

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 3RD NOVEMBER, 2025

REFERENCE FROM COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE: 16TH OCTOBER, 2025

“392 DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION CYMRU – VALE OF GLAMORGAN ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW –

On behalf of the Council’s Electoral Registration Officer and Chief Executive, the report was presented by the Council’s Monitoring Officer. The purpose of which was to advise Committee that The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 required the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (“The Commission”) to review the electoral arrangements for each principal area in Wales at least once every 12 years.

On the 21st of March 2025, Welsh Government accepted, in full, the Commission’s Final Recommendations for the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2025.

The electoral arrangements were defined as:

- The number of Members of the Council for the principal area, in this case the Vale of Glamorgan;
- The number, type, and boundaries of the electoral wards into which the principal area was for the time being divided for the purpose for the election of Members;
- The number of Members to be elected for any electoral ward in the principal area; and
- The name of any electoral ward.

For context, the Monitoring Officer advised that The Commission commenced the Electoral Review for the Vale of Glamorgan on the 5th of June 2025 and would conclude by March 2026. The review follows the completion earlier this year of the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2025, which updated community boundaries. The current electoral review was therefore based on those new community areas as they would stand when the Order took effect. The Vale of Glamorgan Council commented in brief on the initial consultation undertaken by the Commission, with reports presented to both the Community Liaison Committee and Council.

The Commission published their Initial Proposals on the 2nd of October 2025 and was consulting until the 12th of November 2025. Therefore, it was felt timely to present the report to Committee within the consultation window.

The Commission had encouraged the Vale of Glamorgan Council to provide a scheme of effective representations as part of the consultation by the 12th of

November. To this end, the report included a set of ten proposed recommendations from the Boundary Commission, at paragraph 2.2 of the covering report, and the Vale of Glamorgan Council's subsequent responses at paragraphs 2.4 to 2.10, for consideration.

In conclusion, the Monitoring Officer advised that individual Town and Community Councils and indeed any individual member from any Town and Community Council could make representations directly to the Boundary Commission in the same way as any Vale of Glamorgan Elected Member before the 12th of November 2025. The consultation email address was included within the appended Draft Proposals Review Report.

Following the Monitoring Officer's presentation, Councillor Cave raised a series of concerns as the long standing ward member for Llandow, as follows:

- Five years previously, it was decided that the Llandow Ward was too large and that the areas of Ewenny and Corntown be removed and placed under the Wick area. The current proposals suggest that Llandow remains too large and that Colwinston and Llangan also be removed from the Llandow Ward and placed under Wick. So, it appears that the Llandow Ward is slowly being renamed as Wick, and it was unclear why that would be the case.
- The area of Troes is not mentioned at all within the report.
- In presenting the report, the Monitoring Officer referred to local community relationships and those being the most important driver for the changes that the Commission were asking for. However, one of the strongest links in the Llandow community exists between the villages of Llysworney and Colwinston. This was a strong connection due to Members of Llandow Community Council being invited to sit as governors on the new school in Colwinston, following previous school closures, and the arrangement still exists. As such, Llandow had very strong links with Colwinston as children from Llandow and Llangan attend the school in Colwinston. The current proposals suggest that the link be severed so that Llandow Community Council Representatives would no longer have a say in the Colwinston School, which was unsatisfactory.
- The proposals also suggest that Councillor Cave represents too many people in the Llandow Ward however, Councillor Cave was happy with their current workload and believed it to be value for money, which was what the Vale of Glamorgan Council should be focused on. In fact, Councillor Cave would welcome the areas of Ewenny and Corntown to rejoin Llandow to give greater value for money.
- It was unclear how Vale of Glamorgan Taxpayers were supposed to fund five more elected members in the Vale of Glamorgan, especially when the currently elected members were saying that they were happy to continue with representing as is. No one was of the opinion that there was more money available to fund additional elected members.
- The statement contained within paragraph 1.3 of the covering report, "In terms of the current Llandow electoral ward, this currently spans an area at the northernmost part of the Vale of Glamorgan in and around Ruthin and St Mary Hill to the rural area to the north of Llantwit Major (in and around Llanmaes)"

was grossly and factually incorrect, and should be corrected, for the following reasons:

- The areas of Ruthin and St Mary Hill were also considered to be rural areas,
- The Llandow Ward was nowhere near Llanmaes and, sitting between Llanmaes and Llandow were other villages.
- Paragraph 1.3 goes on to state “In terms of the ratio of population to members, the variance from the county average is 20-50% above. As a consequence, there is potential scope to consider current arrangements with neighbouring wards, not least St Bride’s Major. This would involve the potential community wards of Colwinston (TA0), Llangan (TB0 & TB1) and St Mary Hill (TC0) being amalgamated into the St Bride’s Electoral ward with the scope for increasing the number of members to 3” suggesting that the remaining area of Llandow was not large enough to be represented properly and should be amalgamated but that was nonsensical.
- Two area names were missing from the statement contained within paragraph 1.3 as follows: “The remaining Llandow, Llysworney and Llanmihangel and Llanmaes community wards would continue to form an Electoral ward of Llandow with 1 member;” namely St. Hilary and Llampha, therefore the report should be corrected.
- The proposals suggests that there were established local links, but these do not exist. Llandow had never had a local link with St. Hilary or Llanmaes therefore, the proposals were a mishmash of nonsensical, imagined, local community connections and there was not one community council that Councillor Cave currently represented that thought the proposals were a good idea.
- The proposals, if adopted, would result in losing a vast majority of community councillors, and said community councillors give their time for free and because of the love of their village that they reside in, not outlying villages.
- Llandow Community Council was likely to have to pay for Clerk redundancies if the proposal for a new ‘super community council’ was formed as proposed. There would be at least three to five Clerks applying for the one position, and therefore the amalgamated community councils would be asked to pay redundancy, for which, they had no idea how to fund.

Councillor Wilson then added that it was important to think about proportionality when talking about electoral wards and that financial implications in relation to the proposals would be a matter for Welsh Government to consider going forward. In response, Councillor Cave stated that the argument for proportionality would be overwhelmed by the argument for local ties, and the proposal report as presented did not give an accurate reflection of current local ties.

Councillor Perry then referred to pages 7 and 8 of the appended Draft Proposal Report and advised they were unable to gather from the map images provided what the suggested changes were. If consultees could not understand the changes being proposed, then The Commission’s consultation was flawed.

Councillors Summers and Godfrey both expressed how pleased they were to see subsequent changes suggested by The Commission, in response to their previously provided representations on behalf of their respective community councils; Penllyn and Wenvoe.

Following comments raised by the committee, the Monitoring Officer offered the following points of advice:

- In response to any comments raised as to the necessity of the review, the relevant legislation was set out within the covering report.
- In relation to Councillor Cave's comments on the inaccuracies contained within paragraph 1.3 of the covering report, these would be passed to the Electoral Registration Manager for consideration following the meeting and responded to in due course. These references were points which came out of the previous report which was considered by the Committee.
- On the matter of Clerk redundancies, if the proposals were introduced, and any impact these would have, would be a matter for The Commission to consider as part of the consultation.
- The Monitoring Officer was unable to comment on related costs for the review as the review was a legal requirement in line with the Welsh Government Framework, but the Monitoring Officer reiterated that Members should submit their comments and concerns to the Commission.
- In response to Councillor Perry's comments, individual maps were also available on The Commission's website and members were encouraged to raise any queries directly with The Commission.
- It was recognised that Members of the Committee would be experts in their individual ward areas and therefore, they were encouraged to submit representations to The Commission directly before the end of the consultation period on the 12th of November. After which, The Commission would reflect on all submissions received.
- The Monitoring Officer reminded Members that the proposals came out of the earlier Community area review which was completed earlier in the year which updated community boundaries. The current electoral review was therefore based on those new community areas as they would stand when the Order took effect.
- Once announced by The Commission, final proposals would be put before the Community Liaison Committee for information.

With no further comments or questions, the Committee subsequently

RECOMMENDED –

(1) T H A T the Vale of Glamorgan Council's response to the Commission's Initial Proposals, as set out in paragraphs 2.4 to 2.11 of the covering report, be noted.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to the Special Full Council meeting on 3rd November 2025, including the comments raised by Committee Members at the meeting as part of the supporting reference.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report on the Vale of Glamorgan Council's recommended response to the Commission's Initial Proposals of the review.

(2) To update Council and to approve the Council's response to the Commission's Initial Proposals, having considered the comments of the Community Liaison Committee in advance."

Attached as Appendix – Report to Community Liaison Committee: 16th October, 2025

Meeting of:	Community Liaison Committee
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 16 October 2025
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru – Vale of Glamorgan Electoral Arrangements Review
Purpose of Report:	To update the Committee on the Council’s preferred scheme for submission to the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru to consider as part of the Vale of Glamorgan’s Electoral Arrangements Review
Report Owner:	Rob Thomas Electoral Registration Officer
Responsible Officer:	Rob Thomas Electoral Registration Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	This report has Council wide implications, and all Ward Members have been forwarded a copy of the report
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for resolution by Council
Executive Summary: - The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 requires the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (“the Commission”) to review the electoral arrangements for each principal area in Wales at least once every 12 years. - On the 21st March 2025 Welsh Government accepted, in full, the Commission’s Final Recommendations for the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2025. - The electoral arrangements are defined as: The number of members of the Council for the principal area, in this case the Vale of Glamorgan; The number, type and boundaries of the electoral wards into which the principal area is for the time being divided for the purpose for the election of members; The number of members to be elected for any electoral ward in the principal area; and The name of any electoral ward.	

- The Commission commenced the Electoral Review for the Vale of Glamorgan on 5 June 2025 and this Council commented in brief on the initial consultation undertaken by the Commission, with reports presented to Community Liaison Committee and Council.
- The Commission published their Initial Proposals on 2 October 2025 and is consulting until the 12th November 2025.
- The Commission has encouraged the Vale of Glamorgan Council to provide a scheme of effective representations as part of the consultation by 12 November 2025. To this end, this report includes a set of recommendations for consideration of the Boundary Commission.

Recommendations

1. That Community Liaison Committee considers the report which contains the Vale of Glamorgan Council's response to the Commission's Initial Proposals as set out in paragraphs 2.4 to 2.10 and comments on the same.
2. That this report be referred to a Special Council meeting on the 3 November 2025, along with any recommendations from this Committee for consideration.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To apprise the Community Liaison Committee of the Council's recommended response to the Commission's Initial Proposals of the review and to seek views on the same.
2. To update Council and to approve the Council's response to the Commission's Initial Proposals.

