the Commission has fulfilled its statutory obligations under the Act. Any further comments concerning the matters in this report should be addressed to the Welsh Government. Details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in Chapter 5 of this report.
6. All Country, Senedd Constituency, Westminster Parliamentary Constituency, Local Authority, Electoral Ward, Community, Community Wards or Polling District boundaries that are located on the coast of Wales should align with the Mean Low Water boundary as indicated by the current Ordnance Survey Boundary-Line, or Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database (OS NGD) Boundaries product data.
7. The Mean Low Water boundary indicated within the Ordnance Survey Boundary-Line or OS NGD Boundaries product data will be subject to natural and gradual change over time and will be periodically subject to update by the Ordnance Survey as part of its revision processes. These changes will be reflected in the boundary data supplied by Ordnance Survey.

Chapter 2. SUMMARY OF FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Commission recommends 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 recommended change to the arrangement of electoral wards will achieve an improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County of Carmarthenshire.
2. The Commission recommends 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.
3. The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the recommendations is **Llandeilo** and **Tŷ-croes Yr Hendy** (20% above the proposed county average). At present the greatest under-representation is in **Hendy** (31% above the county average).
4. The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the recommendations is **Y Garnant** (19% below the proposed county average). At present the greatest over-representation is in **Llanfihangel Aberbythych** (23% below the county average).
5. The Commission is recommending 22 multi-member wards in the county consisting of: 17 two-member electoral wards and five three-member electoral wards.
6. The Commission has recommended to retain the existing electoral arrangements of 39 electoral wards.
7. The Commission does not recommend to have any electoral wards within the county which combines part of a warded community with a neighbouring community, resulting in 'split communities'.
8. The Commission received two responses during the initial consultation period. All representations are published on the Commission's [website](#) in line with our publication and redaction policy.
9. The Commission received 28 representations during the draft consultation period from eight community and town councils, 10 county councillors, three community and town councillors and seven 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

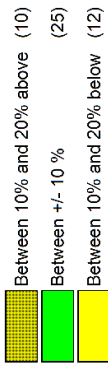
10. On the following pages are thematic maps illustrating the current and recommended arrangements and their variances from the current and recommended county averages of 1,994 and 2,021 electors per member respectively. Those areas in green are within +/-10% of the county average; yellow and hatched 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.
11. As can be seen from these maps, the recommended arrangements provide for an improvement in electoral parity across the county.



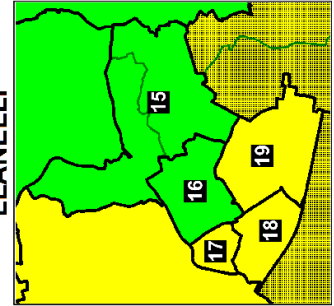
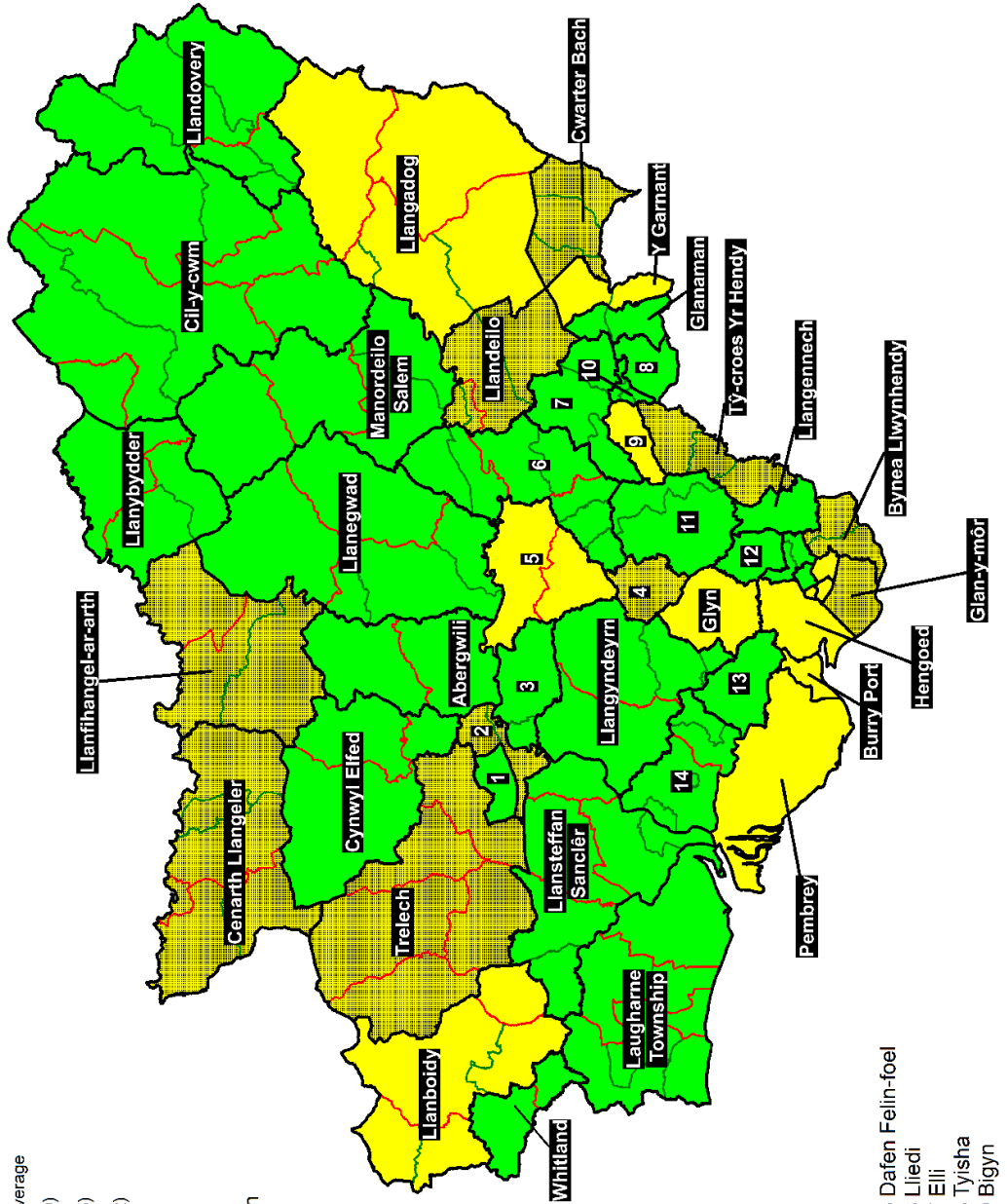
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Recommended Variance in Electoral Representation from the Recommended County Average

Carmarthenshire Electoral Wards
Variance from the Recommended County Average



- 1 Carmarthen Town West
- 2 Carmarthen Town North and South
- 3 Llangynwr
- 4 Pontyberem
- 5 Llanddarog
- 6 Aberbythych Gors-las
- 7 Llandybie Pen-y-groes
- 8 Y Betws
- 9 Saron
- 10 Ammanford
- 11 Llan-non
- 12 Swiss Valley
- 13 Trimsaran
- 14 Kidwelly St Ishmael



- 15 Dafen Felin-foel
- 16 Liledi
- 17 Elli
- 18 Tyisha
- 19 Bigyn

Chapter 3. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Commission’s recommendations are described in detail in this chapter. For each new recommendation the report sets out:
 - The name(s) of the existing electoral wards which wholly or in part constitute the recommended 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 recommended electoral ward and the recommended name;
 - A map of the recommended electoral ward (see key below).



Retained Electoral Wards

1. The Commission has considered the electoral arrangements of the existing electoral wards, taking into account the ratio of local government electors to councillors. It is recommended that the current arrangements be retained for these wards, as all fall within the accepted +/- 20% variance from the recommended 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. The Commission 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.

2.
 - Abergwili | Abergwili
 - Glan-y-môr | Glanymor
 - Rhydaman | Ammanford
 - Glyn | Glyn
 - Y Betws | Betws
 - Hengoed | Hengoed
 - Bigyn | Bigyn
 - Cydweli a Llanismel | Kidwelly and St. Ishmael
 - Porth Tywyn | Burry Port
 - Lacharn | Laugharne Township
 - Gogledd a De Tref Caerfyrddin | Carmarthen Town North and South
 - Llanboidy | Llanboidy
 - Gorllewin Tref Caerfyrddin | Carmarthen Town West
 - Llanddarog | Llanddarog
 - Cenarth a Llangeler | Cenarth and Llangeler
 - Llandeilo | Llandeilo
 - Cil-y-cwm | Cilycwm
 - Llanymddyfri | 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
 - Llangynnwr | 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

Recommended 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 Commission received several representations about the proposed names. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).
5. The existing Electoral ward of **Abergwili** has the existing Welsh language name of **Abergwili**, and the existing English language name of **Abergwili**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Abergwili** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
6. The existing Electoral ward of **Ammanford** has the existing Welsh language name of **Rhydaman**, and the existing English language name of **Ammanford**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Rhydaman**, and the English language name of **Ammanford** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
7. 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 recommends applying the single name of **Y Betws** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
8. The existing Electoral ward of **Bigyn** has the existing Welsh language name of **Bigyn**, and the existing English language name of **Bigyn**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Bigyn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
9. 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 recommends retaining 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 recommended names.

10. 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 recommends retaining 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 recommended names.
11. 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 recommends retaining 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 recommended names.
12. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Cenarth Llangeler** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
13. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Cil-y-cwm** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
14. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Cwarter Bach** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
15. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Cynwyl Elfed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
16. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Dafen Felin-foel** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
17. The existing Electoral ward of **Elli** has the existing Welsh language name of **Elli**, and the existing English language name of **Elli**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Elli** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
18. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Y Garnant** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.

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19. The existing Electoral ward of **Glanamman** has the existing Welsh language name of **Glanaman**, and the existing English language name of **Glanamman**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Glanaman** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
20. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Glan-y-môr** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
21. The existing Electoral ward of **Glyn** has the existing Welsh language name of **Glyn**, and the existing English language name of **Glyn**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Glyn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Hengoed** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended 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 recommends 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 recommended 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 accept 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.
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 recommends the Welsh language name of **Talacharn**, and retaining the English language name of **Laugharne Township** for the electoral ward. The Commission received a representation from Laugharne Township Community Council stating that Laugharne is called Talacharn in Welsh, rather than Lacharn and provided evidence. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that both forms of the Welsh name are acceptable and that they had evidence that the form Lacharn is used by local Welsh speakers, but the form Talacharn has been popularised in academic works and because of its connection with Dylan Thomas. They intend for the Place-Name Standardisation Panel to review this name in the future.
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 recommends to apply the single name of **Llanboidy** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Llanddarog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
27. The existing Electoral ward of **Llandeilo** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llandeilo**, and the existing English language name of **Llandeilo**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llandeilo** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
28. The existing Electoral ward of **Llandovery** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llanymddyfri**, and the existing English language name of **Llandovery**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Llanymddyfri**, and the English language name of **Llandovery** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
29. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanegwad** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llanegwad**, and the existing English language name of **Llanegwad**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llanegwad** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
30. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Llanfihangel-ar-arth** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
31. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangadog** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llangadog**, and the existing English language name of **Llangadog**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llangadog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
32. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangennech** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llangennech**, and the existing English language name of **Llangennech**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llangennech** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
33. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangunnor** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llangynnwr**, and the existing English language name of **Llangunnor**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llangynnwr** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
34. The existing Electoral ward of **Llangydeyrn** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llangydeyrn**, and the existing English language name of **Llangydeyrn**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llangydeyrn** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.

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35. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Llan-non** to the electoral ward. The Commission received a representation suggesting an alternative name. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
36. The existing Electoral ward of **Llanybydder** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llanybydder**, and the existing English language name of **Llanybydder**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llanybydder** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
37. The existing Electoral ward of **Lliedi** has the existing Welsh language name of **Lliedi**, and the existing English language name of **Lliedi**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Lliedi** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
38. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Manordeilo Salem** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
39. 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 recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Pen-bre** and the English Language name of **Pembrey** for the electoral ward. The Commission received one representation in favour of retaining both names citing cultural, historical and administrative reasons. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that Pen-bre is the is currently the only recommended form in the Standard Welsh Place-names list, but that they are aware that there is considerable current and historical use of the form Pembrey They intend for the Place-Name Standardisation Panel to review this name in the future.
40. The existing Electoral ward of **Pontyberem** has the existing Welsh language name of **Pontyberem**, and the existing English language name of **Pontyberem**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Pontyberem** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
41. The existing Electoral ward of **Saron** has the existing Welsh language name of **Saron**, and the existing English language name of **Saron**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Saron** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
42. 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 proposed the name 'Sanclêr Llansteffan' in the Draft Proposals. However, the Commission's naming policy states that names which are lists of places within an electoral ward should be listed alphabetically. Therefore, the Commission recommends the name 'Llansteffan Sanclêr'. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Llansteffan Sanclêr** to the electoral ward. The Commission received a representation from Llansteffan

and Llanybri Community Council in favour of retaining both existing names. The Commission also received a representation in support of the proposed single name. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended 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 recommended single name.

43. 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 recommends the Welsh language name of **Dyffryn y Swistir**, and retaining the English Language name of **Swiss Valley** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commission agrees with the recommended names. The Welsh Language Commissioner commented that Dyffryn y Swistir is the standard Welsh form in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.
44. 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 recommends to apply the single name of **Tre-lech** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
45. The existing Electoral ward of **Trimsaran** has the existing Welsh language name of **Trimsaran**, and the existing English language name of **Trimsaran**. The Commission recommends to apply the single name of **Trimsaran** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
46. The existing Electoral ward of **Tyisha** has the existing Welsh language name of **Tyisha**, and the existing English language name of **Tyisha**. The Commission recommends the Welsh language name of **Tyisa**, and retaining the English language name of **Tyisha** for the electoral ward. The Commission received a representation from Llanelli Town Council requesting that the name Tyisha be retained as the recommended name of Tyisa would not resonate with residents who know the area as Tyisha. The Place-names Standardisation Panel recommends Tyisa as the standard form it recognised that there is wide use of the more dialectal form, Tyisha. They intend for the Place-Name Standardisation Panel to review this name in the future.
47. 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 recommends retaining 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 recommended names.

Recommended Electoral Wards

48. The Commission has considered changes to the remaining electoral wards. Details of the current electoral arrangements can be found at Appendix 1. The Commission's recommended arrangements can be found at Appendix 2.

BYNEA AND LLWYNHENDY

49. 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.
50. 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.

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

Draft Proposals

51. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to combine the electoral wards of Bynea and Llwynhendy to form an electoral ward.

