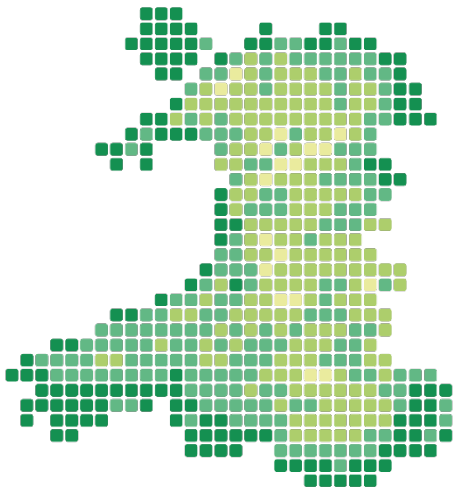


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**Final Recommendations Report**

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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 Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.

This review of electoral arrangements of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan 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 Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan 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.

**Karen Jones DL, MBA, MA(HRM), FCIPD**  
**Chair**

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## REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

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## Chapter 1. Introduction

1. On 21 March 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government announced that Welsh Government had accepted the recommendations as set out in the Commission's Final Recommendations Report for the review of community arrangements for the Vale of Glamorgan. The Commission understands that those recommendations will be implemented by means of an Order of the Welsh Ministers. The Commission is therefore conducting its electoral review on the basis of the community areas in the Vale of Glamorgan as they will be once the Order of the Welsh Ministers comes into force. The Order is expected to be 'The Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2026'. For the purposes of this Report, the Commission is referring to the expected arrangements that will be in place following the implementation of the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) 2026 Order when discussing the 'existing' arrangements for the County. The Final Recommendations report for the Community Review can be found on the Commission's [website](#).
2. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) has conducted a review of the electoral arrangements of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan. The review was conducted in accordance with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 ("The 2013 Act").
3. The Commission has a duty to conduct a review of all 22 of Wales' Principal Councils every 12 years. The rules and procedures the Commission follows can be found in the Commission's Electoral Review Programme 2025: Policy and Practice document which can be found on the [Commission's website](#) (ERP 2025 Policy and Practice).
4. 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 4 of this report.
5. 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 NGD Boundary product data.
6. The Mean Low Water boundary indicated within the Ordnance Survey Boundary-Line or Ordnance Survey National Geographic Database (OS NGD) 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

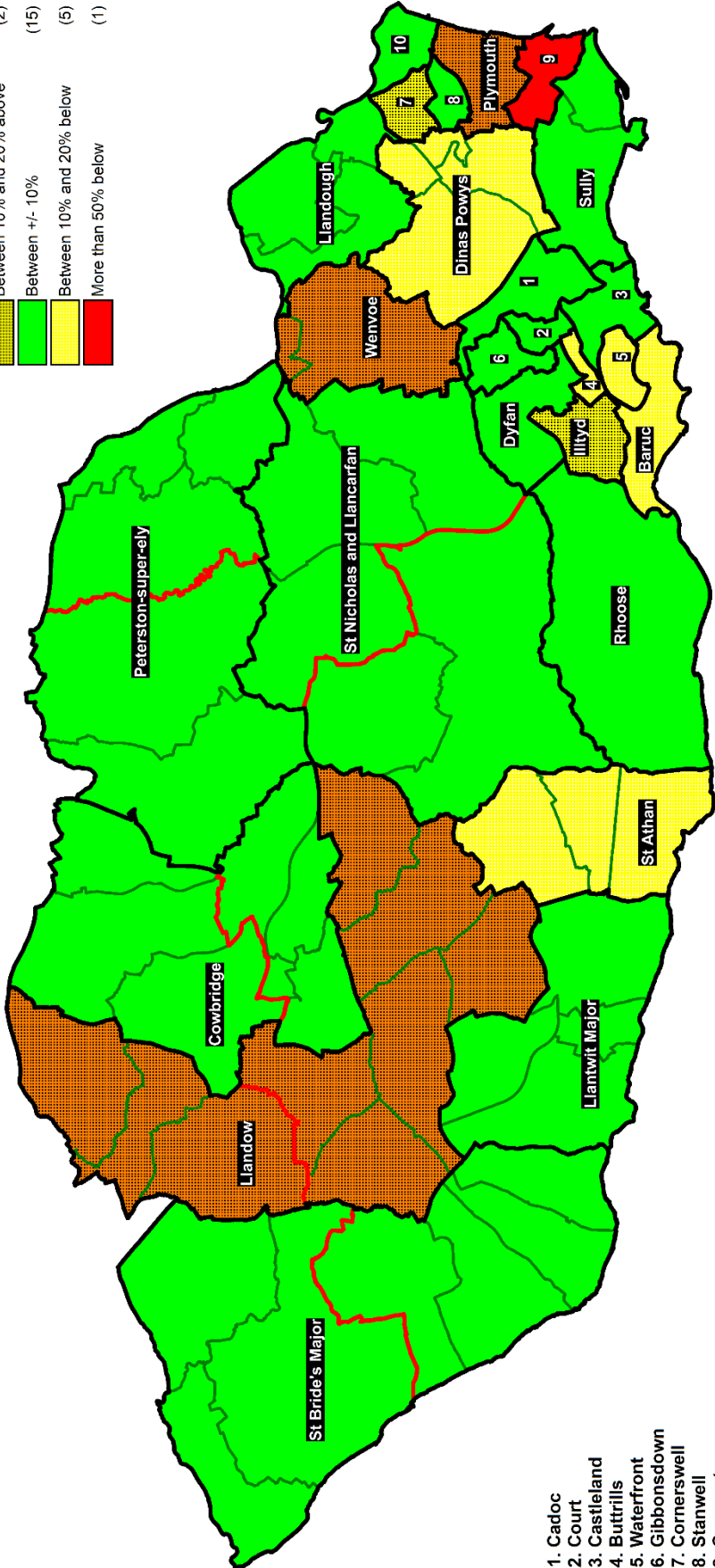
1. The Commission recommends a change to the arrangement of electoral wards that should ensure that local government electoral wards continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area. The recommended change to the arrangement of electoral wards will achieve an improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.
2. The Commission recommends a council of 59 members, an increase from the council size of 58 that was recommended in the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review. This results in a recommended county average of 1,752 electors per member.
3. The Commission recommends 26 electoral wards.
4. The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the recommendations is **Wenvoe** (23% above the recommended county average). At present, the largest under-representation is in **Llandow** (42% above the county average).
5. The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the recommendations is **Llandow** (28% below the recommended county average). At present, the largest over-representation is in **Cosmeston** (61% below the county average).
6. The Commission is recommending 21 multi-member wards in the county consisting of: twelve two-member electoral wards; six three-member electoral wards; and, three four-member electoral wards.
7. The Commission has recommended to retain the existing electoral arrangements of 22 electoral wards.
8. The Commission does not propose to have any electoral wards within the county which combines part of a warded community with a neighbouring community, resulting in 'split communities'.
9. The Commission received 16 representations during the initial consultation period. All representations are published on the Commission's [website](#) in line with our publication and redaction policy.
10. The Commission received 87 representations during the draft consultation period from The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council, six community and town councils, two county councillors, two community councillors, three public or private organisations and 73 members of the public. The Commission considered the representations carefully before it formulated its recommendations. All representations are published on the Commission's [website](#) in line with our publication and redaction policy.

