

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 22ND NOVEMBER, 2021

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 17TH NOVEMBER, 2021

“ THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN (ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS) ORDER 2021 (ERO) –

The Electoral Registration Officer commenced by advising that following completion of a programme of electoral arrangement reviews of each County / County Borough Council in Wales, the Local Democracy Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”) submitted all 22 of its Final Recommendations Reports to the Welsh Minister for Finance and Local Government for consideration.

A number of associated Orders had also been made by Welsh Government including The County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021 (“the Order”) made on 11 October 2021 which was attached at Appendix A to the report.

It was noted that the revised electoral arrangements would come into force on 5th May, 2022, in readiness for the 2022 Local Elections, at which point the current electoral wards would be abolished. As a consequence of the Order a number of Polling Districts would be within different electoral wards and a number of Polling District reference changes had been necessary and these were detailed at Appendix B and C to the report. It was also noted that the Polling District references would also apply to Community Wards and that Town and Community Council boundaries would remain unchanged by the Order with the Community Review for the Vale of Glamorgan to be held in 2023.

The Electoral Registration Officer drew attention to the list of polling districts advising that the reference to JGO at Appendix C was an error and should be deleted.

Scrutiny Committee, having considered the report

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021 (“the Order”) attached at Appendix A to the report be noted.

(2) T H A T the consequential electoral ward boundaries be noted, and that Cabinet be recommended to approve the revisions to the Polling Districts as detailed at Appendix B to the report.

(3) T H A T Cabinet be requested to note the reference to the Polling Districts as detailed at Appendix C subject to the deletion of the reference to the polling district JGO as this was a typographical error.

(4) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet and Council for consideration and for reference to the Community Liaison Committee and all Town and Community Councils within the Vale of Glamorgan.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) Having regard to the contents of the report and in order to refer the matter to Cabinet and Council for consideration and approval of the Polling Districts detailed in Appendix B.

(3) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(4) In order that Cabinet and Council are sighted on the Order, the associated electoral ward boundaries, and the reference changes to the Polling Districts; and that the Community Liaison Committee and all Town and Community Councils are apprised of the same.”