

EXECUTIVE BOARD

17TH OCTOBER 2016

Subject :The 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales-Initial Proposals

Purpose: To consider the report and formulate comments and proposals on behalf of the Council to the Boundary Commission for Wales

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To consider the report and initial proposals
2. To submit a response to the Boundary Commission for Wales within the required timescales
3. To note that the Boundary Commission for Wales will hold 5 public hearings regarding this review. The Carmarthenshire venue will take place on the 12-13 October at the Ivy Royal Hotel.

Reasons: The Parliamentary Constituencies Review is now being undertaken by the four UK Boundary Commissions in their respective parts of the UK. The Boundary Commission for Wales are now seeking representation on their initial proposals. The review will take place over approximately two and a half years with final recommendations submitted to Parliament in September 2018 and if agreed the new constituencies will take effect at the next scheduled General Election in 2020.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required YES

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr. Pam Palmer

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1. Members will recall previous reports that were considered with regards to the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011 (“the Act”) that required the four UK Boundary Commissions to conduct a review of the parliamentary constituencies in their part of the UK and to submit final reports to Government before 1 October, 2013. Members are reminded that no action was taken as a result of this previous review being postponed by Parliament, and that the Boundary Commission for Wales has now been tasked to complete the current review by September 2018.

Parliamentary Boundaries reflect the area where the electorate vote for their MP, the review will examine these areas and make proposals to Parliament for a new set of boundaries of equal size, with Parliament specifying that the review must reduce the number of constituencies in the UK from 650 to 600.

2. The Boundary Commission for Wales have now published their initial proposals and are seeking representation within 12 weeks. All representation will be considered by the Commission who will recommend whether and if so, how their initial proposals should be revised in light of the representations.
3. A summary of the proposals that effect Carmarthenshire County Council are as follows:
 - A new county constituency is created from the electoral wards within the existing South Pembrokeshire part of the existing Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire Constituency **and** the electoral wards within the existing Preseli Pembrokeshire Constituency. The proposed name for this new constituency is South Pembrokeshire (De Sir Benfro).

●A new county constituency is created from electoral wards within the existing Carmarthen East and Dinefwr constituency **EXCEPT for** the electoral wards of Cenarth and Llangeler **and** the electoral wards within the existing Carmarthen West part of the existing Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire Constituency. The proposed name for this new constituency is Caerfyrddin (Carmarthenshire).

●A new county constituency is created from the electoral wards within the existing Llanelli constituency **and** the electoral wards within the existing Gower Constituency, namely Gorseinon, Llangyfelach, Mawr, Penllergaer, Penyrheol and Pontardulais. The proposed name for this new constituency is Llanelli and Lliw (Llanelli a Lliw).

●A new county constituency is created from the existing Cerdigion constituency **and** the electoral wards of Cenarth and Llangeler (currently part of the existing Carmarthen East and Dinefwr Constituency) **and** the electoral wards Blaen Hafren and Llanidloes (currently part of the existing Montgomeryshire constituency) **and** the electoral wards of Cilgerran, Clydau, Crymych, Dinas Cross, Fishguard North East, Fishguard North West, Goodwick, Newport, Scleddau and St. Dogmaels (currently part of the existing Preseli Pembrokeshire Constituency). The proposed name for this new constituency is Ceredigion a Gogledd Sir Benfro (Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire).

4. If the initial proposals are revised, there will be a further period of consultation before the Commission will publish their final recommendations for the whole of Wales and will draft and submit a formal report to Government.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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: Wendy S. Walters Assistant Chief Executive Regeneration & Policy

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal NONE	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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CONSULTATIONS

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

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1. **Scrutiny Committee** Not applicable
2. **Local Member** The proposals affect Parliamentary boundaries and all local members have received a copy of the report.
3. **Community / Town Council** All Community and Town Councils will receive notification of the publication of the Commission's initial proposals
4. **Relevant Partners** The Commission has sent copies of their proposals to MPs, AMs and Political Parties
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations**
Information regarding the review can be found on the main Council website and copies of the initial proposals are available for inspection at all libraries in Carmarthenshire, Electoral Services, Parc Myrddin and Customer Services, 3 Spilman Street, Carmarthen

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Initial Proposals English	160815init propsfulle n.pdf	www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk
Initial Proposals Cymraeg	160815init propsfullc y.pdf	www.comffin-cymru.gov.uk