### Summary Maps

11. On the following pages are thematic maps illustrating the current and recommended arrangements and their variances from the current and recommended county averages of 1,782 and 1,752 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.
12. As can be seen from these maps, the recommended arrangements provide for an improvement in electoral parity across the county.

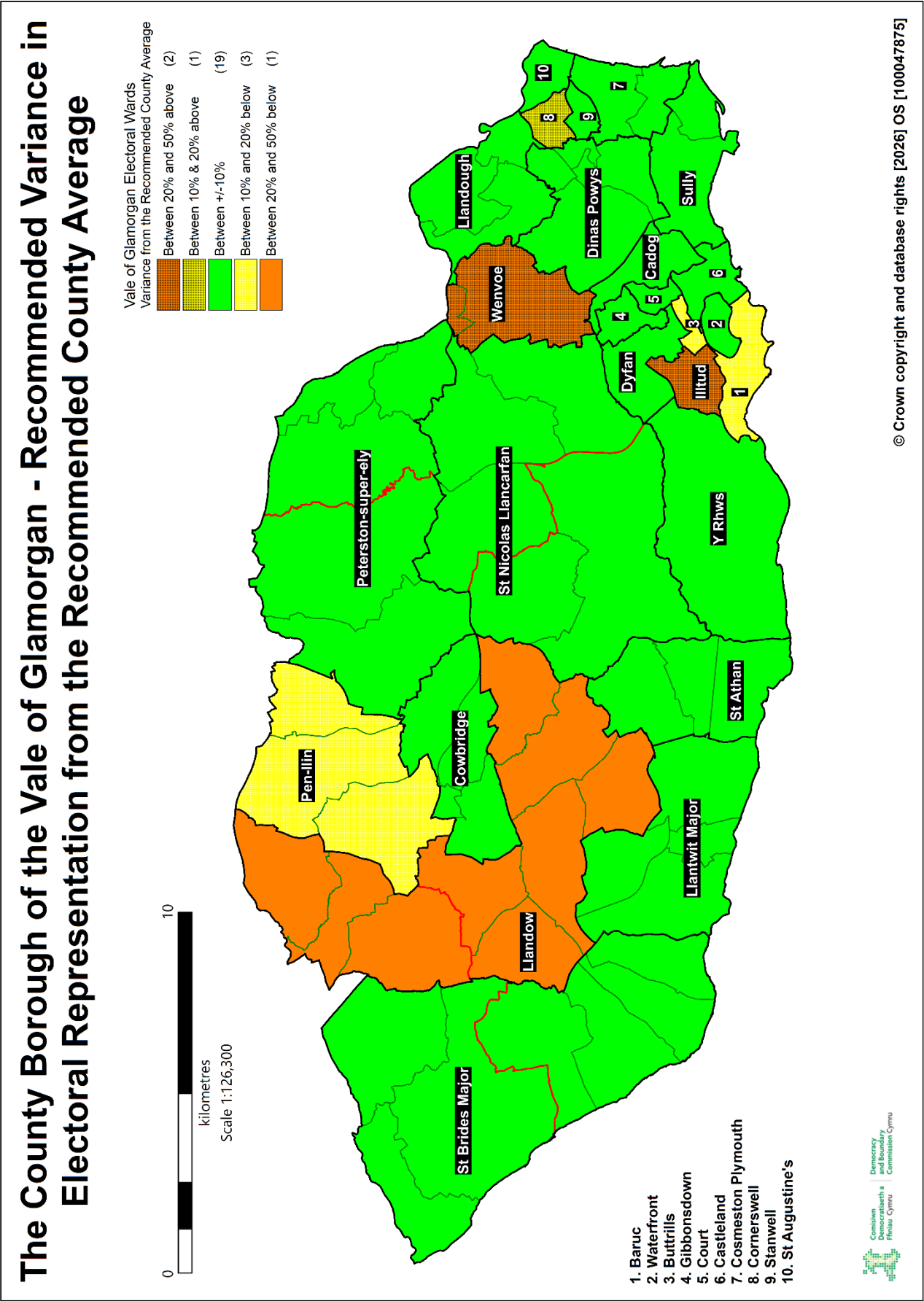
# The Vale of Glamorgan - Existing Variance in Electoral Representation from the Existing County Average

