COUNCIL 11th October 2023

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

Purpose: Community Review - Final recommendations for approval

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- 1. That the proposals set out in Annex 1 to the report be adopted by the Council as Final Recommendations for the purposes of the Community Review.
- 2. That the Council agree to a further review under Section 25 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 for:
 - a) Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Llanelli Rural Council
 - b) Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Trimsaran Community Council
 - c) Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Pontyberem Community Council

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 such a review, it is highlighted a number of anomalies relating to a small number of properties that cross over Community Boundaries which could not be addressed under this current review. Hence approval is being sought to commence a Section 25 Review of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 to commence at the conclusion of this current review.

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act")-Community Review

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. Annex 1 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.

Full Council considered and approved the Draft Recommendation at their meeting on 21 June 2023. The Draft Recommendations have been subject to a second consultation period, this second stage consultation involved the public and interested stakeholders being able to comment on the draft recommendations There was a total of 14 respondents to the second stage. Recommendations, with further detailed responses can be seen on the attached Appendix A.

Members are advised that detailed within Appendix A is those Town/Community Councils where we recommend status quo, this was as a result of a level of public support to maintain



the current arrangements for their Town/Community councils and or there was no evidence /comments submitted to show that any form of alteration was required.

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

- 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, Erwau'r Garn, Carway.
- c) Anomaly at community boundary between Llangyndeyrn Community Council and Pontyberem Community Council involving one property: Brynceirios, Bancffosfelen, Llanelli.

This current review cannot address community boundaries and hence to address these anomalies we need to carry out a Section 25 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 ("the Act"). If permission is granted to carry out a review under Section 25, it is our intention to commence this review immediately following the conclusion of this current review. We hope to conclude this review within a six-month window.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	NO
	Public Consultation Responses-Appendix A
	Relevant maps highlighting anomalies-
	Appendix B



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
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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

CONCOLIATION								
I confirm that the appropriate below	e consultations	have tak	en in place and the	e outcomes are as detailed				
Signed Amanda Edwards, Electoral Services and Civil Registration Manager								
(Please specify the outof the following headings)	omes of con	sultatio	ns undertaken	where they arise against				
1. Scrutiny Committee	Not applicable							
If yes include the follow	wing informa	tion: -						
Scrutiny Committee								
Date the report was co	nsidered: -							
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations: -								
2.Local Member(s) N/A 3.Community / Town Co N/A 4.Relevant Partners N/A 5.Staff Side Representat N/A		er Orga						
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED YES			Include any observations here					
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.	Location	s that the papers	are available for public inspection				
Public Consultation Responses								