1. Background

- 1.1** The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 requires the Commission to review the electoral arrangements for each principal area in Wales at least once every 12 years.
- 1.2** On the 21st March 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government accepted the Commission's Final Recommendation Report for the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review. The Commission is therefore conducting this electoral review on the basis of those community areas as they will stand once the Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2025, comes into force.
- 1.3** The Commission's Electoral Review Programme 2025 sets out the Commission's programme and states the Electoral Review for the Vale of Glamorgan will conclude by March 2026 as outlined in the Commission's Electoral Reviews: 2025 Policy and Practice document.

1.3 As part of the Commission's Initial Consultation which commenced on 5 June 2025, Community Liaison Committee noted and agreed on 1 July 2025 the Commission's Electoral Reviews: 2025 Policy and Practice Document, its Council Size Policy and the Council's observations to be submitted in response to the Initial Consultation namely:

In terms of the current Llandow electoral ward, this currently spans an area at the northernmost part of the Vale of Glamorgan in and around Ruthin and St Mary Hill to the rural area to the north of Llantwit Major (in and around Llanmaes). In terms of the ratio of population to members, the variance from the county average is 20-50% above. As a consequence, there is potential scope to consider current arrangements with neighbouring wards, not least St Bride's Major. This would involve the potential community wards of Colwinston (TA0), Llangan (TB0 & TB1)

and St Mary Hill (TC0) being amalgamated into the St Bride's Electoral ward with the scope for increasing the number of members to 3. The remaining Llandow, Llyswoorney and Llanmihangel and Llanmaes community wards would continue to form an Electoral ward of Llandow with 1 member. The result of this change would be to increase representation across the principal area by 1 member. The other alternative is to of course, retain the status quo albeit with a population variance of 20—50%.

In terms of Plymouth, there also exists a population to member variance of 20% - 50% and alongside this, the creation of a new Cosmeston ward at Community level (and forming part of Penarth town Council) has a population to member variance of more than 50% below. It would therefore seem opportune to merge Plymouth and Cosmeston community wards into a larger electoral ward and increasing the number of members to 3 (from 2), thereby increasing the representation for the principal area by a further 1 member. This would seem more rational than the creation of a single member ward for Cosmeston with a significant population variance of more than 50% below.

In terms of Wenvoe, this electoral ward has a population variance of between 20% and 50% above. All surrounding wards are between +/- 10%. In terms of geographical relationship, one solution could be to look at amalgamating Wenvoe and St Nicholas/Llancarfan into a single electoral ward with 2 members. This would create a ward of significant geographical extent, albeit with the advantage of 2 members. This would not increase the number of members in the principal area but rather amalgamate two single member wards. The other solution would be to simply accept the position and retain the status quo.

In terms of other issues, it is worth noting that a new principal area ward will be created at the Waterfront which will have representation in the form of 2 members, and it is also proposed that Dyfan has an increase of 1 member from 2 to 3. This is as set out in the final recommendations of the Community Review from the Boundary Commission, which have already been agreed by Welsh Government and will come in to force at the next Local Government Elections in 2027.

Below is a link to the 1 July 2025 minutes and report

[Minutes](#)

[Democracy Boundary Commission VoG Review](#)

- 1.4** The Council's observations were reported to Council and resolved on 14 July 2025. A link to the minutes can be found [here](#).

2. Key Issues for Consideration

2.1 A copy of the Commission's Initial Proposals (**Appendix A**) was published on its website on 2 October 2025. A period of consultation will run from 2 October 2025 to 12 November 2025. The Commission welcomes representations concerning any of the proposals in its Initial Proposals Report. Evidence based representations are sought and include the postal, email and portal routes.

2.2 The report in summary recommends the following changes:

1. The existing Electoral ward of Cadoc has the existing Welsh Language name of Cadog, and the existing English Language name of Cadoc. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of Cadog to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
2. The existing Electoral ward of Illtyd has the existing Welsh Language name of Illtud, and the existing English Language name of Illtyd. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of Illtud to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
3. The existing Electoral ward of St Nicholas and Llancarfan has the existing Welsh Language name of Sain Nicolas a Llancarfan, and the existing English language name of St Nicholas and Llancarfan. The Commission proposes to apply the new single name of Sain Nicolas Llancarfan. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name. The Welsh Language Commissioner also suggested that both forms of St Nicholas and Sain Nicolas were acceptable as per the list of Standard Welsh-place names. The Commission recommends a single name based on its naming policy to provide single names where possible.
4. The existing Electoral Ward of Rhoose has the existing Welsh Language name of Y Rhws, and the existing English Language name of Rhoose. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of Y Rhws to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
5. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Cosmeston and Plymouth in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in both existing wards. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same Town Council area and retains the overall number of councillors for the wards at three.

6. The Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of Cosmeston Plymouth. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed single name for the new ward.
7. The Commission proposes to transfer the Community of Colwinston and Llangan from the Llandow electoral ward into the St Bride's Major electoral ward. The Commission proposes to allocate an additional county councillor to the St Bride's Major electoral ward, which results in the St Bride's Major electoral ward being represented by three county councillors. This proposal addresses the existing level of variance in the Llandow electoral ward and increases the overall number of county councillors in the area by one.
8. The Commission proposes to create a new single member electoral ward formed of the Community of Penllyn. The Commission also proposes to create a new two-member electoral ward formed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.
9. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes to apply the single electoral ward name of Pen-llin. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names and advises that Pen-llin is the only standard form recommended in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.
10. As a result of these proposals the recommended number of County Councillors increases from the current 54 to 59 which would take effect for the Local Government Elections in 2027. This represents +1 from the 58 recommended in the Vale of Glamorgan Council Community Review, accepted by WG on the 21st March 2025. The changes can be viewed in the Commission's table of recommendations at **(Appendix B)**

- 2.3** In relation to the proposals, and dealing with each in turn, the following comments are made, firstly in relation to Ward arrangements.
- 2.4** The largest under representation under proposals is Wenvoe (+23%) and largest overrepresentation is Llandow (-19%).
- 2.5** In consideration of the proposed Cosmeston Plymouth ward, this is supported, given the population variance across what would otherwise be two separate wards. This issue is covered in detail on pages 13 and 14 of the Commission's report.
- 2.6** In consideration of the proposals for Pen-llin and Cowbridge / Y Bontfaen, these are also supported. There is, without doubt a logic to the creation of a single member ward for Pen-llin given its geographic extent and rurality, covering as it does the north and north western rural hinterland of what currently is the wider Cowbridge ward. These proposed changes are covered on pages 19 to 21 (inclusive) of the commission's report

- 2.7** The proposals relating to the transfer of Colwinston and Llangan to St Brides Major are set out on pages 15 to 18 inclusive and are also supported given the level of variance in the Llandow ward.
- 2.8** Members will recall that in the earlier consultation there was a proposal to consider amalgamating the Wenvoe ward and the St Nicholas/Llancarfan ward. This has not been progressed.
- 2.9** There are no changes to those proposals as set out earlier for the creation of a new 2 member Waterfront ward in Barry, which has resulted from the community review arrangements already undertaken.
- 2.10** In summary, and in terms of wards and members, 21 wards are unaffected by this review. The changes will result in 26 wards with 59 members, the details of which are included in the report at Appendix 2.
- 2.11** Finally, the Commission's general practice is to recommend single Welsh names where acceptable in English, retaining bilingual forms where the Welsh and English names are distinct. Members may wish to express views on specific names (e.g., Cadog for Cadoc, Illtud for Illtyd, Y Rhws for Rhoose, Sain Nicolas Llancarfan), or to advocate a broader single-Welsh naming approach for consistency (noting pros/cons for voter recognition and electoral materials). The draft Council response takes no position on names beyond accuracy and clarity.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The review of Principal area arrangements safeguards the long-term needs of local residents to ensure an effective and convenient local government and electoral equality.
- 3.2** The Vale of Glamorgan Council will be submitting a proposal to the Commission in line with effective collaboration between bodies.
- 3.3** The Commission is undertaking the review, but the Vale of Glamorgan Council will ensure that it will support the Commission in ensuring the relevant notices are published and facilitating presentations to encourage engagement with stakeholders.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1** There are no direct climate change implications associated with the undertaking of the review.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1** There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Employment

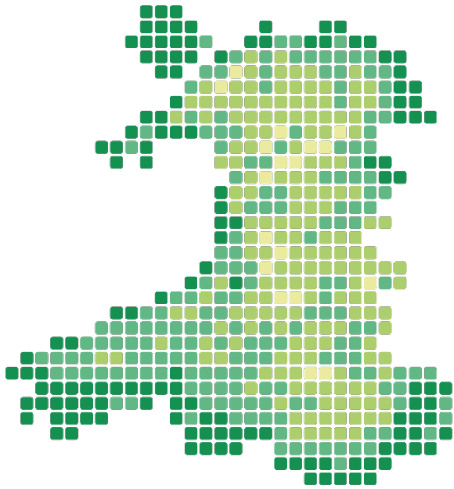
- 5.2** There are no employment implications arising as a result of this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.3** Each principal council has a duty to monitor the communities in its area and, where appropriate, the electoral arrangements of such communities for the purpose of considering whether to make or recommend changes. These changes are brought about by means of community boundary reviews under s25 and community electoral reviews under s31 of the Act.
- 5.4** The statutory process for conducting a community review is set out in Part 3 of the Act.
- 5.5** Section 34 of the Act stipulates the ‘mandatory consultees’ for a community review.
- 5.6** When conducting a community review the principal council must have regard to its statutory obligations – for example obligations under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015, Welsh Language Standards, and the Equality Act 2010, which will all influence and inform the conduct and decisions made during a community review.
- 5.7** The Council will ensure that any submission and subsequent constitutional or procedural changes arising from this report are compliant with the legislation referred to above.

- 6. Background Papers** The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru Draft proposals report

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FOREWORD

This is our report containing our Draft Proposals for the of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan

This review of electoral arrangements of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan is conducted under the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 ("The 2013 Act") and Commission's Electoral Review Programme 2025 Policy and Practice document (ERP 2025 Policy and Practice).

In working up our proposals, we have considered local ties and those who wish to retain current boundaries. We have looked carefully at every representation made to us. However, we have had to balance these issues and representations against all the other factors we have to consider, and the constraints set out in the legislation. In particular, the requirement for electoral parity, alongside special geographic considerations.