Electoral Wards based on the 2023 Vale of Glamorgan Community Review and those expected to be in place for the 2027 Local Government Elections  
The electoral ward boundaries below are awaiting confirmation in the form of the expected 'Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) 2025' Order



1. Cadoc
2. Court
3. Castletand
4. Buttrills
5. Waterfront
6. Gibbonsdown
7. Cornerswell
8. Stanwell
9. Cosmeston
10. St Augustine's





## Chapter 3. FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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

- 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 but three (Illtyd, Llandow and Wenvoe) fall within the accepted +/- 20% variance from the recommended County Average. Wenvoe was previously part of the St Nicholas and Llancarfan ward, with the current arrangement introduced at the last electoral review. As it has only been in place for one election cycle, the Commission considers it appropriate to give further consideration to its retention. Electors have only experienced one cycle under these boundaries and changing them again—knowing that the variance will improve in future—would create unnecessary confusion. Projected 2030 electorates also fall within the +/- 20% variance, and the Commission is therefore content to retain the existing arrangements for both Illtyd and Wenvoe. The names below are as they appear in the Vale of Glamorgan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021, with the Welsh form appearing first.

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### Recommended Names for Retained Electoral Wards

- As part of an electoral review, the Commission considers the names of electoral wards in the area under review. The Commission's general practice will be to recommend changes to the

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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 **Baruc** has the existing Welsh language name of **Baruc**, and the existing English language name of **Baruc**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Baruc** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
5. The existing Electoral ward of **Buttrills** has the existing Welsh language name of **Buttrills**, and the existing English language name of **Buttrills**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Buttrills** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
6. The existing Electoral ward of **Cadoc** has the existing Welsh language name of **Cadog**, and the existing English language name of **Cadoc**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Cadog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
7. The existing Electoral ward of **Castleland** has the existing Welsh language name of **Castleland**, and the existing English language name of **Castleland**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Castleland** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
8. The existing Electoral ward of **Cornerswell** has the existing Welsh language name of **Cornerswell**, and the existing English language name of **Cornerswell**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Cornerswell** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
9. The existing Electoral ward of **Court** has the existing Welsh language name of **Court**, and the existing English language name of **Court**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Court** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
10. The existing Electoral ward of **Dinas Powys** has the existing Welsh language name of **Dinas Powys**, and the existing English language name of **Dinas Powys**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Dinas Powys** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
11. The existing Electoral ward of **Dyfan** has the existing Welsh language name of **Dyfan**, and the existing English language name of **Dyfan**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Dyfan** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.

