ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
COMMITTEE :	County Council
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TITLE OF THE REPORT :	To report on the publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission's final report for the Isle of Anglesey County Council Electoral Arrangements.
REPORT BY:	The Interim Managing Director as Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)
PURPOSE OF REPORT :	The Final Proposals of the Commission have been presented to the Welsh Assembly Government for consideration on 31 August 2010.
ACTION :	The County Council may wish to make further representations concerning the matters in the report and these should be submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government before the 12 October 2010.

Background:

The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (LGBCW) have a duty under section 57 of the Local Government Act 1972 to review the electoral arrangements for every principal council in Wales at intervals of not less than 10 and not more than 15 years for the purpose of considering whether or not to make proposals to the Welsh Assembly Government for a change in those arrangements.

The LGBCW were directed to undertake this periodic review in January 2009 and guidance was provided by the Minister. The Commission gave a presentation to the County and Community Councils during May 2009 and invited proposals.

Draft Proposals were published on 25 January 2010 with an invitation to comment. The Council, and others, subsequently considered the Draft Proposals and made observations earlier this year.

The Final Proposals are now with the Welsh Assembly Government for consideration and there is a final opportunity to comment before the deadline of 5 October 2010. After this deadline the Welsh Assembly Government may make an order giving effect to the proposals made to it by the Commission either as submitted or with modifications. Alternatively it may give notice that it does not propose to give effect to the proposals.

The Final Proposals recommend a County Council of 36 Members representing 31 electoral divisions.

Only 6 of the existing electoral divisions are proposed to be retained: Amlwch Port, Beaumaris, Bodorgan, Brynteg, Llanbedrgoch and Llanidan. The remaining electoral divisions may be changed.

In addition the Final Proposals propose four multi-member electoral divisions in the Holyhead, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll and Menai Bridge areas.

The Final Report is appended to this report.

Recommendation:

As the proposals represent a review of the existing county electoral divisions the Council may wish to consider the Final Proposals and comment on whether they will form the best model of effective and convenient county governance to represent the electors of Ynys Mon for the next 10 to 15 years.

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REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF ISLE OF ANGLESEY

REPORT AND PROPOSALS

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 In accordance with the directions issued by the Minister on 13 January 2009, we, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission), have completed the review of electoral arrangements for the County of Isle of Anglesey and present our Final Proposals for the future electoral arrangements. A glossary of terms used in this report can be found at Appendix 1. In 2009 the County of Isle of Anglesey had an electorate of 50,793. At present it is divided into 40 divisions returning 40 councillors. The average ratio of members to electors for the County is currently 1:1,270. The present electoral arrangements are set out in detail in Appendix 2.

2. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

2.1 We propose a reduction in the council size from 40 to 36 elected members and a change to the arrangement of electoral divisions that will achieve a significant improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County of Isle of Anglesey.

3. SCOPE AND OBJECT OF THE REVIEW

3.1 Section 57 of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) lays upon the Commission the duty, at intervals of not less than 10 and not more than fifteen years, to review the electoral arrangements for every principal area in Wales for the purpose of considering whether or not to make proposals to the Welsh Assembly Government for a change in those electoral arrangements.

3.2 The Minister for Social Justice and Local Government of the Welsh Assembly Government has directed the Commission to submit a report in respect of the review of electoral arrangements for the County of Isle of Anglesey by 30 June 2011.

Electoral Arrangements

3.3 The “electoral arrangements” of a principal area are defined in section 78 of the Act as:

i) the total number of councillors to be elected to the council;

ii) the number and boundaries of electoral divisions;

iii) the number of councillors to be elected for each electoral division; and

iv) the name of any electoral division.

Rules to Be Observed Considering Electoral Arrangements

3.4 We are required by section 78 to comply, so far as is reasonably practicable, with the rules set out in Schedule 11 to the Act. These require the Commission to provide for there to be a single member for each electoral division. However, the Welsh Assembly Government may direct the Commission to consider the desirability of providing for multi-member electoral divisions for the whole or part of a principal area.