Finally, may I thank the Members and officers of the principal council for assisting us with the information to aid us in developing our draft proposals, the Community and Town Councils for their contribution and all those who made representations.

We look forward to receiving any views you may wish to share.

Beverly Smith
Chair

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REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS OF THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

DRAFT PROPOSALS REPORT

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Chapter 1. Introduction

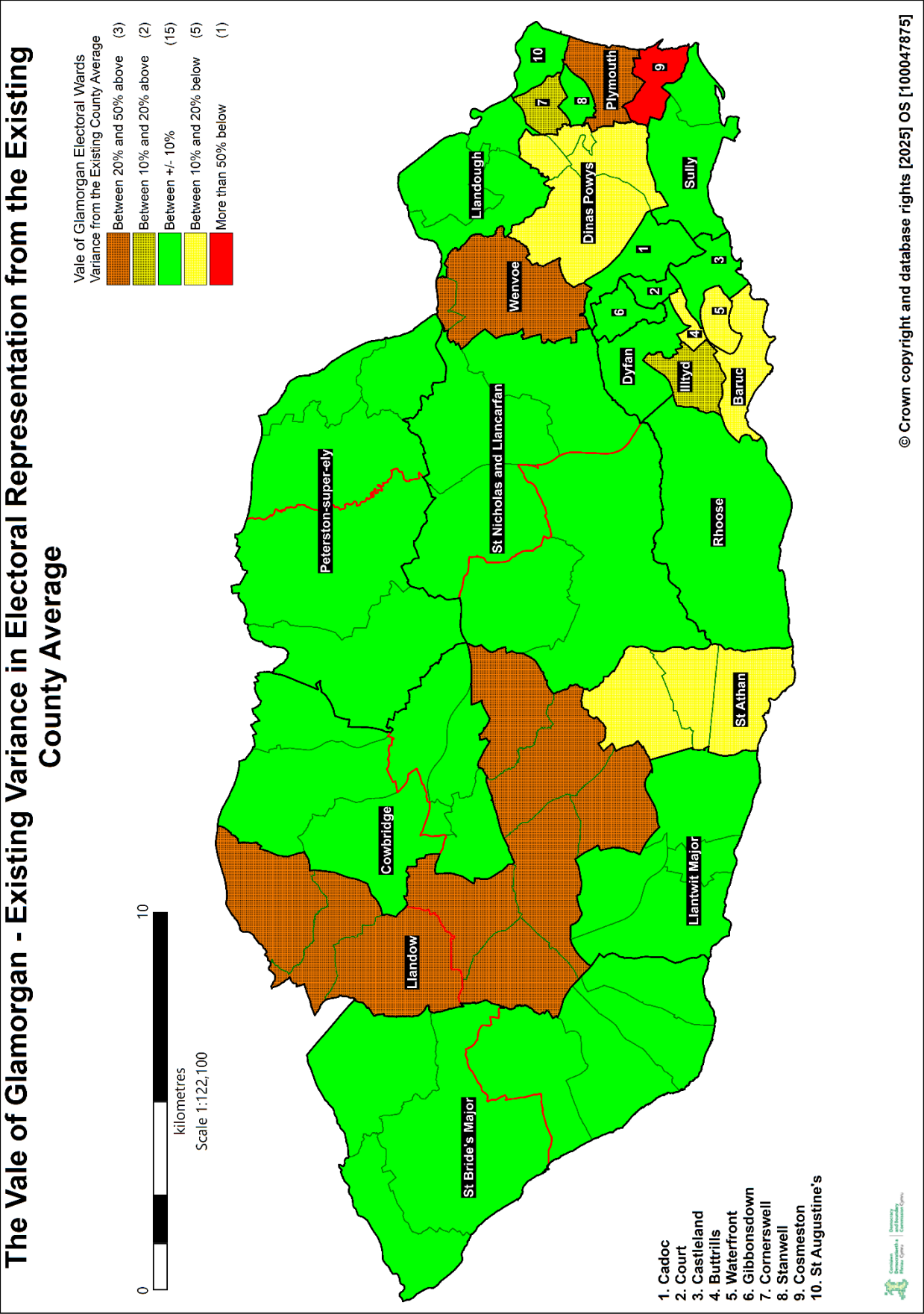
1. On 21 March 2025 the Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government announced that Welsh Government had accepted the recommendations as set out in the Commission's Final Recommendations Report for the review of community arrangements for the Vale of Glamorgan. The Commission understands that those recommendations will be implemented by means of an Order of the Welsh Ministers. The Commission is therefore conducting its electoral review on the basis of the community areas in the Vale of Glamorgan as they will be once the Order of the Welsh Ministers comes into force. The Order is expected to be 'The Vale of Glamorgan (Communities) Order 2025'. The Final Recommendations report for the Community Review can be found on the Commission's [website](#).
2. The Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru (the Commission) is conducting a review of the electoral arrangements of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan. This review is being conducted in accordance with the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru etc. Act 2013 ("The 2013 Act").
3. The Commission has a duty to conduct a review of all 22 of Wales' Principal Councils every 12 years. The rules and procedures the Commission follows can be found in the Commission's Electoral Review Programme 2025: Policy and Practice document which can be found on the [Commission's website](#) (ERP 2025 Policy and Practice).
4. The Commission is now seeking views on the proposed electoral arrangements identified at Chapter 3 in this report. On receipt of these views the Commission will consider the representations and make final recommendations to Welsh Government. It will then be for Welsh Government Ministers to make the Order, if they deem it appropriate, with or without modification.
5. The Commission welcomes written representations that are based on evidence and facts which are relevant to the proposals under consideration. Details of how to respond to the consultation can be found in Chapter 4 of this report.

Chapter 2. SUMMARY OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

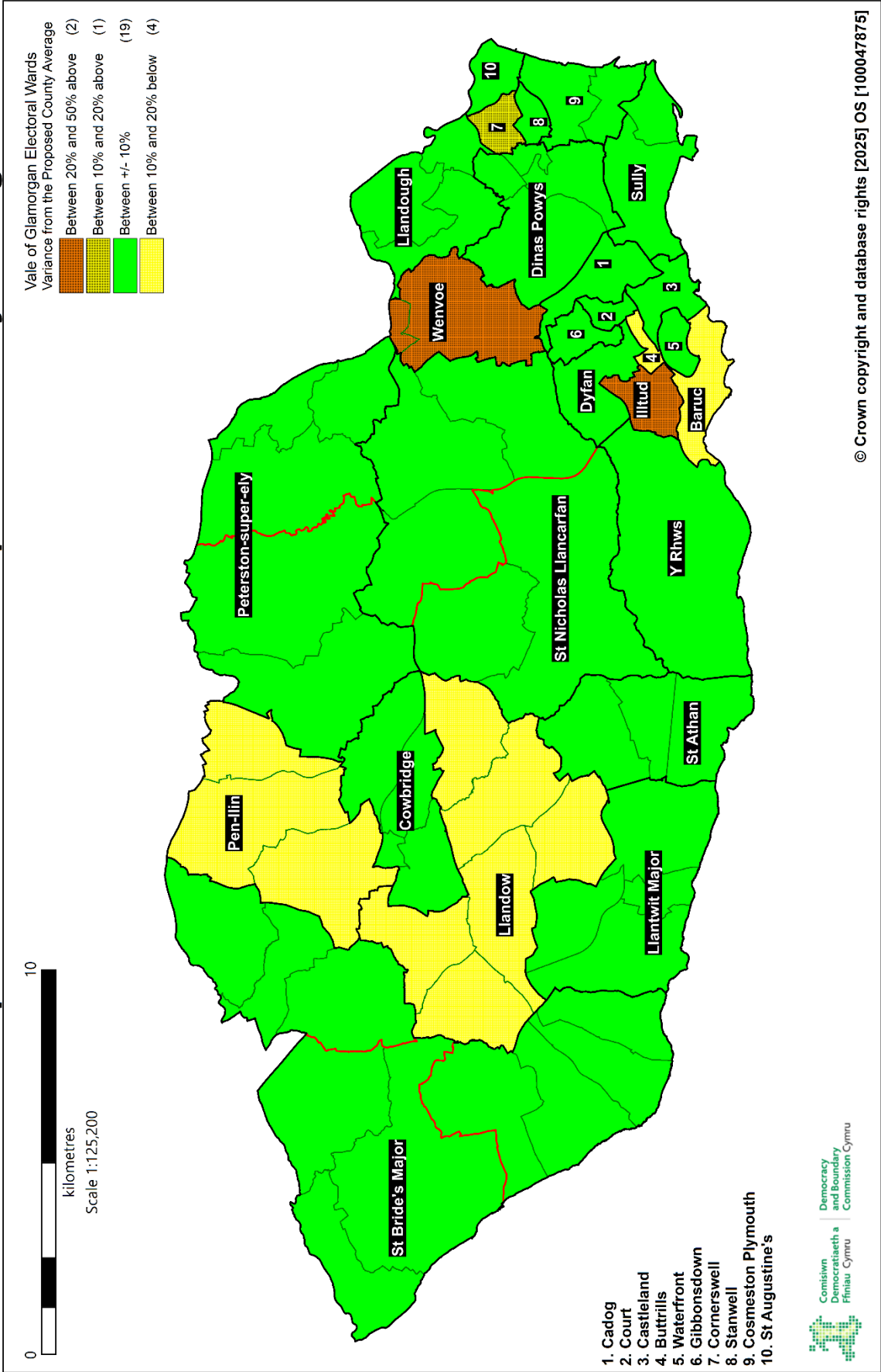
1. The Commission proposes a change to the arrangement of electoral wards that should ensure that local government electoral wards continue to reflect local identities and facilitate effective and convenient local government across the principal council area. The proposed change to the arrangement of electoral wards will achieve an improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.
2. The Commission proposes a council of 59 members, an increase from the council size of 58 that was recommended in the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review. This results in a proposed county average of 1,752 electors per member.
3. The Commission proposes 26 electoral wards.
4. The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Wenvoe** (23% above the proposed county average). At present, the largest under-representation is in **Llandow** (42% above the county average).
5. The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) within the proposals is **Llandow** (19% below the proposed county average). At present, the largest over-representation is in **Cosmeston** (61% below the county average).
6. The Commission is proposing 20 multi-member wards in the county consisting of: ten two-member electoral wards; seven three-member electoral wards; and, three four-member electoral wards.
7. The Commission has proposed to retain the existing electoral arrangements of 21 electoral wards.
8. The Commission does not propose to have any electoral wards within the county which combines part of a warded community with a neighbouring community, resulting in 'split communities'.
9. The Commission received 16 representations during the initial consultation period from The Vale of Glamorgan County Borough Council, eight community and town councils (one of whom submitted two representations), two councillors, and four residents. The Commission considered the representations carefully before it formulated its proposals. All representations are published on the Commission's [website](#) in line with our publication and redaction policy.