12. The existing Electoral ward of **Gibbonsdown** has the existing Welsh language name of **Gibbonsdown**, and the existing English language name of **Gibbonsdown**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Gibbonsdown** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
13. The existing Electoral ward of **Illtyd** has the existing Welsh language name of **Illtud**, and the existing English language name of **Illtyd**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Illtud** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
14. The existing Electoral ward of **Llandough** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llandochau**, and the existing English language name of **Llandough**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Llandochau**, and the English language name of **Llandough** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
15. The existing Electoral ward of **Llantwit Major** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llanilltud Fawr**, and the existing English language name of **Llantwit Major**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Llanilltud Fawr**, and the English language name of **Llantwit Major** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
16. The existing Electoral ward of **Peterston-super-Ely** has the existing Welsh language name of **Llanbedr-y-fro**, and the existing English language name of **Peterston-super-Ely**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Llanbedr-y-fro**, and the English language name of **Peterston-super-Ely** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
17. The existing Electoral Ward of **Rhose** has the existing Welsh language name of **Y Rhws**, and the existing English language name of **Rhose**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Y Rhws** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
18. The existing Electoral ward of **St Athan** has the existing Welsh language name of **Sain Tathan**, and the existing English language name of **St Athan**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Sain Tathan**, and the English language name of **St Athan** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
19. The existing Electoral ward of St Brides Major has the existing Welsh language name of **Saint-y-brid** and the existing English language name of **St Brides Major**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Saint-y-brid**, and the English language name of **St Brides Major**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.

20. The existing Electoral ward of **St Augustine's** has the existing Welsh language name of **St Augustine's**, and the existing English language name of **St Augustine's**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **St Augustine's** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
21. The existing Electoral ward of **Stanwell** has the existing Welsh language name of **Stanwell**, and the existing English language name of **Stanwell**. The Commission recommends applying the single name of **Stanwell** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name.
22. The existing Electoral ward of **St Nicholas and Llancarfan** has the existing Welsh language name of **Sain Nicolas a Llancarfan**, and the existing English language name of **St Nicholas and Llancarfan**. The Commission recommends applying the new single name of **Sain Nicolas Llancarfan**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended name. The Welsh Language Commissioner also suggested that both forms of St Nicholas and Sain Nicolas were acceptable as per the list of Standard Welsh-place names. The Commission recommends a single name based on its naming policy to provide single names where possible.
23. The existing Electoral ward of **Sully** has the existing Welsh language name of **Sili**, and the existing English language name of **Sully**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Sili**, and the English language name of **Sully** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names. The Commission acknowledges the representation which suggested the use of 'Abersili' for the electoral ward. However, the Welsh Language Commissioner disagrees that 'Abersili' is an acceptable name for the ward and that the accepted forms are 'Sili' and 'Sully'.
24. The existing Electoral ward of **Waterfront** has the existing Welsh language name of **Glannau'r Barri**, and the existing English language name of **Waterfront**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Glannau'r Barri**, and the English language name of **Waterfront** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.
25. The existing **Wenvoe** electoral ward has the existing Welsh language name of **Gwenfô**, and the existing English language name of **Wenvoe**. The Commission recommends retaining the Welsh language name of **Gwenfô**, and the English language name of **Wenvoe** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.

### Recommended Electoral Wards

26. 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.
27. In the following section, when referring to existing electoral wards, the Report is referencing the electoral wards as recommended by the consequential changes in the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review's Final Recommendations. These recommendations were accepted in full

by Welsh Government Ministers on 21 March 2025. The Final Recommendations of the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review can be found on the Commission's [website](#).

## COSMESTON AND PLYMOUTH

28. The existing Cosmeston electoral ward is comprised of the Cosmeston ward of the Town of Penarth. The electoral ward has 693 electors represented by one councillor which is 61% below the existing county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 693 electors represented by one councillor, which is 63% below the projected county average of 1,867.
29. The existing Plymouth electoral ward is comprised of the Plymouth ward of the Town of Penarth. The electoral ward has 4,548 electors represented by two councillors which is 28% above the existing county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,586 electors represented by two councillors, which is 23% above the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Cosmeston	693	1	693	-61%	693	693	-63%
Plymouth	4,548	2	2,274	28%	4,586	2,293	23%
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### Draft Proposals

30. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to combine the electoral wards of Cosmeston and Plymouth to form an electoral ward.

