

# COUNCIL

28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024

## THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 ("THE ACT")-COMMUNITY REVIEW

**Purpose:** Community Review - Draft recommendations for approval

### Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. That the proposals set out in Appendix C be adopted by the Council as Draft Recommendations for the purposes of the Review for:
  - a) Llangydeyrn Community Council and Llanelli Rural Council
  - b) Llangydeyrn Community Council and Trimsaran Community Council
  - c) Llangydeyrn Community Council and Pontyberem Community Council
2. That the Draft Recommendations be published for consultation purposes for a period of 6 weeks
3. That the results of the consultation together with proposed Final Recommendations be reported to Full Council on 8 May.

### Reasons:

Under the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 each principal council has a duty to monitor the communities in its area and, where appropriate, the electoral arrangements of such communities for the purposes of considering whether to make recommend changes. These changes are brought about by means of a community review. This report seeks to secure a resolution of Council which will finalise the future community arrangements of the Town and Community councils within Carmarthenshire.

As a result of conducting a full review this year, it highlighted a number of anomalies relating to a small number of properties that cross over Community Boundaries which could not be addressed under the original Section 31 review. Hence approval was given by Full Council on 11 October 2023 to commence a Section 25 Review of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013.

The initial consultation commenced on 12 October and concluded on 22 November 2023, and this reports now seeks Full Council's approval to move to Draft recommendation stage.

Cabinet Decision Required

NO

Council Decision Required

YES

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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### THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DEMOCRACY) (WALES) ACT 2013 ("THE ACT")-COMMUNITY REVIEW

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Council will recall that a Community Review was initiated as The Council has a duty under s22 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act") to report every ten years on a community review having regard to the Local and Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (LDBCW) timetable for conducting the reviews of principal areas' electoral arrangements required by section 29 (1) of the Act.

At its meeting on 9 February 2023, Council approved the commencement of a Community Review to examine existing Town and Community governance arrangements and make Final Recommendations for any appropriate change. This review concluded on 11 October 2023. Recommendations approved will come into force with the next set of Town and Community Council elections scheduled for May 2027.

As part of this review, it was identified that there were anomalies with community boundaries at (See Appendix A for relevant maps):

- a) Anomaly at community boundary between Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Trimsaran Community Council involving Nos. 7-15 and 58-60 Heol Waunhir.
- b) Anomaly at community boundary between Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Llanelli Rural Council involving No. 1 and 3, Erwau'r Garn, Carway.
- c) Anomaly at community boundary between Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Pontyberem Community Council involving one property: Brynceirios, Bancffosfelen, Llanelli.

Permission was granted at the Full Council meeting on 11 October 2023 to carry out a review under Section 25 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013. The initial six-week consultation commenced on 12 October 2023 and was completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023. The responses can be seen on Appendix B.

Council is now asked to adopt the Draft Recommendations for the purposes of this Community Review and to support the Draft Recommendations being published for consultation purposes for a period of 6 weeks from 15.02.24 to 28.03.24.

**DETAILED REPORT  
ATTACHED?**

**NO**

- Relevant maps highlighting anomalies - Appendix A
- Public Consultation Responses - Appendix B
- Draft Recommendations - Appendix C

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **Amanda Edwards** Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### 2. Legal

S22 (2) Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 provides that a principal council must have regard to LDBCW's timetable for conducting reviews of principal areas' electoral arrangements when determining when to conduct a community review.

Section 34 of the Act stipulates the mandatory consultees for a community review.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Amanda Edwards** Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	Not applicable
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**2. Local Member(s)** N/A

**3. Community / Town Council** N/A

**4. Relevant Partners** N/A

**5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** N/A

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**THERE ARE NONE**