Summary Maps

10. On the following pages are thematic maps illustrating the current and proposed arrangements and their variances from the current and proposed county averages of 1,782 and 1,752 electors per member respectively. Those areas in green are within +/-10% of the county average; yellow and hatched yellow between +/-10% and +/-20% of the county average; orange and hatched orange between +/-20% and +/-50% of the county average; and, those in red and hatched red are over +/-50% of the county average.
11. As can be seen from these maps, the proposed arrangements provide for an improvement in electoral parity across the county.



The County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan - Proposed Variance in Electoral Representation from the Proposed County Average



Chapter 3. DRAFT PROPOSALS

- The Commission's proposals are described in detail in this chapter. For each new proposal the report sets out:
 - The name(s) of the existing electoral wards which wholly or in part constitute the proposed electoral ward;
 - a brief description of the existing arrangements in terms of the number of electors and elected members;
 - key arguments made during the Commission's deliberations;
 - The views of the Commission;
 - The composition of the proposed electoral ward and the proposed name;
 - A map of the proposed electoral ward (see key below).



Proposed Electoral
Ward Boundary



Community
Boundaries



Community Ward
Boundaries

Retained Electoral Wards

- The Commission has considered the electoral arrangements of the existing electoral wards, taking into account the ratio of local government electors to councillors. It is proposed that the current arrangements be retained for these wards, as all but two (Illtyd and Wenvoe) fall within the accepted +/- 20% variance from the proposed County Average. Wenvoe was previously part of the St Nicholas and Llancarfan ward, with the current arrangement introduced at the last electoral review. As it has only been in place for one election cycle, the Commission considers it appropriate to give further consideration to its retention. Electors have only experienced one cycle under these boundaries and changing them again—knowing that the variance will improve in future—would create unnecessary confusion. Projected 2030 electorates also fall within the +/- 20% variance, and the Commission is therefore content to retain the existing arrangements for both Illtyd and Wenvoe. The names below are as they appear in the Vale of Glamorgan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021, with the Welsh form appearing first.

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| • Baruc Baruc | • Llanilltud Fawr Llantwit Major |
| • Buttrills Buttrills | • Llanbedr-y-fro Peterston-super-Ely |
| • Cadog Cadoc | • Y Rhws Rhoose |
| • Castleland Castleland | • Sain Tathan St Athan |
| • Cornerswell Cornerswell | • St Augustine's St Augustine's |
| • Court Court | • Sain Nicolas a Llancarfan Sain Nicolas a Llancarfan |
| • Dinas Powys Dinas Powys | • Stanwell Stanwell |
| • Dyfan Dyfan | • Sili Sully |
| • Gibbonsdown Gibbonsdown | • Glannau'r Barri Waterfront |
| • Illtud Illtyd | • Gwenfô Wenvoe |
| • Llandochoau Llandough | |

Proposed Names for Retained Electoral Wards

- As part of an electoral review, the Commission considers the names of electoral wards in the area under review. The Commission's general practice will be to recommend changes to the name of an electoral ward if it considers that the name can be improved, whether or not the Commission is also recommending changes to other electoral arrangements affecting that

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ward. In light of the Commission's duty to promote the use of the Welsh Language, the Commission's general preference will be for electoral wards to bear a single name in the Welsh Language which is acceptable for use in English.

4. The existing Electoral ward of **Baruc** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Baruc**, and the existing English Language name of **Baruc**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Baruc** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
5. The existing Electoral ward of **Buttrills** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Buttrills**, and the existing English Language name of **Buttrills**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Buttrills** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
6. The existing Electoral ward of **Cadoc** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cadog**, and the existing English Language name of **Cadoc**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cadog** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
7. The existing Electoral ward of **Castleland** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Castleland**, and the existing English Language name of **Castleland**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Castleland** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
8. The existing Electoral ward of **Cornerswell** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Cornerswell**, and the existing English Language name of **Cornerswell**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Cornerswell** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
9. The existing Electoral ward of **Court** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Court**, and the existing English Language name of **Court**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Court** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
10. The existing Electoral ward of **Dinas Powys** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Dinas Powys**, and the existing English Language name of **Dinas Powys**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Dinas Powys** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
11. The existing Electoral ward of **Dyfan** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Dyfan**, and the existing English Language name of **Dyfan**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Dyfan** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

12. The existing Electoral ward of **Gibbonsdown** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Gibbonsdown**, and the existing English Language name of **Gibbonsdown**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Gibbonsdown** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
13. The existing Electoral ward of **Illtyd** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Illtud**, and the existing English Language name of **Illtyd**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Illtud** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
14. The existing Electoral ward of **Llandough** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llandochau**, and the existing English Language name of **Llandough**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Llandochau**, and the English Language name of **Llandough** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
15. The existing Electoral ward of **Llantwit Major** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanilltud Fawr**, and the existing English Language name of **Llantwit Major**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Llanilltud Fawr**, and the English Language name of **Llantwit Major** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
16. The existing Electoral ward of **Peterston-super-Ely** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Llanbedr-y-fro**, and the existing English Language name of **Peterston-super-Ely**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Llanbedr-y-fro**, and the English Language name of **Peterston-super-Ely** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
17. The existing Electoral Ward of **Rhose** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Y Rhws**, and the existing English Language name of **Rhose**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **Y Rhws** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
18. The existing Electoral ward of **St Athan** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sain Tathan**, and the existing English Language name of **St Athan**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Sain Tathan**, and the English Language name of **St Athan** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
19. The existing Electoral ward of **St Augustine's** has the existing Welsh Language name of **St Augustine's**, and the existing English Language name of **St Augustine's**. The Commission proposes to apply the single name of **St Augustine's** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.
20. The existing Electoral ward of **Stanwell** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Stanwell**, and the existing English Language name of **Stanwell**. The Commission proposes to apply the

single name of **Stanwell** to the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name.

21. The existing Electoral ward of **St Nicholas and Llancarfan** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sain Nicolas a Llancarfan**, and the existing English language name of **St Nicholas and Llancarfan**. The Commission proposes to apply the new single name of **Sain Nicolas Llancarfan**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed name. The Welsh Language Commissioner also suggested that both forms of St Nicholas and Sain Nicolas were acceptable as per the list of Standard Welsh-place names. The Commission recommends a single name based on its naming policy to provide single names where possible.
22. The existing Electoral ward of **Sully** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Sili**, and the existing English Language name of **Sully**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Sili**, and the English Language name of **Sully** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
23. The existing Electoral ward of **Waterfront** has the existing Welsh Language name of **Glannau'r Barri**, and the existing English Language name of **Waterfront**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Glannau'r Barri**, and the English Language name of **Waterfront** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
24. The existing **Wenvoe** electoral ward has the existing Welsh Language name of **Gwenfô**, and the existing English Language name of **Wenvoe**. The Commission proposes to retain the Welsh Language name of **Gwenfô**, and the English Language name of **Wenvoe** for the electoral ward. The Welsh Language Commission agrees with the proposed ward.
25. The Commission would welcome any comments on the ward names mentioned in this section.

Proposed Electoral Wards

26. The Commission has considered changes to the remaining electoral wards. Details of the current electoral arrangements can be found at Appendix 1. The Commission's proposed arrangements can be found at Appendix 2.
27. In the following section, when referring to existing electoral wards, the Report is referencing the electoral wards as recommended by the consequential changes in the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review's Final Recommendations. These recommendations were accepted in full by Welsh Government Ministers on 21 March 2025. The Final Recommendations of the Vale of Glamorgan Community Review can be found on the Commission's [website](#).

COSMESTON AND PLYMOUTH

28. The existing Cosmeston electoral ward is comprised of the Cosmeston ward of the Town of Penarth. The electoral ward has 693 electors represented by one councillor which is 60% below the county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 693 electors represented by one councillor, which is 62% below the projected county average of 1,867.
29. The existing Plymouth electoral ward is comprised of the Plymouth ward of the Town of Penarth. The electoral ward has 4,548 electors represented by two councillors which is 30% above the county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,586 electors represented by two councillors, which is 25% above the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Cosmeston	693	1	693	-61%	693	693	-63%
Plymouth	4,548	2	2,274	28%	4,586	2,293	23%
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Representations

