

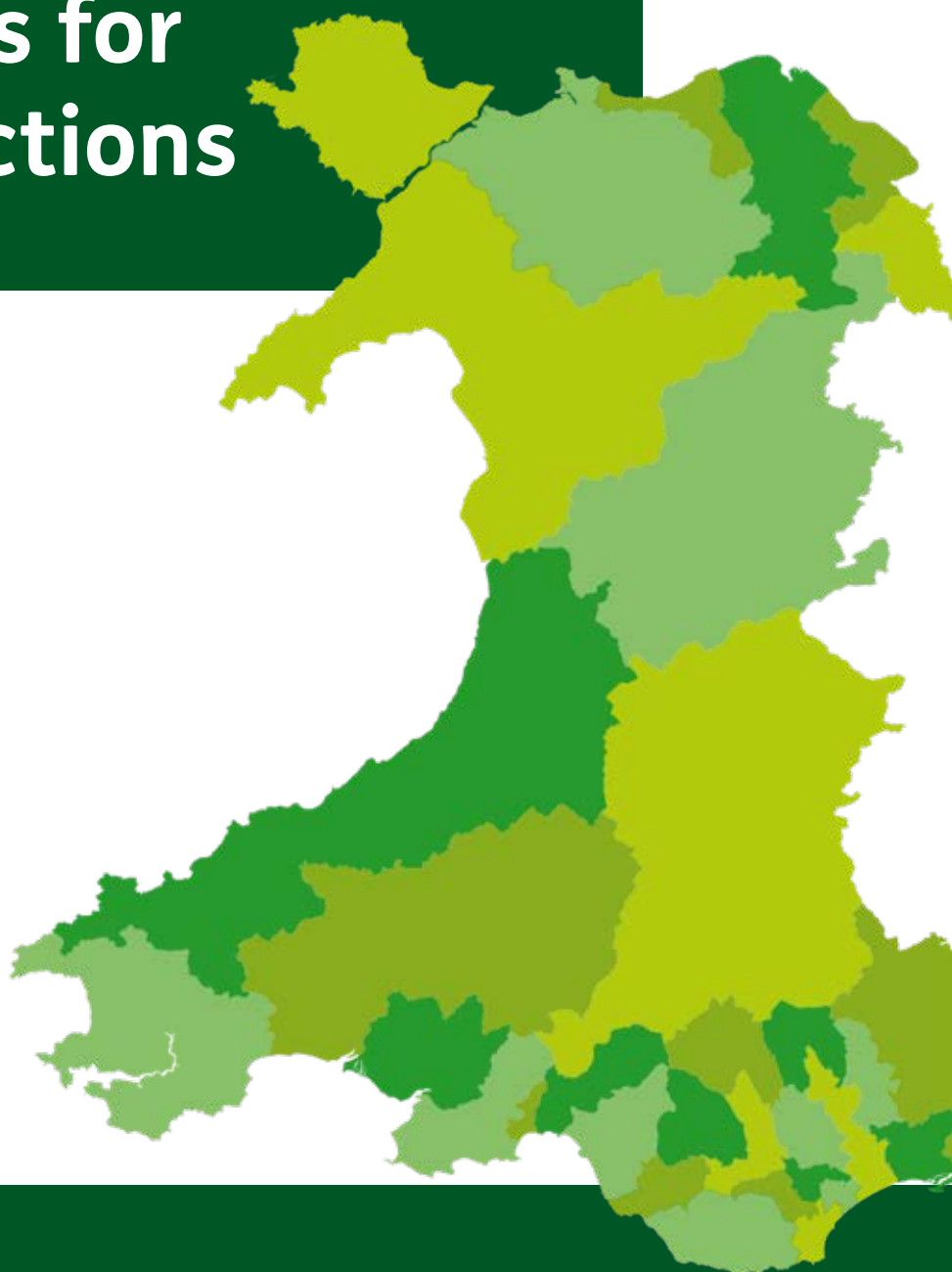
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For Wales

Checking and changing voting areas for Senedd elections



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This is an Easy Read version of: **2030 Review of Senedd Constituencies Guide to the 2030 Review.**



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About us



We are the **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru**.



We are an **independent** group. This means we are not controlled by government or political parties.



Our job is to look at the voting areas for **Senedd** elections.



The **Senedd** is the Welsh Parliament. It is where laws and decisions are made about Wales.



The people of Wales vote for who they want to run the **Senedd**.



They vote for someone to represent their voting area.