Representations

52. The Commission received two representations concerning the Bynea and Llwynhendy electoral wards during the draft consultation period from: one County Councillor and a joint representation from two County Councillors. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

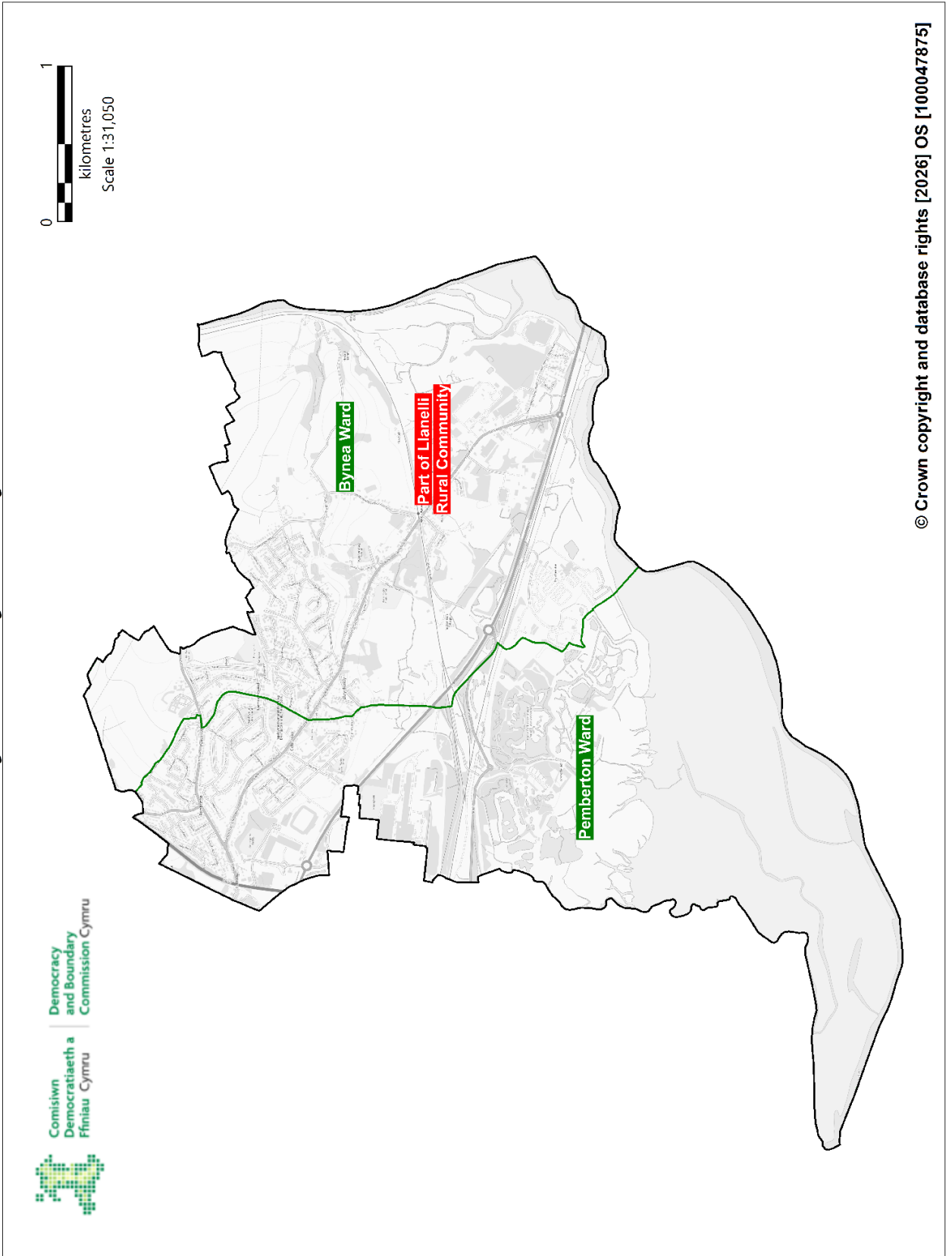
Electoral Ward boundary recommendation

53. The Commission recommends 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 Bynea and Llwynhendy electoral wards
54. The Commission recommends to combine the existing electoral wards of Bynea and Llwynhendy in order to address the levels of variance from the recommended county average in the existing ward of Llwynhendy. This recommendation 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. The Commission acknowledges the representations received in opposition to the Draft Proposals and considered a four-member ward for this area but felt it was not appropriate to create a new four-member ward in a rural area.
55. The electorate within the recommended Bynea Llwynhendy electoral ward will be 6,757, represented by three councillors which is 11% above the recommended 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 recommended county average of 2,130.

Recommended Names

56. The Commission recommends the new single electoral ward name of **Bynea Llwynhendy**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended single name for the new ward.
57. The Commission proposed the name 'Llwynhendy Bynea' in the Draft Proposals. However, the Commission's naming policy states that names which are lists of places within an electoral ward should be listed alphabetically. Therefore, the Commission recommends the name 'Bynea Llwynhendy'.

Bynea Llwynhendy



HENDY AND TYCROES

58. 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.
59. 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 12% 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	12%	2,267	2,267	8%
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Draft Proposals

60. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to combine the electoral wards of Hendy and Tycroes to form an electoral ward.

Representations

61. The Commission received three representations concerning the Hendy and Tycroes electoral wards during the draft consultation period from: one County Councillor, one Community Council and one Community Councillor. The representations are published on the Commission's [website](#).

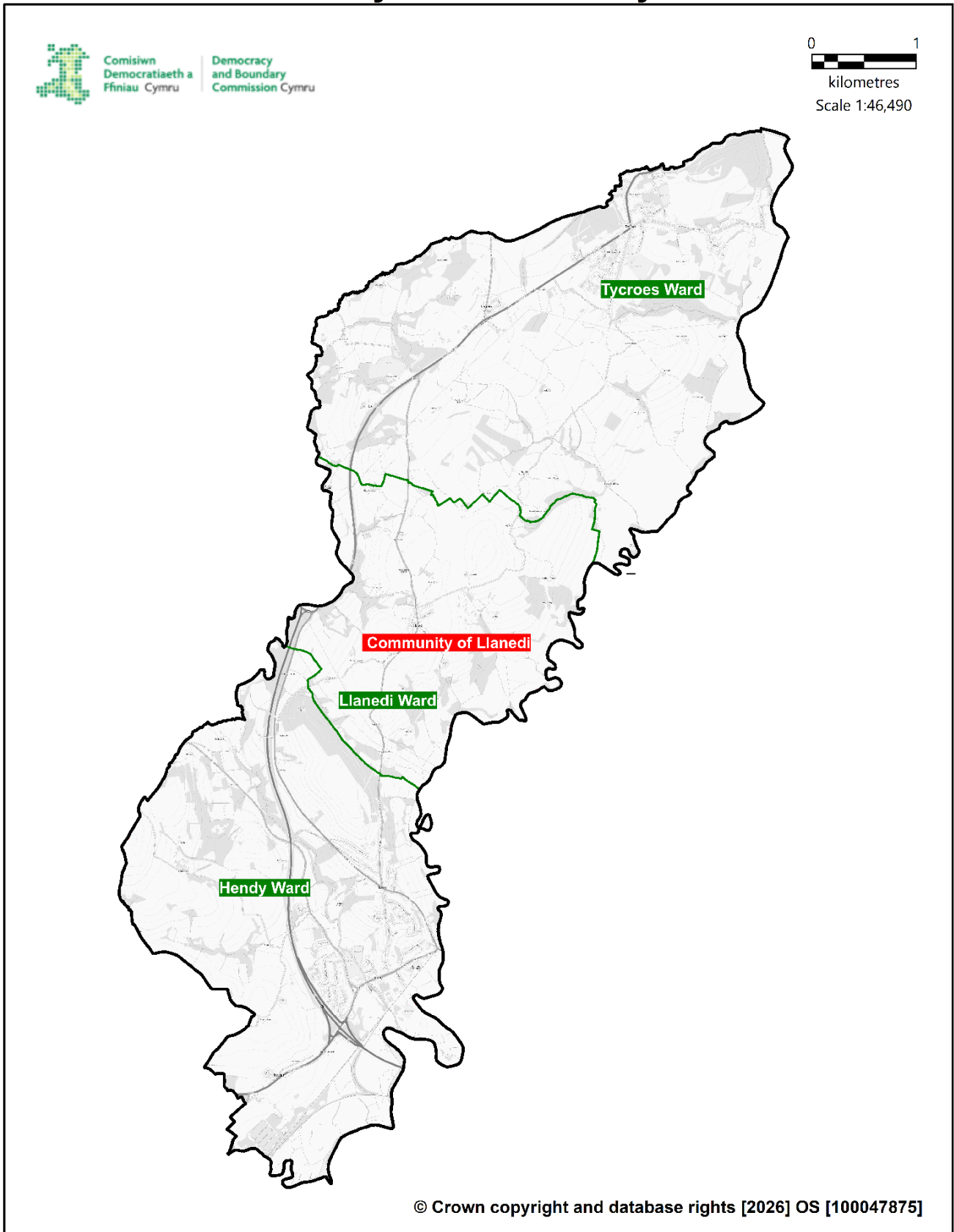
Electoral Ward boundary recommendations

62. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries. This recommendation retains the existing number of councillors for the area at two:
- Combination of Hendy and Tycroes electoral wards
63. The Commission recommends 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 recommendation provides for significant improvements to electoral parity and combines two electoral wards that are part of the same community area. The overall number of councillors for the wards remains at two. The Commission also notes the opposition to the Draft Proposals and considered the alternative suggestion of combining the existing electoral wards of Hendy and Llangennech, however it felt it was not appropriate to split the Community of Llanedi. The Commission feels it is in the interest of effective and convenient local government to retain whole communities where possible.
64. The electorate within the recommended Hendy and Tycroes electoral ward will be 4,844, represented by two councillors which is 20% above the recommended county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,900 electors represented by two councillors, which is 15% above the recommended county average of 2,130.