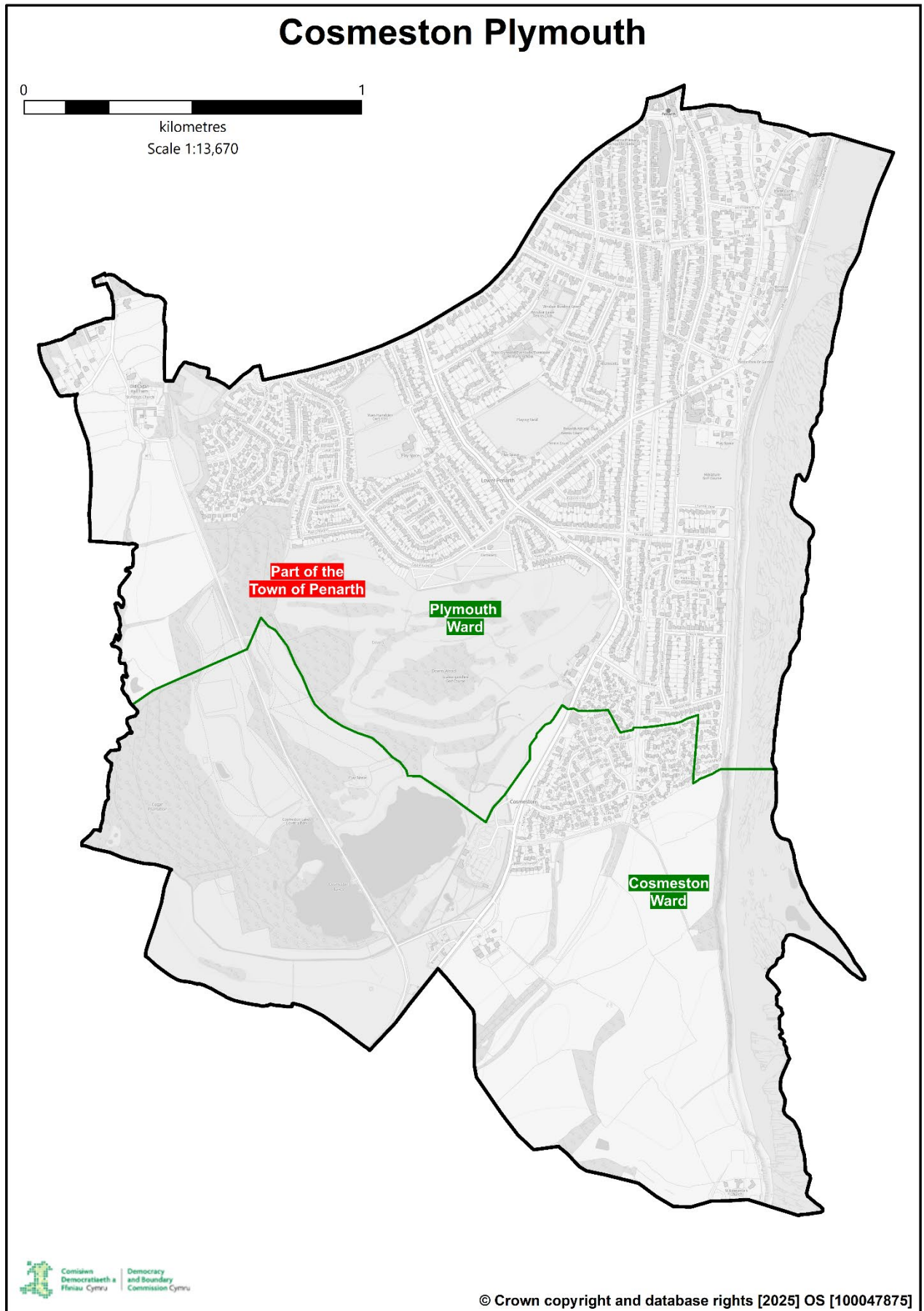
30. The Commission received two representations concerning the Plymouth and Cosmeston electoral wards from: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, and Penarth Town Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

31. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which retains the overall number of county councillors for the area:
- Combination of Cosmeston and Plymouth electoral wards
32. The Commission proposes to combine the existing electoral wards of Cosmeston and Plymouth in order to address the levels of variance from the proposed county average in both existing wards. This proposal provides for significant improvements to electoral parity, combines two electoral wards that are part of the same Town Council area and retains the overall number of councillors for the wards at three. This proposal also agrees with the representation received from the Vale of Glamorgan Council, and does not alter the boundaries for Penarth Town which conforms to the representation of Penarth Town Council.
33. The electorate within the proposed Cosmeston Plymouth electoral ward will be 5,241, represented by three councillors which is equal to the proposed county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 5,279 electors represented by three councillors, which is 4% below the proposed projected county average of 1,835.

Proposed Names

34. The Commission proposes the new single electoral ward name of **Cosmeston Plymouth**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed single name for the new ward.
35. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Cosmeston Plymouth electoral ward and any representations concerning the proposed name.



LLANDOW AND ST BRIDE'S MAJOR

36. The existing Llandow electoral ward is composed of the Communities of Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes, and Colwinston and Llangan. The electoral ward has 2,531 electors represented by one councillor which is 42% above the county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,886 electors represented by one councillor, which is 55% above the projected county average of 1,867.
37. The existing St Bride's Major electoral ward is composed of the Communities of Ewenny and St Bride's Major, and St Donats and Wick. The electoral ward has 3,640 electors represented by two councillors which is 2% above the county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 3,675 electors represented by two councillors which is 2% below the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	Cllrs	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Llandow	2,531	1	2,531	42%	2,886	1	2,886	55%
St Bride's Major	3,640	2	1,820	4%	3,675	2	1,838	0%
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Representations

38. The Commission received five representations concerning the Llandow and St Bride's Major electoral wards from: The Vale of Glamorgan Council, Colwinston Community Council, Llanfair Community Council, and Llanmaes Community Council (x2). The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

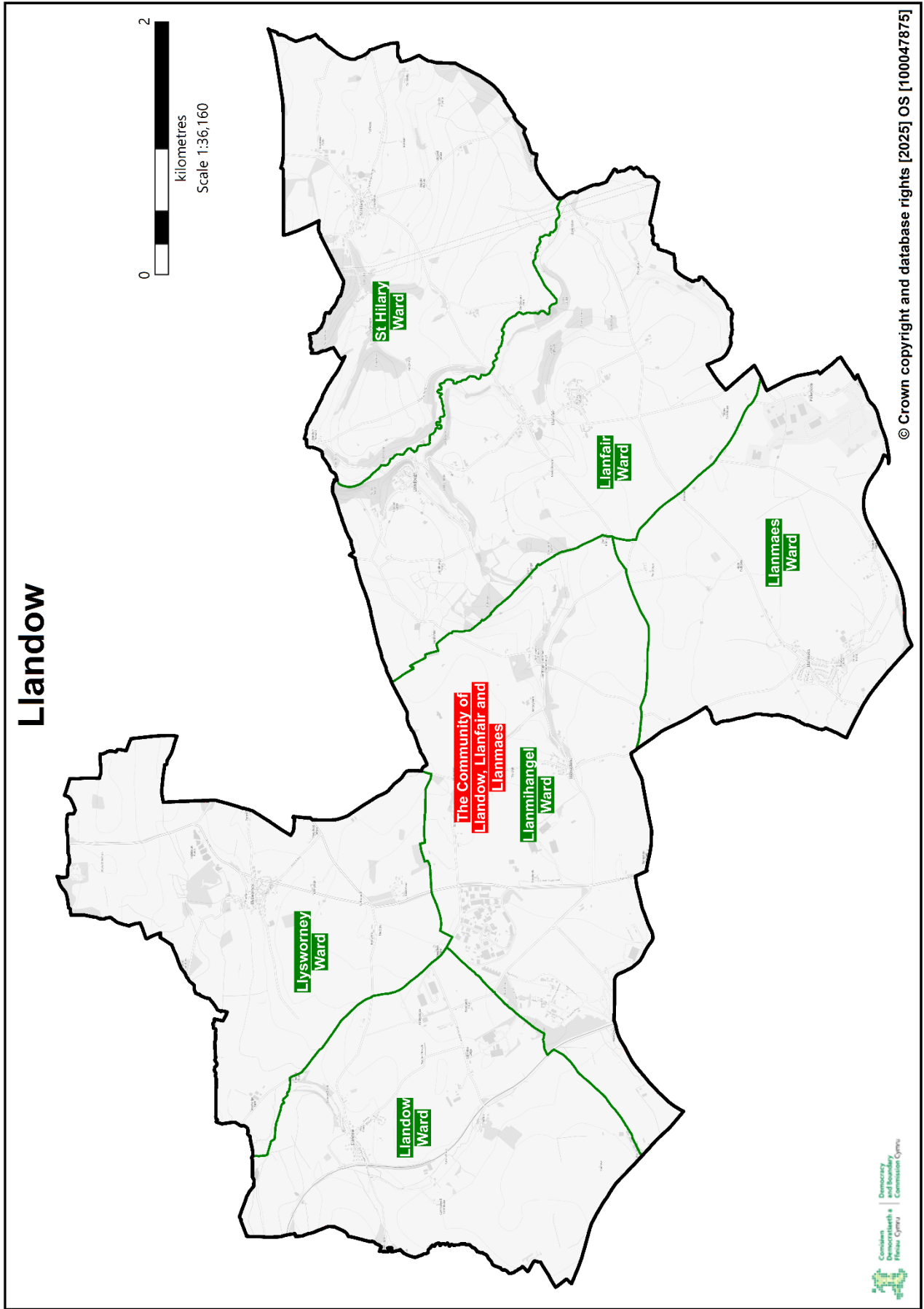
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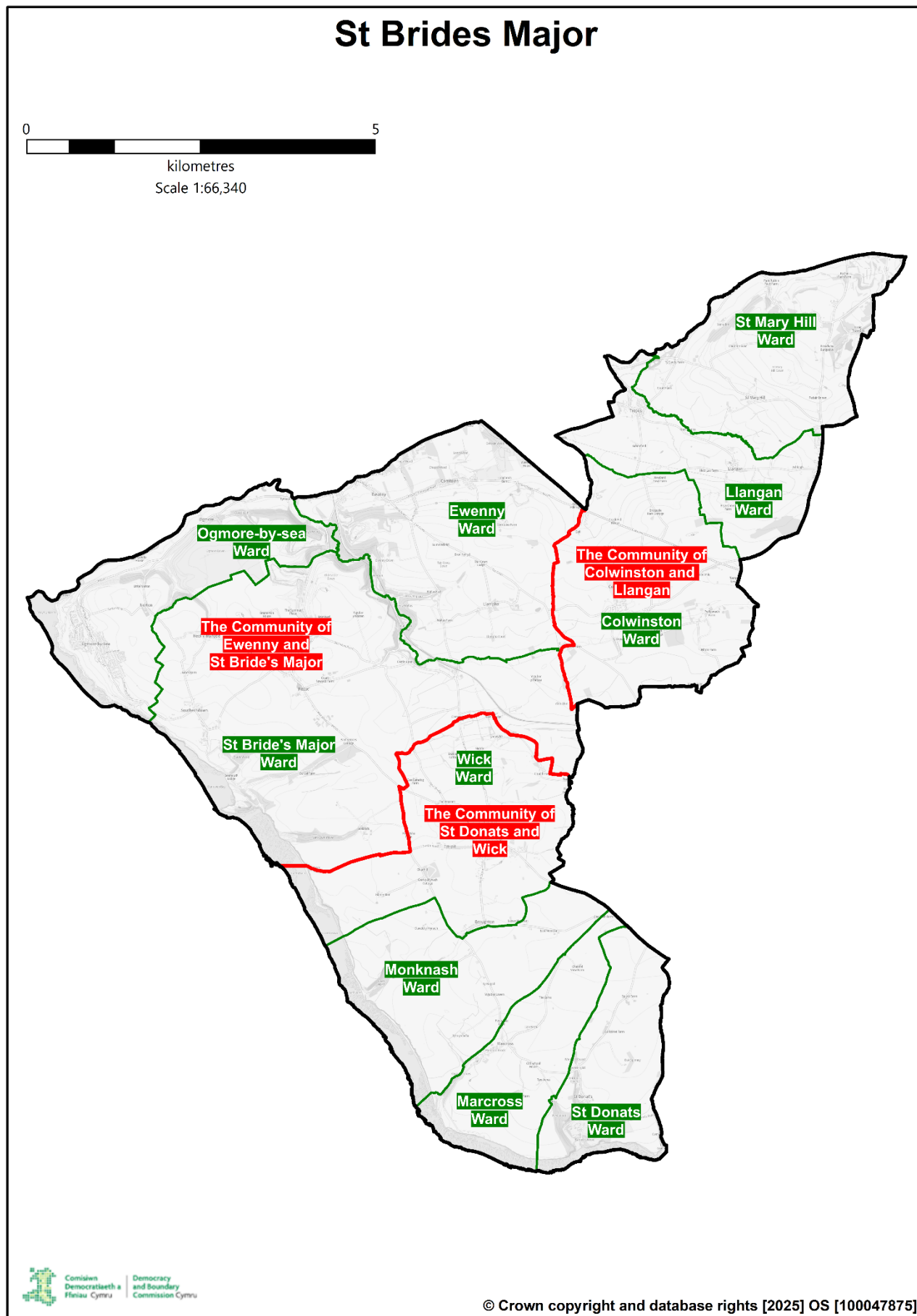
39. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which includes the transfer of the Community of Colwinston and Llangan from the Llandow electoral ward to the St Bride's Major electoral ward. This proposal also increases the overall number of county councillors for the area by 1:
- Transfer of Colwinston and Llangan to St Bride's Major
40. The Commission proposes to transfer the Community of Colwinston and Llangan from the Llandow electoral ward into the St Bride's Major electoral ward. The Commission proposes to allocate an additional county councillor to the St Bride's Major electoral ward, which results in the St Bride's Major electoral ward being represented by three county councillors. This proposal addresses the existing level of variance in the Llandow electoral ward and increases the overall number of county councillors in the area by one. The Commission acknowledges the representations received from Colwinston Community Council who suggested that the Community of Colwinston and Llangan form a single member electoral ward, or the suggestion from Llanfair Community Council to allocate a second member to the Llandow electoral ward, however, these suggestions would create electoral wards that are outwith the +/-20% variance limit. The proposal agrees with the representation from the Vale of Glamorgan Council and with elements of the representations received from Llanmaes Community Council.

41. The electorate within the proposed St Bride's Major electoral ward will be 4,751, represented by three councillors which is 10% below the proposed county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,791 electors represented by three councillors, which is 13% below the proposed projected county average of 1,835.
42. The electorate within the proposed Llandow electoral ward will be 1,420, represented by one councillor which is 19% below the proposed county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 1,770 electors represented by one councillor, which is 4% below the proposed projected county average of 1,835.

Proposed Names

43. The Commission recommends retaining the existing English Language electoral ward name of **Llandow**, and the existing Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Llandŵ**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names.
44. The Commission proposes the new existing English Language electoral ward name of **St Brides Major** and the new Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Saint-y-brid**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names. The Welsh Language Commissioner advised that there was no need for an apostrophe in the St Brides Major name as the standard form recommended in the Standard Welsh Place-names list, and is also used locally on signage.
45. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Llandow and St Bride's Major electoral wards and any representations concerning the proposed names. The Commission did consider an alternative name for St Bride's Major ward of 'Western Vale' (Gorllewin y Fro). The Commission would also welcome views on the alternative name considered.





COWBRIDGE

46. The existing Cowbridge electoral ward is composed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and the Community of Penllyn. The electoral ward has 5,260 electors represented by three councillors which is 2% below the proposed county average of 1,782. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 6,119 electors represented by three councillors, which is 9% above the projected county average of 1,867.

Name	2025 Electors	Cllrs	2025 Ratio	Variance	2030 Electors	2030 Ratio	2030 Variance
Cowbridge	5,260	3	1,753	0%	6,119	2,040	9%
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Representations

47. The Commission received two representations concerning the Cowbridge electoral ward from: Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council, and Penllyn Community Council. The representations are published on the [Commission's website](#).

Electoral Ward boundary proposals

48. The Commission proposes to apply one change to the existing electoral ward boundaries, which includes the creation of two new electoral wards formed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian, and the Community of Penllyn. This proposal retains the existing number of councillors for the area at three:
- Creation of new single-member Pen-llyn electoral ward.
 - Creation of a new two-member Cowbridge electoral ward.
49. The Commission proposes to create a new single member electoral ward formed of the Community of Penllyn. The Commission also proposes to create a new two-member electoral ward formed of the Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian. The Commission agrees with the representation from Penllyn Community Council that this proposal provides for more effective and convenient local government for the areas under consideration and that this arrangement provides for an individual voice at County Council level for the Community of Penllyn. Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council had no comment to make on the existing arrangements for the electoral ward.
50. The electorate within the proposed Cowbridge electoral ward will be 3,734, represented by two councillors which is 7% above the proposed county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 4,074 electors represented by two councillors, which is 11% above the proposed projected county average of 1,835.
51. The electorate within the proposed Pen-llyn electoral ward will be 1,526, represented by one councillor which is 13% below the proposed county average of 1,752. The projected 5-year (2030) statistics for the electoral ward has 2,045 electors represented by one councillor, which is 11% above the proposed projected county average of 1,835.

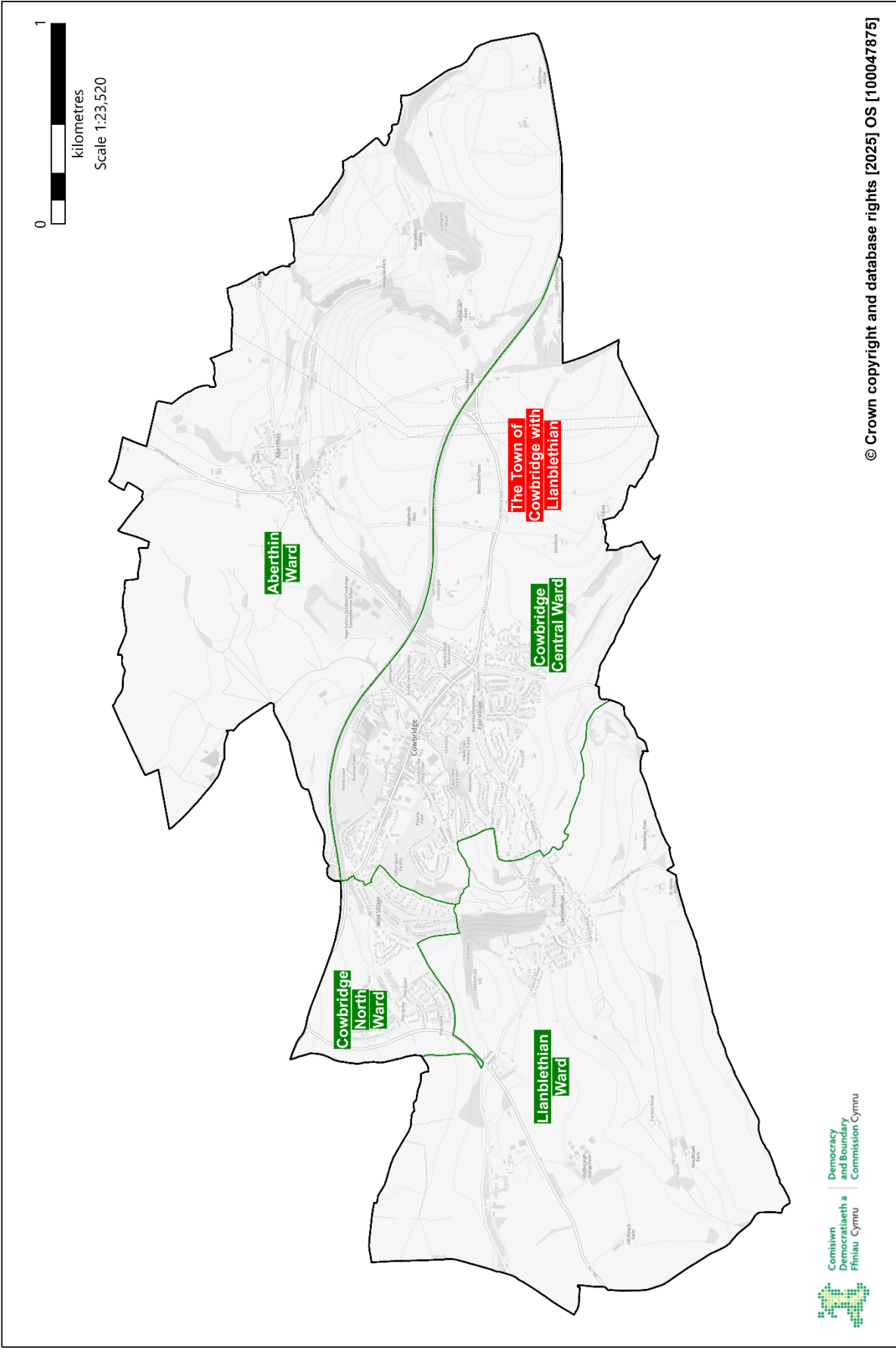
Proposed Names

52. The Commission recommends retaining the existing English Language electoral ward name of **Cowbridge**, and the existing Welsh Language electoral ward name of **Y Bont-faen**.