3.5 The rules also require that:

Having regard to any change in the number or distribution of local government electors of the principal area likely to take place within the period of five years immediately following consideration of the electoral arrangements:

i) subject to paragraph (ii), the number of local government electors shall be, as nearly as may be, the same in every electoral division in the principal area;

ii) where there are one or more multi-member divisions, the ratio of the number of local government electors to the number of councillors to be elected shall be, as nearly as may be, the same in every electoral division in the principal area (including any that are not multi-member divisions);

iii) every ward of a community having a community council (whether separate or common) shall lie wholly within a single electoral division; and

iv) every community which is not divided into community wards shall lie wholly within a single electoral division.

Subject to these rules, and to those rules referred to in paragraph 3.4, we must have regard to (a) the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable; and (b) any local ties which would be broken by the fixing of any particular boundary.

Minister's Directions

3.6 The Minister has directed that the Commission shall consider the desirability of multi member electoral divisions in each county and county borough council in Wales.

3.7 The Minister has also given the following directions to the Commission for their guidance in conducting the review:

(a) it is considered that a minimum number of 30 councillors is required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or county borough council;

(b) it is considered that, in order to minimise the risk of a county council or a county borough council becoming unwieldy and difficult to manage, a maximum number of 75 councillors is ordinarily required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or a county borough council;

(c) it is considered that the aim should be to achieve electoral divisions with a councillor to electorate ratio no lower than 1:1,750;

(d) it is considered that decisions to alter the existing pattern of multi and single member electoral divisions should only be taken where such proposals for alteration are broadly supported by the electorate in so far as their views can be obtained in fulfilment of the consultation requirement contained in Section 60 of the Act; and

(e) It is considered that the Commission shall, when conducting reviews under Part 4 of the Act, comply with paragraph 1A of Schedule 11 to the Act that is, the Rules.

The full text of the Directions is at Appendix 4. The Directions were further confirmed in a letter from the Minister on 12 May 2009. A copy of this letter follows the Directions at Appendix 4.

Local Government Changes

3.8 Since the last review of electoral arrangements there has been one change to local government boundaries in Isle of Anglesey: The County of the Isle of Anglesey (Holyhead, Trearddur, Cwm Cadnant, Penmynydd, Pentraeth, and Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf Communities) Order 2009. This Order made consequential changes to the boundaries of electoral divisions in these areas.

3.9 The Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon/ Isle of Anglesey County Council review of electoral arrangements (Tysilio and Cadnant Wards Menai Bridge and Llangefni Town Council) Order 1998 made changes to the boundary between the Cadnant and Tysilio wards of The Community of Menai Bridge. These two wards respectively formed the Cadnant and Tysilio electoral divisions so, because of this change, since 1988 there has been an anomaly between the boundary of The Community wards and the boundary of the electoral divisions (a discrepancy of a total of 12 electors). A map showing this boundary anomaly is at Appendix 5. In our consideration of the electoral arrangements we will aim to remove this anomaly in accordance with the Rules (see paragraph 3.5.iii above).

Procedure

3.10 Section 60 of the Act lays down procedural guidelines which are to be followed in carrying out a review. In compliance with Section 60 of the Act we wrote on 20 April 2009 to Isle of Anglesey County Council, all the Community councils in the area, the Assembly Members and Member of Parliament for the local constituency, and other interested parties to inform them of our intention to conduct the review, to request their preliminary views and to provide a copy of the Welsh Assembly Government's directions to the Commission. We invited the County Council to submit a suggested scheme or schemes for new electoral arrangements. We also

publicised our intention to conduct the review in local newspapers circulating in the County and asked Isle of Anglesey County Council to display a number of public notices in their area. We also made available copies of our electoral reviews guidance booklet. In addition we made a presentation to both County and Community councillors explaining the review process.

4. DRAFT PROPOSALS

4.1 Prior to the formulation of our draft proposals we received representations from Isle of Anglesey County Council; Menai Bridge Town Council, Tref Alaw Community Council; County Councillor HE Jones (Llanidan), County Councillor K Evans (Cadnant), and County Councillor R Llewellyn Jones (Porthyfelin); and one other resident. These representations were taken into consideration and summarised in our Draft Proposals published on 25 January 2010. The following is a summary of our Draft Proposals.