Voting areas are called **constituencies**.

About this guide



We must check and write a report about the voting areas by 1 December 2028.



It is important that we get the views of the people who live and vote in Wales.



This guide explains what we will do and how we will check the voting areas.



We hope this will support people to share their views.

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This guide is about the voting areas for the Senedd only. Not voting areas for other types of elections.

How we will check the voting areas



We will share our ideas for the voting areas.



We will ask people what they think about our ideas.



We will share what people said.



We will hold public meetings.



We will make changes to our plans and ideas if needed.



We will then write a final report saying:

- what needs to happen
- and what changes will be made.

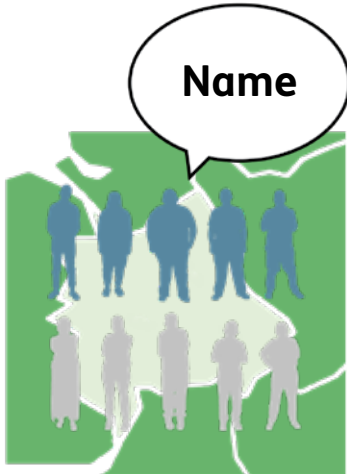
What we must do



We must follow the rules in a law called **Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2013**.



We will call this the **Act** for short. The **Act** says we must:



- Name the voting areas.
- Organise how many voters are in each voting area. This must be balanced out across Wales.



- Decide whether each voting area is a **county** or **borough** voting area.



Voting areas with lots of countryside far away from big towns and cities are usually **counties**.



Boroughs usually have big towns and cities.



This helps set rules for how much money candidates can spend on campaigns.



We also need to think about things like:



- The boundaries of local councils.



- Things like the size, shape and geography of each voting area. For example, if there are mountains and rivers in certain areas.



- Any local links between areas. For example, the Welsh language and culture.



In the 2026 Senedd election there were big changes to the voting areas.



We used to have 40 voting areas. We now have 16.



Every voting area is represented by 6 members of Senedd. Meaning there are 96 Members of Senedd in total.



We cannot change this. We are only looking at the best ways to join areas across Wales, to make 16 voting areas.

Constituency names



Each voting area, or **constituency**, must have a name.



The name will usually be the same in Welsh and English.



We will check the names with the **Welsh Language Commissioner**.



Each voting area must be called either a:

- **County constituency.**
- **Borough constituency.**



Voting areas with mostly villages and countryside will usually be **county constituencies**.



Other voting areas will usually be **borough constituencies**.



This makes a difference to how much candidates can spend on their campaigns in each voting area.



We must make it fair. It can cost more money to run campaigns in larger voting areas with lots of countryside.

Welsh language



We will use Welsh and English equally.



You can contact us in Welsh or English.



We will share guidance and reports in Welsh and English on our website.

Things we will not look at



We will not look at some things. For example:



- How elections work.



- Who represents people.



- How future election results are affected.



- Postcodes and addresses.



- Local services, roads and buildings.

How we will get people's views

First ideas



We will share our first ideas about for the voting areas on our website.



People will have 8 weeks to tell us what they think. This is called the **initial consultation period**.



We will let people know how to have a say. And the dates for sharing your views.



We will share what people say in Welsh and English.



We will make changes to our ideas based on what people say.

Updated ideas



We will then ask people to tell us what they think of our updated ideas.



They will have 6 weeks to respond. This is called the second consultation period.



We will also hold between 2 and 5 public meetings across Wales.



You can talk about our plan and ideas. You can also suggest a different idea at these meetings.



We will share information about the public meetings. For example, where and when the meetings will take place.

Your views on changes



After getting your views, we may change our plan .
It may change:

- Voting area boundaries.
- Voting area names.



If the plan changes, people will have 4 weeks to
give their views.

Final decisions



We will look at all the views.



We will share what people say. We will make a final report about what will happen next.



The report will show:

- The names of the voting areas.
- The boundaries of the voting areas.
- Maps of the voting areas.



The report will be sent to Welsh Ministers before 1 December 2028.

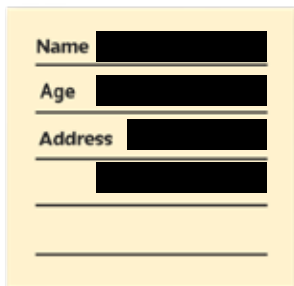


Welsh Ministers will then be responsible for doing what we said.

Keeping your information private



We will protect your personal information.



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- Your name.
- Your address.
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