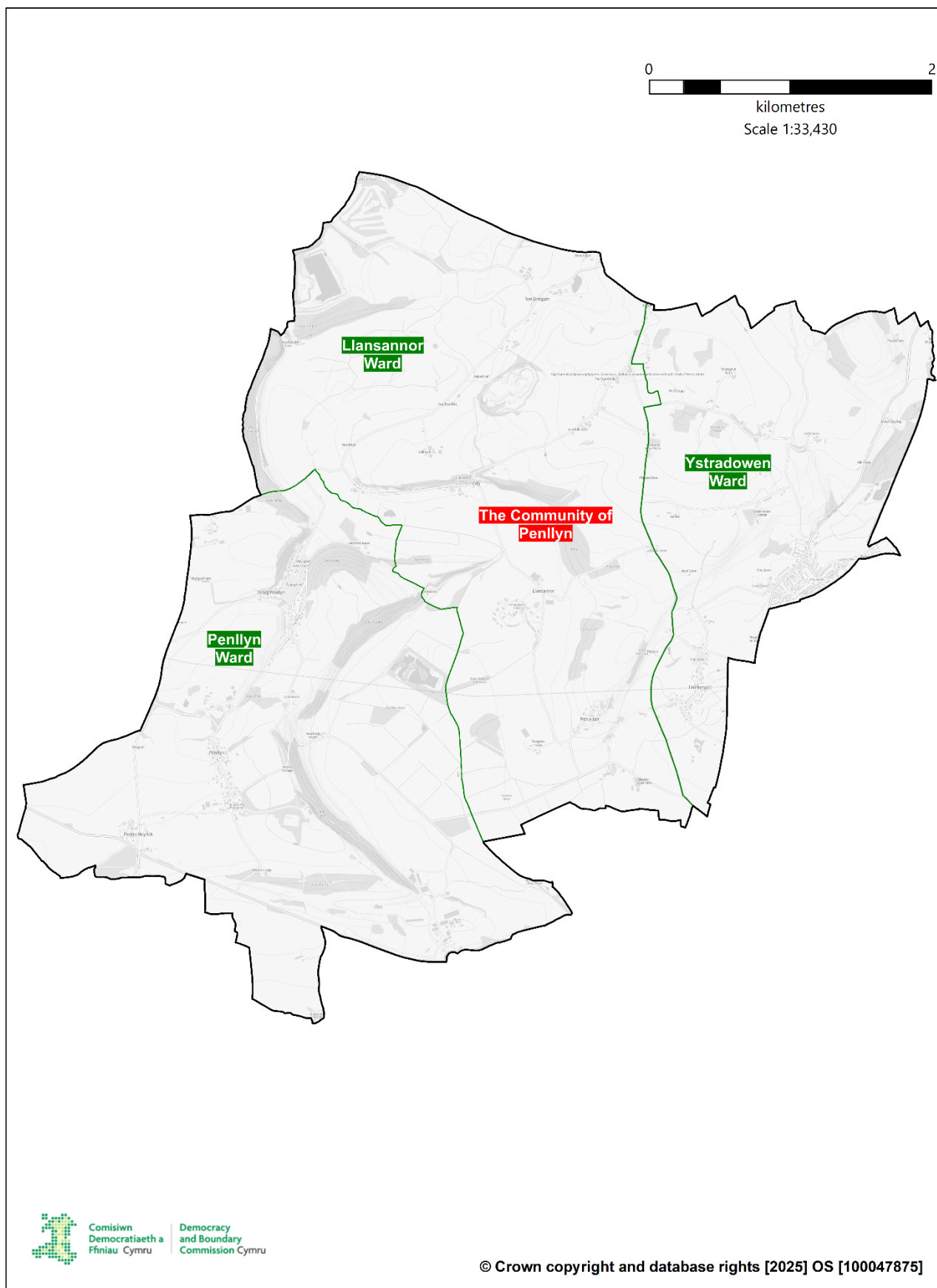
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53. As a result of these proposals the Commission proposes to apply the single electoral ward name of **Pen-llin**. The Welsh Language Commissioner agrees with the proposed names and advises that Pen-llin is the only standard form recommended in the Standard Welsh Place-names list.
54. The Commission welcomes representations concerning the proposed Cowbridge and Pen-llin electoral wards and any representations concerning the proposed names.

Cowbridge



Pen-llin



Chapter 4. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

1. All observations on these draft proposals should be sent to:

The Chief Executive
Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
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Welsh Government Building
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or by email to: consultations@dbcc.gov.wales

Observations can also be submitted via the online consultation portal: www.reviewswales.wales
no later than 12 November 2025.

2. For further information on the review and the review process please refer to the Commission webpage: www.dbcc.gov.wales

Chapter 5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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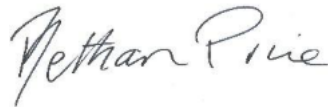
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THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
EXISTING COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
VARIANCE FROM THE EXISTING COUNTY AVERAGE

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION As Recommended	No. OF COUNCILLORS (Proposed)	ELECTORATE 2025	Ratio 2025	% variance from proposed County average	ELECTORATE 2030	Ratio 2030	% variance from proposed County average	Population Eligible to Vote
Appendix 1										
1	Baruc	The Baruc (4,364), [4369] ward of the Town of Barry	3	4,364	1,455	-18%	4,369	1,456	-22%	8,882
2	Buttrills	The Buttrills (3,107), [3,222] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,107	1,554	-13%	3,222	1,611	-14%	6,308
3	Cadoc	The Cadoc (7,080), [7,174] ward of the Town of Barry	4	7,080	1,770	-1%	7,174	1,794	-4%	9,961
4	Castleland	The Castleland (3,367), [3,484] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,367	1,684	-6%	3,484	1,742	-7%	4,928
5	Cornerswell	The Cornerswell (4,069), [4,120] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,069	2,035	14%	4,120	2,060	10%	5,257
6	Cosmeston	The Cosmeston (693), [693] ward of the Town of Penarth	1	693	693	-61%	693	693	-63%	N/A
7	Court	The Court (3,782), [3,894] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,782	1,891	6%	3,894	1,947	4%	4,800
8	Cowbridge	The Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian (3,734), [4,074] and the Community of Penllyn (1,526), [2,045]	3	5,260	1,753	-2%	6,119	2,040	9%	6,789
9	Dinas Powys	The Community of Dinas Powys (6,367), [6,348]	4	6,367	1,592	-11%	6,348	1,587	-15%	8,409
10	Dyfan	The Dyfan (5,485), [5,508] ward of the Town of Barry	3	5,485	1,828	3%	5,508	1,836	-2%	5,608
11	Gibbonsdown	The Gibbonsdown (3,732), [4,160] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,732	1,866	5%	4,160	2,080	11%	5,512
12	Illyd	The Illyd (6,332), [6,303] ward of the Town of Barry	3	6,332	2,111	18%	6,303	2,101	13%	7,820
13	Llandough	The Communities of Llandough and Cwrtyrala (1,801), [2,334]	1	1,801	1,801	1%	2,334	2,334	25%	2,127
14	Llandow	The Communities of Colwinston and Llangan (1,111), [1,116], and Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes (1,420), [1,770]	1	2,531	2,531	42%	2,886	2,886	55%	2,128
15	Llantwit Major	The Town of Llantwit Major (7,577), [7,623]	4	7,577	1,894	6%	7,623	1,906	2%	9,880
16	Peterston-super-ely	The Communities of Pendoylan and Welsh St Donats (807), [850], Peterston and St Georges (934), [943]	1	1,741	1,741	-2%	1,793	1,793	-4%	1,973
17	Plymouth	The Plymouth (4,548), [4,586] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,548	2,274	28%	4,586	2,293	23%	5,703
18	Rhose	The Community of Rhose (5,369), [5,794]	3	5,369	1,790	0%	5,794	1,931	3%	6,812
19	St Athan	The Community of St Athan (3,181), [3,527]	2	3,181	1,591	-11%	3,527	1,764	-6%	4,213
20	St Brides Major	The Communities of Ewenny and St. Brides Major (2,573), [2,588], and St Donats and Wick (1,067), [1,087]	2	3,640	1,820	2%	3,675	1,838	-2%	4,635
21	St Nicholas and Llancafan	The Communities of Llancafan (591), [587], and St Nicholas and Bonvilston (1,207), [1,348]	1	1,798	1,798	1%	1,935	1,935	4%	2,337
22	St Augustine's	The St Augustine's (5,539), [5,554] ward of the Town of Penarth	3	5,539	1,846	4%	5,554	1,851	-1%	6,901
23	Stanwell	The Stanwell (3,393), [3,786] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	3,393	1,697	-5%	3,786	1,893	1%	4,728
24	Sully	The Community of Sully and Lavernock (3,308), [4,138]	2	3,308	1,654	-7%	4,138	2,069	11%	4,728
25	Wenvoe	The Community of Wenvoe (2,155), [2,128]	1	2,155	2,155	21%	2,128	2,128	14%	3,053
26	Waterfront	The Waterfront (3,140), [3,140] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,140	1,570	-12%	3,140	1,570	-16%	N/A
TOTAL:			58	103,359	1,782		108,293	1,867		

THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PROPOSED COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

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5	Cornerswell	The Cornerswell (4,069), [4,120] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,069	2,035	16%	4,120	2,060	12%
6	Cosmeston Plymouth	The Cosmeston (693), [693], and Plymouth (4,548), [4,586] wards of the Town of Penarth	3	5,241	1,747	0%	5,279	1,760	-4%
7	Court	The Court (3,782), [3,894] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,782	1,891	8%	3,894	1,947	6%
8	Cowbridge	The Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian (3,734), [4,074]	2	3,734	1,867	7%	4,074	2,037	11%
9	Dinas Powys	The Community of Dinas Powys (6,367), [6,348]	4	6,367	1,592	-9%	6,348	1,587	-14%
10	Dyfan	The Dyfan (5,485), [5,508] ward of the Town of Barry	3	5,485	1,828	4%	5,508	1,836	0%
11	Gibbonsdown	The Gibbonsdown (3,732), [4,160] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,732	1,866	7%	4,160	2,080	13%
12	Illtud	The Illtyd (6,332), [6,303] ward of the Town of Barry	3	6,332	2,111	20%	6,303	2,101	14%
13	Llandough	The Community of Llandough and Cwrtyrall (1,801), [2,334]	1	1,801	1,801	3%	2,334	2,334	27%
14	Llandow	The Community Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes (1,420), [1,770]	1	1,420	1,420	-19%	1,770	1,770	-4%
15	Llantwit Major	The Town of Llantwit Major (7,577), [7,623]	4	7,577	1,894	8%	7,623	1,906	4%
16	Pen-llin	The Community of Penllyn (1,526), [2,045]	1	1,526	1,526	-13%	2,045	2,045	11%
17	Peterston Super-Ely	The Communities of Pendoylan and Welsh St. Donats (807), [850], Peterston and St Georges (934), [943]	1	1,741	1,741	-1%	1,793	1,793	-2%
18	Y Rhws	The Community of Rhose (5,369), [5,794]	3	5,369	1,790	2%	5,794	1,931	5%
19	St Athan	The Community of St Athan (3,181), [3,527]	2	3,181	1,591	-9%	3,527	1,764	-4%
20	St Brides Major	The Communities of Ewenny and St. Brides Major (2,573), [2,588] St Donats and Wick (1,067), [1,087], and Colwinston and Llangan (1,111), [1,116]	3	4,751	1,584	-10%	4,791	1,597	-13%
21	St Nicolas Llancafarn	The Communities of Llancafarn (591), [587], and St Nicholas and Bonvilston (1,207), [1,348],	1	1,798	1,798	3%	1,935	1,935	5%
22	St Augustine's	The St Augustine's (5,539), [5,554] ward of the Town of Penarth	3	5,539	1,846	5%	5,554	1,851	1%
23	Stanwell	The Stanwell (3,393), [3,786] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	3,393	1,697	-3%	3,786	1,893	3%
24	Sully	The Community of Sully and Lavernock (3,308), [4,138]	2	3,308	1,654	-6%	4,138	2,069	13%
25	Waterfront	The Waterfront (3,140), [3,140] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,140	1,570	-10%	3,140	1,570	-14%
26	Wenvoe	The Community of Wenvoe (2,155), [2,128]	1	2,155	2,155	23%	2,128	2,128	16%
TOTAL:			59	103,359	1,752		108,293	1,835	