Recommended Names

65. The Commission recommends the new single electoral ward name of **Tŷ-croes Yr Hendy**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name. 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 in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.
66. The Commission proposed the name 'Yr Hendy Tŷ-croes' in the Draft Proposals. However, the Commission's naming policy states that names which are lists of places within an electoral ward should be listed alphabetically. Therefore, the Commission recommends the name 'Tŷ-croes Yr Hendy'.

Tŷ-croes Yr Hendy



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GORSLAS AND LLANFIHANGEL ABERBYTHYCH

67. The existing Gorslas electoral ward is composed of the community of Gorslas. It has 4,161 electors represented by two councillor which is 4% above the county average of 1,994.. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,294 electors represented by one councillor, which is 2% above the county average of 2,102.
68. 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 councillor, which is 26% below the county average of 2,102

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Gorslas	4,161	2	2,081	4%	4,294	2,147	2%
Llanfihangel Aberbythych	1,544	1	1,544	-23%	1,556	1,556	-26%

Draft Proposals

69. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to combine the electoral wards of Llandeilo and Llanfihangel Aberbythych to form an electoral ward .
70. The Commission also proposed to retain the existing electoral ward of Gorslas

Representations

71. The Commission received 10 representations concerning the proposed Llandeilo and Llanfihangel Aberbythych electoral ward during the draft consultation period from: four County Councillors, four Community and Town Councils, one Town Councillor and a member of the public. The representations are published on the Commission’s [website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary recommendations

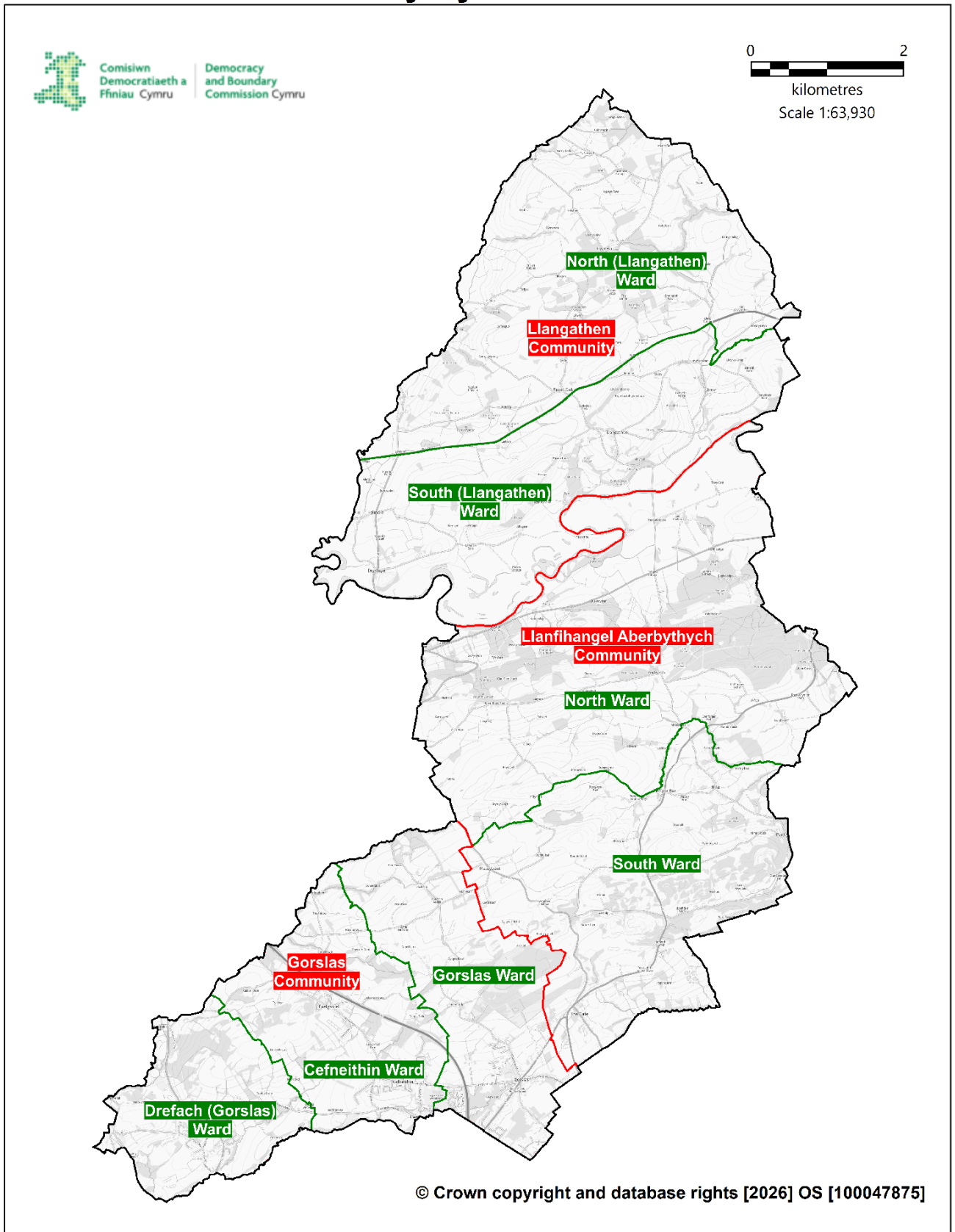
72. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries. This recommendation retains the existing number of councillors for the area at three:
- Combination of Gorslas and Llanfihangel Aberbythych electoral wards
73. The Commission recommends to combine the existing electoral wards of Gorslas and Llanfihangel Aberbythych in order to address the levels of variance from the recommended county average in the existing ward of Llanfihangel Aberbythych. The Commission considered the representations received during the Draft Proposals consultation period and the opposition to the proposal to combine the electoral wards of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llandelio due to the different characteristics of the areas. The Commission recommends that the current arrangements be retained for Llandeilo which is 20% above the recommended county average of 2,021. The Commission also notes that the level of variance is expected to reach 16% by 2030. The Commission also considered the alternative suggestion of combining Llanfihangel Aberbythych with Penygroes electoral ward however it felt it was not appropriate to split the Community of Llandybie. The Commission feels it is in the interest of effective and convenient local government to retain whole communities where possible.

