



**COUNTY COUNCIL  
08 MARCH 2023**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**COMMUNITY REVIEW**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

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.

The last electoral review was carried out by LDBCW was conducted in 2021 with consequential changes being introduced with the Local Government Elections in May 2022. The next round of electoral reviews carried out by LDBCW will commence in 2024 with any consequential changes being introduced with the Local Government Elections in May 2027.

It was agreed to commence the community review for Carmarthenshire in 2023 whilst the elections team have a fallow year from elections so that the review can be carried out in a timely fashion and not have an adverse impact on the work LDBCW will programme in from 2024.

Attached at Appendix A is the Terms of Reference which this report is seeking approval for. It sets out the scope of the Review, and also a timetable for carrying out the Review, including dates for public consultation.

This review will be carried out under Section 31 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013- A review of the electoral arrangements of a community. “Electoral arrangements of a community refer to the number of the community council and any arrangements for the division of the community into wards for the purposes of elections to the community council (including the number, boundaries and names of wards and the number of members per ward).

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**  
Terms of Reference-Appendix A

# 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**

**(Please specify the outcomes of consultations undertaken where they arise against the following headings)**

<b>1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination</b>	NO
<b>If yes include the following information: -</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date the report was considered: -</b>	
<b>Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations: -</b>	

**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

<b>CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED</b>	<b>Include any observations here</b>
YES	

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

**THERE ARE NONE**

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection