

**COUNCIL**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2023**

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS- COMMUNITY REVIEW IN COUNTY OF CARMARTHENSHIRE**

**Purpose:** Following completion of the initial consultation, to summarise for Council the findings of the first consultation.

**Recommendations / key decisions required:**

1. That the proposals set out in Annex 1 to the report be adopted by the Council as Draft Recommendations for the purposes of the Community Review.
2. That the Draft Recommendations be published for consultation purposes from Monday 26 June to Monday 7 August 2023 inclusive.
3. That the results of the consultation be reported to full Council on 11 October 2023.

**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 recommended changes. These changes are brought about by means of a community review.

Cabinet Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-** Philip Hughes – Organisation and Workforce

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# Draft Recommendations- Community Review in County of Carmarthenshire

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Council will recall that this 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.

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.

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.

The formal consultation period was published on the Council’s website, but a more targeted engagement was sent to:

All Town and Community Council  
Local Members of Parliament  
Local Members of the Senedd  
All Ward Councillors

Representations were invited from Monday 13 March to Monday 24 April 2023. Twenty-four representations were received during the consultation period, and these have been reviewed and proposals for Draft Recommendations have been prepared. Appendix A to the Report summarises the responses received and proposals for Draft Recommendations arising from these.

Also detailed in the Draft Recommendations are those recommendations put forward by the Electoral Registration Officer/Returning Officer.

The next stage is for Full Council to consider the proposals and approve Draft Recommendations, which will then be subject to a second consultation period, the results of which will be reported back to full Council in October 2023 for Final Recommendations to be determined.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**NO**

Public Consultation Responses-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 and Civil Registrations Services 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 and Civil Registration Services 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>  YES	<b>Include any observations here</b>
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**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**These are below**

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