### Representations

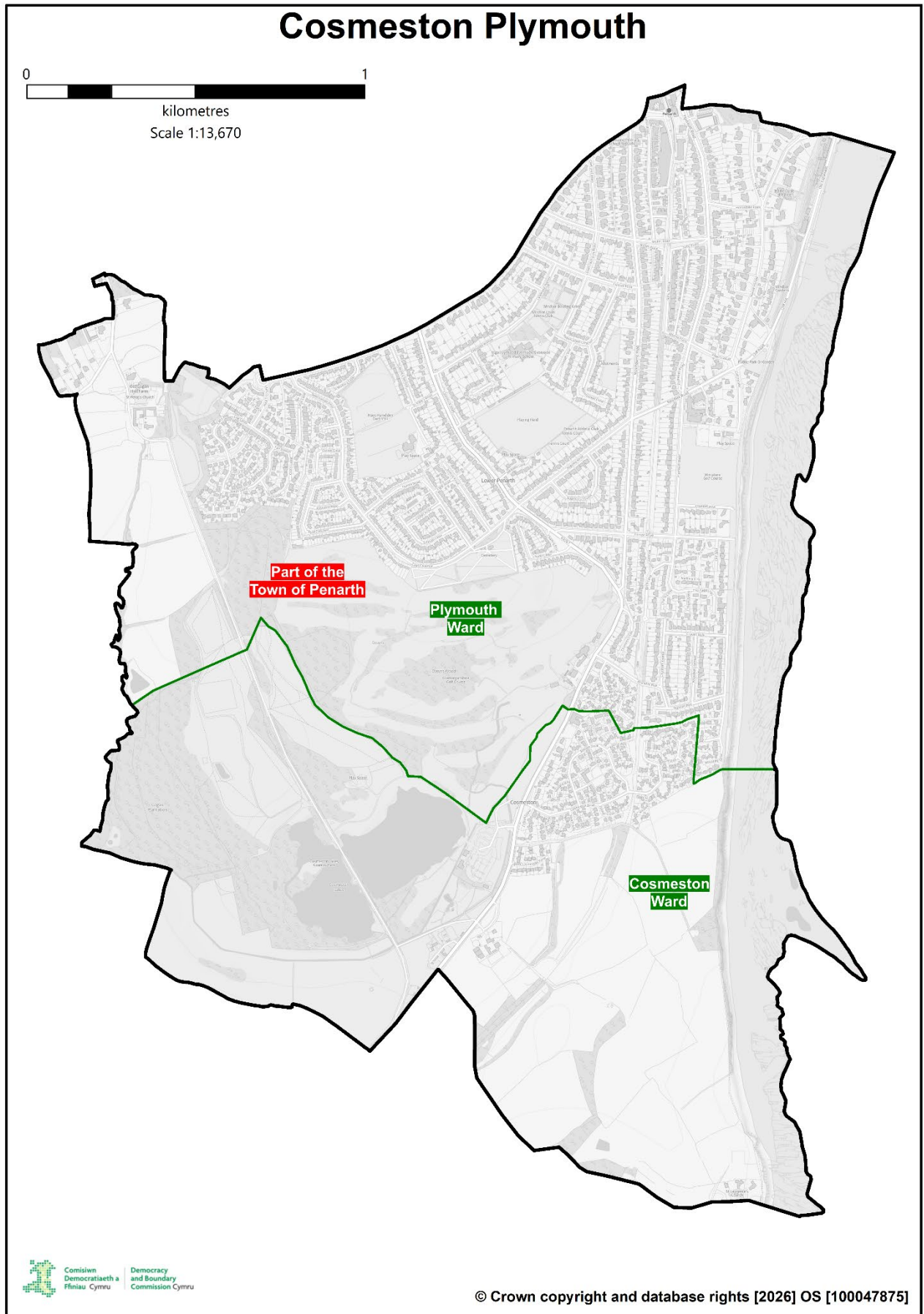
31. The Commission received five representations concerning the Plymouth and Cosmeston electoral wards during the draft consultation period from: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Plaid Cymru Vale of Glamorgan, The Vale of Glamorgan Conservative Group, The Cardiff South and Penarth Conservatives and a Member of the Public. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

### Electoral Ward boundary recommendation

32. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Combination of Cosmeston and Plymouth electoral wards
33. The Commission recommends to combine the existing electoral wards of Cosmeston and Plymouth in order to address the levels of variance from the recommended county average in both existing wards. This recommendation provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same Town Council area and retains the overall number of councillors for the area at three. This recommendation also agrees with the representation received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and does not alter the boundaries for Penarth Town which conforms to the representation of Penarth Town Council.
34. The electorate within the recommended Cosmeston Plymouth electoral ward will be 5,241, represented by three councillors which is equal to the recommended county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 5,279 electors represented by three councillors, which is 4% below the recommended projected county average of 1,835.

### Recommended Names

35. The Commission recommends the new single electoral ward name of **Cosmeston Plymouth**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended single name for the new ward.
36. The Commission has considered the representation from the Cardiff South and Penarth Conservative Group that the electoral ward should be named 'Plymouth Cosmeston'. 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 'Cosmeston Plymouth'.



**LLANDOW**

37. The existing Llandow electoral ward is composed of the Communities of Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes, and Colwinston and Llangan. The electoral ward has 2,531 electors represented by one councillor which is 42% above the existing county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,886 electors represented by one councillor, which is 55% above the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Llandow	2,531	1	2,531	42%	2,886	2,886	55%
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**Draft Proposals**

38. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to transfer the Community of Colwinston and Llangan to the St Bride's Major electoral ward and allocate a third County Councillor to the electoral ward of St Bride's Major.

**Representations**

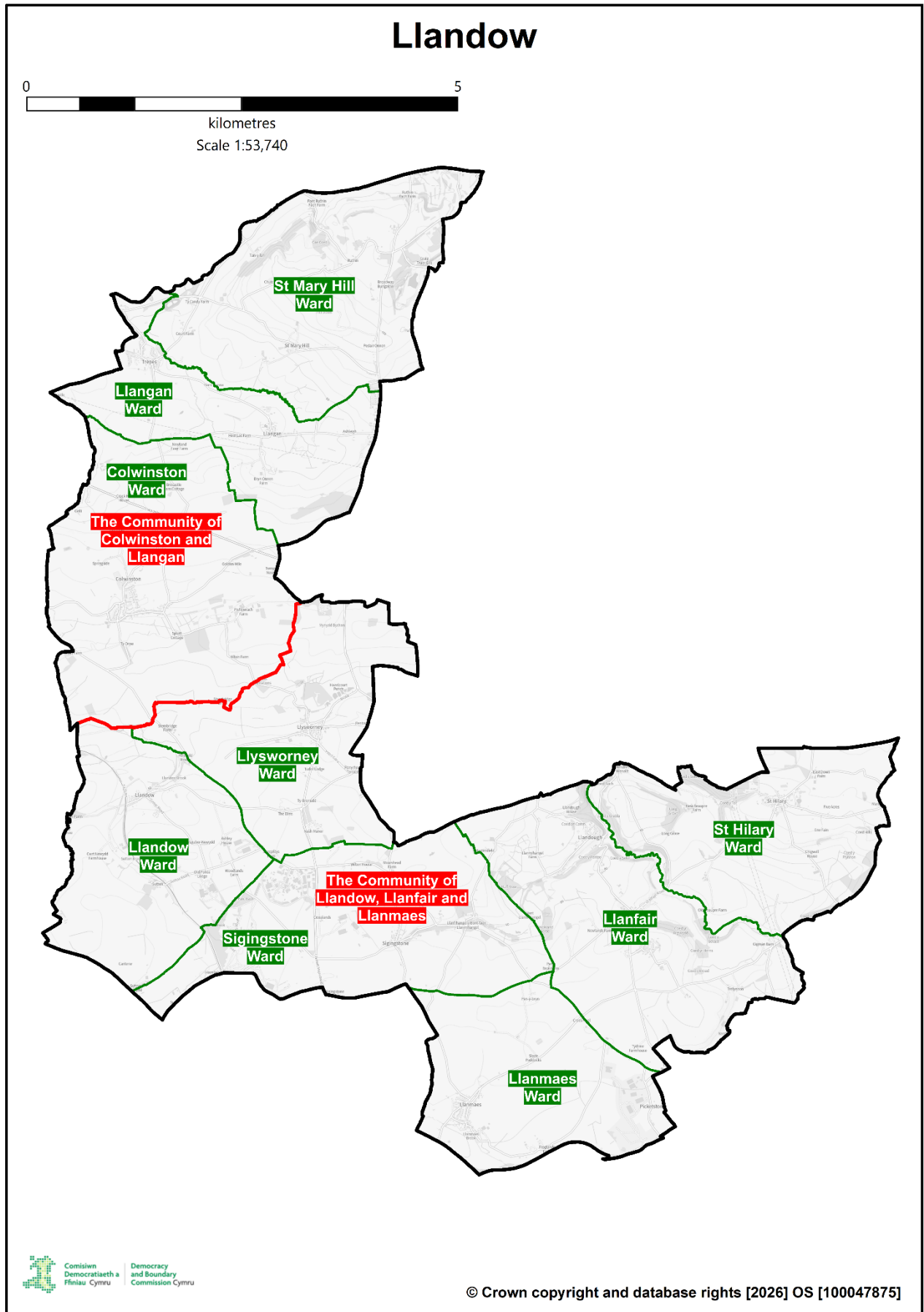
39. The Commission received 13 representations concerning the Llandow and St Bride's Major electoral wards during the draft consultation period from: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, one County Councillor, four Community Councils, two Community Councillors, two Political Organisations and three Members of the Public. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

**Electoral Ward boundary recommendations**

40. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward of Llandow, by allocating a second county councillor to the electoral ward.
- Llandow to form two-member electoral ward.
41. The Commission recommends that the Llandow electoral ward be represented by two county councillors. The Commission acknowledges the representations received in opposition to the Draft Proposals and considered a number of alternative arrangements, including the formation of a single-member electoral ward for the Community of Colwinston and Llangan. The Commission also notes the opposition to the Draft Proposals due to the significant geographic size of the proposed Llandow ward. Therefore, the Commission recommends that the Llandow ward be represented by two county councillors, which is an overall increase of one councillors across the county from 58 to 59.
42. The electorate within the recommended Llandow electoral ward will be 2,531, represented by two councillors which is 28% below the recommended county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,886 electors represented by two councillors, which is 21% below the recommended projected county average of 1,835. The Commission acknowledges that this arrangement for Llandow results in a level of variance that is above the +/-20% tolerance threshold, however, it is the view of the Commission that based on representations received during the consultation period, that providing a second councillor to Llandow is the optimal solution in the interest of effective and convenient local government. The Commission also notes that the level of variance is expected to reach -21% by 2030, which is marginally outwith the +/-20% tolerance.

**Recommended Names**

43. The Commission recommends retaining the existing English Language electoral ward name of **Llandow**, and the existing Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Llandŵ**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names.