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor

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Greater than + or - 50% of County average	2025	2030
Between + or - 20% and + or - 50% of County average	0	0
Between + or - 10% and + or - 20% of County average	2	2
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	5	11
	19	13
		0%
		8%
		42%
		50%

**THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
EXISTING COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP
VARIANCE FROM THE EXISTING COUNTY AVERAGE**

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION As Recommended	No. OF COUNCILLORS (Proposed)	ELECTORATE 2025	Ratio 2025	% variance from proposed County average	ELECTORATE 2030	Ratio 2030	% variance from proposed County average	Population Eligible to Vote
1	Baruc	The Baruc (4,364), [4369] ward of the Town of Barry	3	4,364	1,455	-18%	4,369	1,456	-22%	8,882
2	Buttrills	The Buttrills (3,107), [3,222] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,107	1,554	-13%	3,222	1,611	-14%	6,308
3	Cadoc	The Cadoc (7,080), [7,174] ward of the Town of Barry	4	7,080	1,770	-1%	7,174	1,794	-4%	9,961
4	Castleland	The Castleland (3,367), [3,484] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,367	1,684	-6%	3,484	1,742	-7%	4,928
5	Cornerswell	The Cornerswell (4,069), [4,120] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,069	2,035	14%	4,120	2,060	10%	5,257
6	Cosmeston	The Cosmeston (693), [693] ward of the Town of Penarth	1	693	693	-61%	693	693	-63%	N/A
7	Court	The Court (3,782), [3,894] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,782	1,891	6%	3,894	1,947	4%	4,800
8	Cowbridge	The Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian (3,734), [4,074] and the Community of Penilyn (1,526), [2,045]	3	5,260	1,753	-2%	6,119	2,040	9%	6,789
9	Dinas Powys	The Community of Dinas Powys (6,367), [6,348]	4	6,367	1,592	-11%	6,348	1,587	-15%	8,409
10	Dyfan	The Dyfan (5,485), [5,508] ward of the Town of Barry	3	5,485	1,828	3%	5,508	1,836	-2%	5,608
11	Gibbonsdown	The Gibbonsdown (3,732), [4,160] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,732	1,866	5%	4,160	2,080	11%	5,512
12	Iltyd	The Iltyd (6,332), [6,303] ward of the Town of Barry	3	6,332	2,111	18%	6,303	2,101	13%	7,820
13	Llandough	The Community of Llandough and Cwrtyrall (1,801), [2,334]	1	1,801	1,801	1%	2,334	2,334	25%	2,127
14	Llandow	The Communities of Colwinston and Llangan (1,111), [1,116], and Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes (1,420), [1,770]	1	2,531	2,531	42%	2,886	2,886	55%	2,128
15	Llantwit Major	The Town of Llantwit Major (7,577), [7,623]	4	7,577	1,894	6%	7,623	1,906	2%	9,880
16	Peterston-super-ely	The Communities of Pendoylan and Welsh St. Donats (807), [850], Peterston and St Georges (934), [943]	1	1,741	1,741	-2%	1,793	1,793	-4%	1,973
17	Plymouth	The Plymouth (4,548), [4,586] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,548	2,274	28%	4,586	2,293	23%	5,703
18	Rhose	The Community of Rhose (5,369), [5,794]	3	5,369	1,790	0%	5,794	1,931	3%	6,812
19	St Athan	The Community of St Athan (3,181), [3,527]	2	3,181	1,591	-11%	3,527	1,764	-6%	4,213
20	St Brides Major	The Communities of Ewenny and St. Brides Major (2,573), [2,588], and St Donats and Wick (1,067), [1,087]	2	3,640	1,820	2%	3,675	1,838	-2%	4,635
21	St Nicholas and Llancafarn	The Communities of Llancafarn (591), [587], and St Nicholas and Bonvilston (1,207), [1,348]	1	1,798	1,798	1%	1,935	1,935	4%	2,337
22	St Augustine's	The St Augustine's (5,539), [5,554] ward of the Town of Penarth	3	5,539	1,846	4%	5,554	1,851	-1%	6,901
23	Stanwell	The Stanwell (3,393), [3,786] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	3,393	1,697	-5%	3,786	1,893	1%	4,728
24	Sully	The Community of Sully and Lavernock (3,308), [4,138]	2	3,308	1,654	-7%	4,138	2,069	11%	4,728
25	Wenvoe	The Community of Wenvoe (2,155), [2,128]	1	2,155	2,155	21%	2,128	2,128	14%	3,053
26	Waterfront	The Waterfront (3,140), [3,140] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,140	1,570	-12%	3,140	1,570	-16%	N/A
TOTAL:			58	103,359	1,782		108,293	1,867		

Appendix 1

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor
Electoral figures supplied by the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan Council
Population Eligible to Vote figure provided by ONS (No data held for Cosmeston and Waterfront wards)

	2025	2030
Greater than + or - 50% of County average	1 4%	2 8%
Between + or - 20% and + or - 50% of County average	3 12%	3 12%
Between + or - 10% and + or - 20% of County average	7 27%	8 31%
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	15 58%	13 50%

**THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
PROPOSED COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION As Recommended	No. OF COUNCILLORS (Proposed)	ELECTORATE 2025	Ratio 2025	% variance from proposed County average	ELECTORATE 2030	Ratio 2030	% variance from proposed County average
1	Baruc	The Baruc (4,364), [4369] ward of the Town of Barry	3	4,364	1,455	-17%	4,369	1,456	-21%
2	Buttrills	The Buttrills (3,107), [3,222] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,107	1,554	-11%	3,222	1,611	-12%
3	Cadoc	The Cadoc (7,080), [7,174] ward of the Town of Barry	4	7,080	1,770	1%	7,174	1,794	-2%
4	Castleland	The Castleland (3,367), [3,484] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,367	1,684	-4%	3,484	1,742	-5%
5	Cornerswell	The Cornerswell (4,069), [4,120] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	4,069	2,035	16%	4,120	2,060	12%
6	Cosmeston Plymouth	The Cosmeston (693), [693], and Plymouth (4,548), [4,586] wards of the Town of Penarth	3	5,241	1,747	0%	5,279	1,760	-4%
7	Court	The Court (3,782), [3,894] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,782	1,891	8%	3,894	1,947	6%
8	Cowbridge	The Town of Cowbridge with Llanblethian (3,734), [4,074]	2	3,734	1,867	7%	4,074	2,037	11%
9	Dinas Powys	The Community of Dinas Powys (6,367), [6,348]	4	6,367	1,592	-9%	6,348	1,587	-14%
10	Dyfan	The Dyfan (5,485), [5,508] ward of the Town of Barry	3	5,485	1,828	4%	5,508	1,836	0%
11	Gibbonsdown	The Gibbonsdown (3,732), [4,160] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,732	1,866	7%	4,160	2,080	13%
12	Illtud	The Illtud (6,332), [6,303] ward of the Town of Barry	3	6,332	2,111	20%	6,303	2,101	14%
13	Llandough	The Community of Llandough and Cwrtyrall (1,801), [2,334]	1	1,801	1,801	3%	2,334	2,334	27%
14	Llandow	The Community Llandow, Llanfair and Llanmaes (1,420), [1,770]	1	1,420	1,420	-19%	1,770	1,770	-4%
15	Llantwit Major	The Town of Llantwit Major (7,577), [7,623]	4	7,577	1,894	8%	7,623	1,906	4%
16	Pen-llin	The Community of Penllin (1,526), [2,045]	1	1,526	1,526	-13%	2,045	2,045	11%
17	Peterston Super-Ely	The Communities of Pendoylan and Welsh St. Donats (807), [850], Peterston and St Georges (934), [943]	1	1,741	1,741	-1%	1,793	1,793	-2%
18	Y Rhws	The Community of Rhose (5,369), [5,794]	3	5,369	1,790	2%	5,794	1,931	5%
19	St Athan	The Community of St Athan (3,181), [3,527]	2	3,181	1,591	-9%	3,527	1,764	-4%
20	St Brides Major	The Communities of Ewenny and St. Brides Major (2,573), [2,588], St Donats and Wick (1,067), [1,087], and Colwinston and Llangan (1,111), [1,116]	3	4,751	1,584	-10%	4,791	1,597	-13%
21	St Nicolas Llancafarn	The Communities of Llancafarn (591), [587], and St Nicholas and Bonvilston (1,207), [1,348]	1	1,798	1,798	3%	1,935	1,935	5%
22	St Augustine's	The St Augustine's (5,539), [5,554] ward of the Town of Penarth	3	5,539	1,846	5%	5,554	1,851	1%
23	Stanwell	The Stanwell (3,393), [3,786] ward of the Town of Penarth	2	3,393	1,697	-3%	3,786	1,893	3%
24	Sully	The Community of Sully and Lavernock (3,308), [4,138]	2	3,308	1,654	-6%	4,138	2,069	13%
25	Waterfront	The Waterfront (3,140), [3,140] ward of the Town of Barry	2	3,140	1,570	-10%	3,140	1,570	-14%
26	Wenvoe	The Community of Wenvoe (2,155), [2,128]	1	2,155	2,155	23%	2,128	2,128	16%
TOTAL:			59	103,359	1,752		108,293	1,835	

Appendix 2

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor
Electoral figures supplied by the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan Council

	2025		2030	
Greater than + or - 50% of County average	0	0%	0	0%
Between + or - 20% and + or - 50% of County average	2	8%	2	8%
Between + or - 10% and + or - 20% of County average	5	19%	11	42%
Between 0% and + or - 10% of County average	19	73%	13	50%