74. The electorate within the recommended Gorslas and Llanfihangel Aberbythych electoral ward will be 5,705, represented by three councillors which is 6% below the recommended county average of the recommended county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 5,850 electors represented by three councillors, which is 8% below the recommended county average of 2,130.

Recommended Names

75. The Commission recommends to apply the single electoral ward name of **Aberbythych Gors-las**. The Commission has considered the representation from Gorslas Community Council regarding the proposed single name of Gors-las that the electoral ward should retain the English language name of Gorslas. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended single name and advises that Gors-las is the only standard form recommended in the Standard Welsh Place-names list. The hyphen is used in Welsh place-names in order to aid pronunciation by showing that stress does not fall on the penultimate syllable. The stress falls on the final syllable of this name and therefore the final syllable is preceded by a hyphen.

Aberbythych Gors-las



LLANDYBIE AND PENYGROES

76. 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.
77. 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.

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

Draft Proposals

78. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to combine the electoral wards of Llandybie and Penygroes to form an electoral ward.

Representations

79. The Commission received four representations concerning the proposed Llandybie and Penygroes electoral ward during the draft consultation period from: two County Councillors, one Community Council and a member of the public. The representations are published on the Commission’s [website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary recommendations

80. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries. This recommendation retains the existing number of councillors for the area at three:
- Combination of Llandybie and Penygroes electoral wards
81. The Commission recommends to combine the existing electoral wards of Llandybie and Penygroes in order to address the levels of variance from the recommended county average in the existing ward of Penygroes. The Commission also considered the alternative suggestion of combining Llanfihangel Aberbythych with Penygroes electoral ward however it felt it was not appropriate to split the Community of Llandybie. The Commission feels it is in the interest of effective and convenient local government to retain whole communities where possible.
82. The electorate within the recommended Llandybie and Penygroes electoral ward will be 5,918, represented by three councillors which is 2% below the recommended county average of 2,021. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 6,402 electors represented by three councillors, which is equal the recommended county average of 2,130.

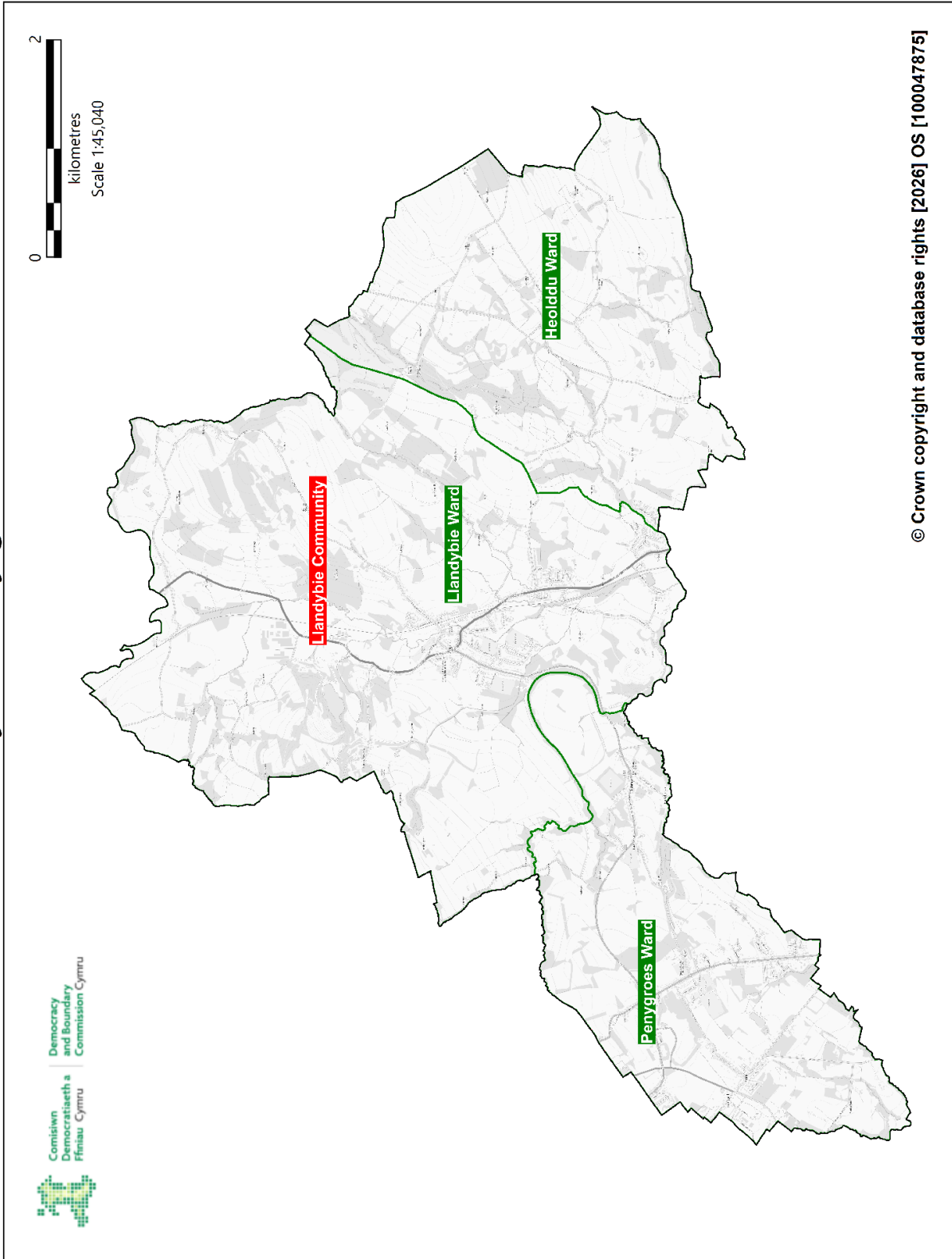
Recommended Names

83. The Commission recommends the new single electoral ward name of **Llandybie Pen-y-groes**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended single name for the new ward.

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84. The Commission proposed the name Pen-y-groes Llandybïe' in the Draft Proposals. However, the Commission's naming policy states that names which are lists of places within an electoral ward should be listed alphabetically. Therefore, the Commission recommends the name 'Llandybïe Pen-y-groes'.

Llandybie Pen-y-groes



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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 four 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 \(Llangydeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of two electors transferred from Glyn Community Ward of the Llanelli Rural Community to the Carway Community Ward of Llangydeyrn.

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 \(Llangydeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of 17 electors transferred from Trimsaran Community to the Carway Community Ward of Llangydeyrn.

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 \(Llangydeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of two electors transferred from Pontyberem community to the Llangydeyrn community ward of

Llangydeyrn 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%

Llangydeyrn electoral ward

7. The electoral ward of **Llangydeyrn** 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 \(Llangydeyrn and Adjacent Communities\) Order 2025](#) of 21 electors:

- 17 electors transferred from Trimsaran community to the Carway community ward of Llangydeyrn community.
- Two electors transferred from Glyn community ward of the Llanelli Rural community to the Carway community ward of Llangydeyrn community
- Two electors transferred from Pontyberem community to the Llangydeyrn community ward of Llangydeyrn community.

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

Llanboidy and Whitland electoral wards

8. The electoral wards of **Llanboidy** and **Whitland** is recommended to have the same consequential changes to the electoral ward boundaries of the Llanboidy and Whitland communities, as illustrated on the map at [The Carmarthenshire \(Llanboidy and Whitland\) Order 2025](#). There is no change to the electorate.

Chapter 5. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

1. Having completed the review of the principal council area and submitted the Commission's recommendations to the Welsh Government on the future electoral arrangements for the principal authority, the Commission has fulfilled its statutory obligations under the Act.
2. It now falls to the Welsh Government, if it thinks fit, to give effect to these recommendations either as submitted, or with modifications.
3. Any further comments concerning the matters in this report should be addressed to the Welsh Government. They should be made as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than six weeks from the date the Commission's recommendations are submitted to the Welsh Government. Representations should be addressed to:

Elections Division
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or by email to:

Etholiadau.elections@gov.wales

4. 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, all the town and community councils and other interested bodies and persons who made representations to us during the course of developing these final recommendations. We, the undersigned, commend this recommendations report.

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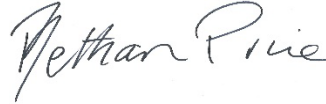
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