## COWBRIDGE

44. The existing Cowbridge electoral ward is composed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and the Community of Penllyn. The electoral ward has 5,260 electors represented by three councillors which is -2% below the existing county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 6,119 electors represented by three councillors, which is 9% above the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Cowbridge	5,260	3	1,753	-2%	6,119	2,040	9%
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### Draft Proposals

45. In its Draft Proposals the Commission proposed to create two new electoral wards for the area with the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian forming a two member electoral ward, and the Community of Penllyn forming a single member electoral ward.

### Representations

46. The Commission received four representations concerning the Cowbridge electoral ward during the draft consultation period from: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Plaid Cymru Vale of Glamorgan, The Vale of Glamorgan Conservatives Group, and Penllyn Community Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

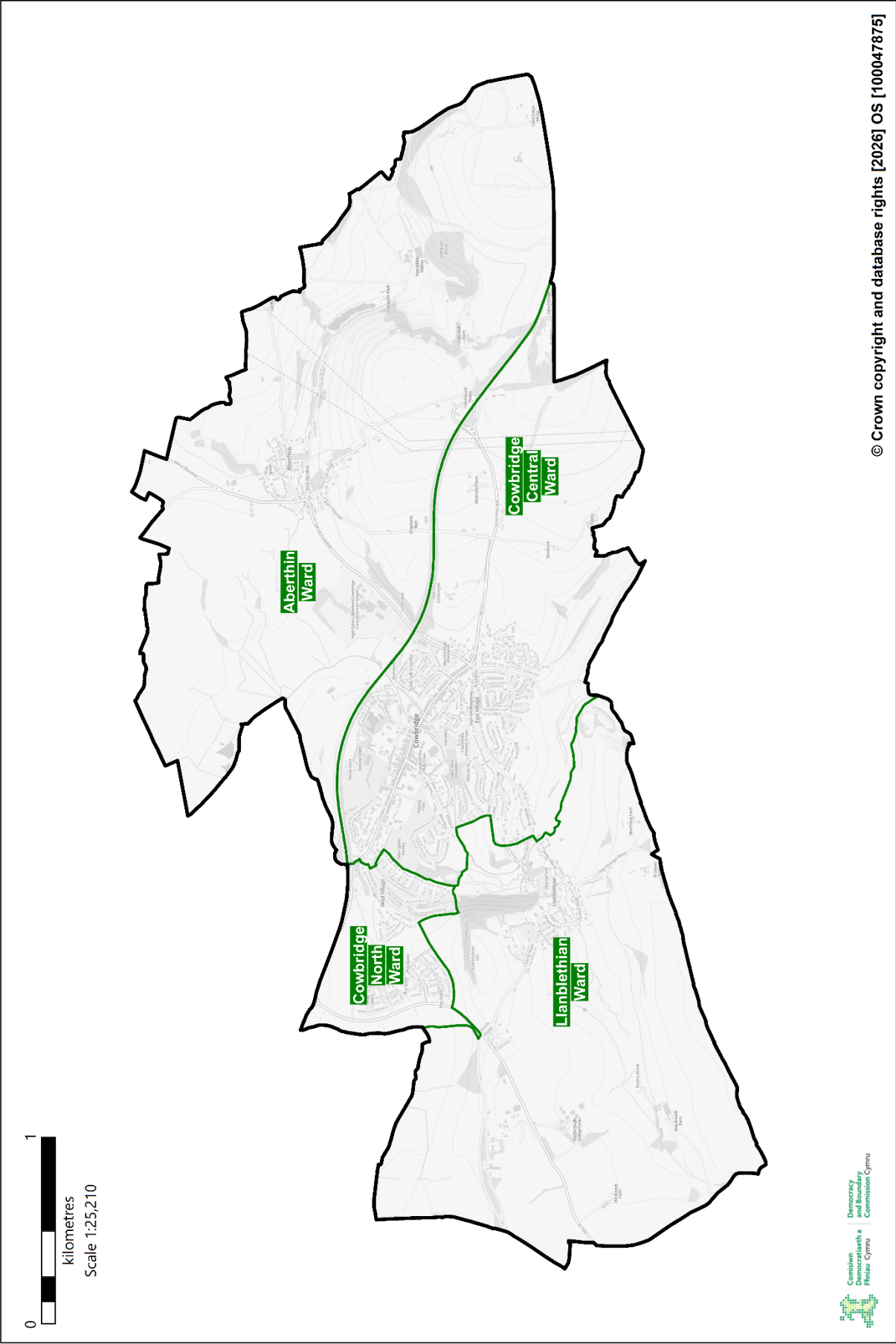
### Electoral Ward boundary recommendations

47. The Commission recommends to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which includes the creation of two new electoral wards formed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and the Community of Penllyn. This recommendation retains the existing number of councillors for the area at three:
- Creation of new single-member Pen-llyn electoral ward.
  - Creation of a new two-member Cowbridge electoral ward.
41. The Commission recommends to create a new single member electoral ward formed of the Community of Penllyn. The Commission also recommends to create a new two-member electoral ward formed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian. The Commission considered the representations received during the Draft Proposals consultation period and recommends that the proposals are adopted.
42. The electorate within the recommended Cowbridge electoral ward will be 3,734, represented by two councillors which is 7% above the recommended county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,074 electors represented by two councillors, which is 11% above the recommended projected county average of 1,835.
43. The electorate within the recommended Pen-llyn electoral ward will be 1,526, represented by one councillor which is 13% below the recommended county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,045 electors represented by one councillor, which is 11% above the recommended projected county average of 1,835.

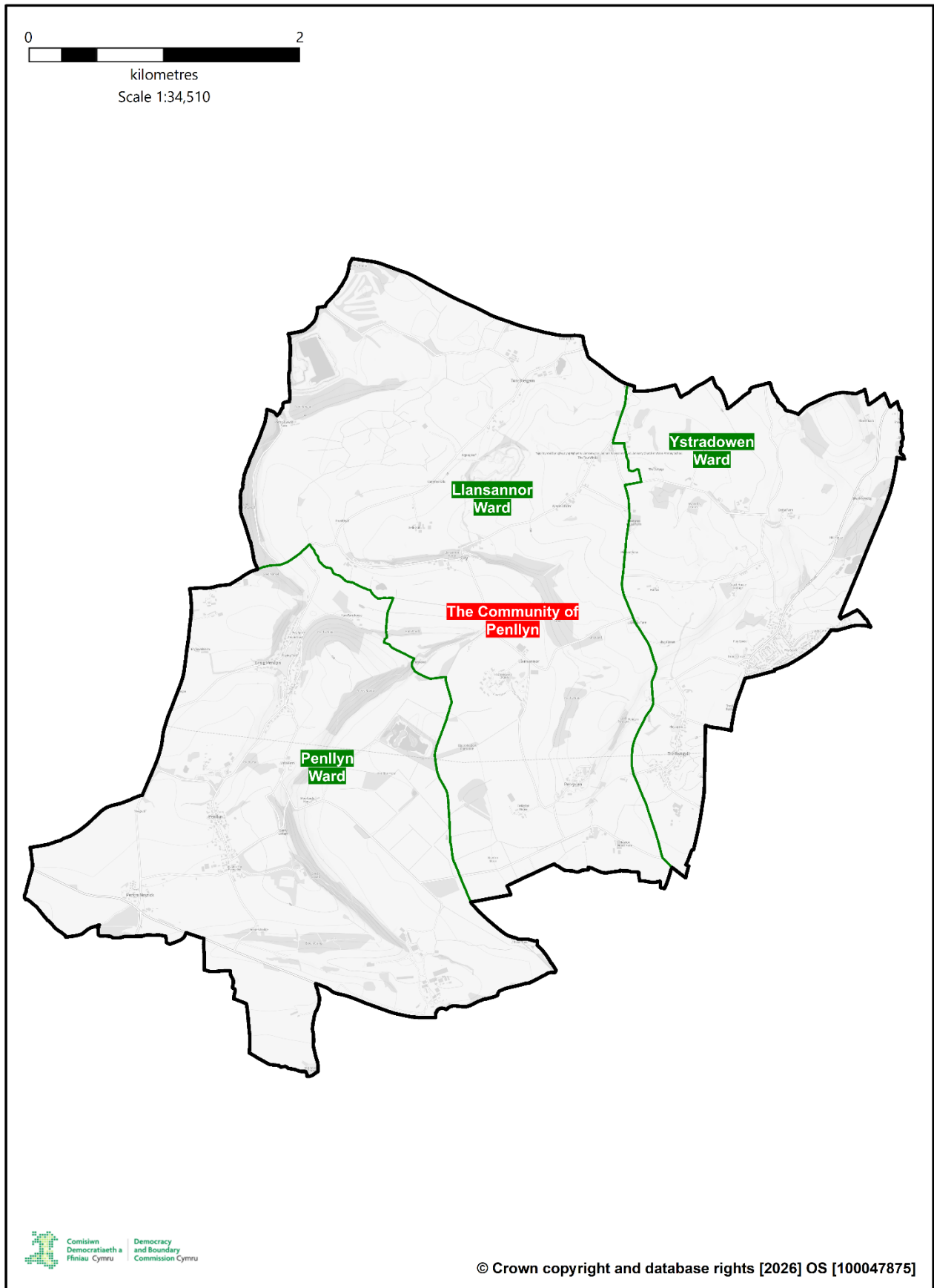
**Recommended Names**

44. The Commission recommends retaining the existing English language electoral ward name of **Cowbridge**, and the existing Welsh language electoral ward name of **Y Bont-faen**.
45. As a result of these recommendations the Commission recommends to apply the single electoral ward name of **Pen-llin**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the recommended names and advises that Pen-llin is the only standard form recommended in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.

Cowbridge



## Pen-llin



## **Chapter 4. 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:

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4. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Commission webpage: [www.dbcc.gov.wales](http://www.dbcc.gov.wales)

## Chapter 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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