Aberffraw and Bryngwran

4.2 The existing Aberffraw electoral division consists of the Community of Aberffraw (528 electors, 554 projected) and the Maelog (567 electors, 595 projected) ward of the Community of Llanfaelog with a total of 1,095 electors (1,150 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Bryngwran electoral division consists of the Community of Bryngwran (593 electors, 623 projected) and the Community of Trewalchmai (755 electors, 793 projected) with a total of 1,348 electors (1,415 projected) represented by one councillor which is 6% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.3 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Deheuol 390 (410) and Gogleddol 88 (92) wards of the Community of Aberffraw, the Llanbeulan ward of the Community of Bryngwran 133 (140) and the Community of Trewalchmai 755 (793) to form an electoral division with a total of 1,366 electors (1,435 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result a level of representation of 1,366 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement, combined with the proposal for the **Llanfair-yn-Neubwll** electoral division (see 4.27 below), would improve the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Aberffraw** for the proposed electoral division.

Amlwch Rural and Llaneilian

4.4 The existing Amlwch Rural electoral division consists of the Rural ward of the Community of Amlwch with 978 electors (1,027 projected) represented by one councillor which is 23% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llaneilian electoral division consists of the Community of Llaneilian and the Community of Rhosybol with 1,806 electors (1,896 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.5 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Rural (978 electors, 1,027 projected) ward of the Community of Amlwch with the Eilian Ward (429

electors, 450 projected) of the Community of Llaneilian to form an electoral division with a total of 1,407 electors (1,459 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1:1,407 that is 3% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Amlwch Rural** for the proposed electoral division.

Bodffordd and Llanfair-yn-Neubwll

4.6 The existing Bodffordd electoral division consists of the Community of Bodffordd (793 electors, 833 projected) and the Cerrigceinwen (430 electors, 452 projected) ward of the Community of Llangristiolus with a total of 1,223 electors (1,284 projected) represented by one councillor which is 4% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfair-yn-Neubwll electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfair-yn-Neubwll (1,018 electors, 1,069 projected) and the Community of Bodedern (790 electors, 830 projected) with a total of 1,808 electors (1,898 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.7 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the adjoining communities of Bodffordd and Bodedern to form an electoral division with a total of 1,583 electors (1,663 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, will result in a level of representation of 1,583 electors per councillor which is 9% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement, combined with the proposal for the **Llanfair-yn-Neubwll** electoral division (see 4.27 below), would improve the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Bodffordd** for the proposed electoral division.

Braint and Cadnant

4.8 The existing Braint electoral division consists of the Braint ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll with 1,151 electors (1,209 projected) represented by one councillor which is 9% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Cadnant electoral division consists of the **former** Cadnant[1] ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 819 electors (860 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.9 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Braint ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll and the Cadnant ward of the Community of Menai Bridge. This would form an electoral division with a total of 3,213 electors (3,374 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, will result in a level of representation of 1,607 electors per councillor which is 11% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Braint** for the proposed electoral division.

[1] Community wards as they existed prior to the Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon/ Isle of Anglesey County Council review of electoral arrangements (Tysilio and Cadnant Wards Menai Bridge and Llangefni Town Council) Order 1998

Cefni and Bodffordd

4.10 The existing Cefni electoral division consists of the Cefni ward of the Community of Llangefni with 1,130 electors (1,187 projected) represented by one councillor which is 11% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Bodffordd electoral division consists of the Community of Bodffordd (793 electors, 833 projected) and the Cerrigceinwen (430 electors, 452 projected) ward of the Community of Llangristiolus with a total of 1,223 electors (1,284 projected) represented by one councillor which is 4% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.11 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Cefni ward of the Community of Llangefni and the Cerrigceinwen ward of the Community of Llangristiolus to form an electoral division with a total of 1,560 electors (1,639 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,560 electors per councillor which is 7% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Cefni** for the proposed electoral division.

Cyngar and Llanddyfnan

4.12 The existing Cyngar electoral division consists of the Cyngar ward of the Community of Llangefni with 1,483 electors (1,557 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) and Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,102 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.13 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Cyngar ward of the Community of Llangefni with the Llangwyllog (94 electors, 99 projected) and Tregaean (57 electors, 60 projected) wards of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form an electoral division with a total of 1,634 electors (1,716 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation which is 13% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Cyngar** for the proposed electoral division.

Holyhead Electoral Divisions

Holyhead Town, Porthyfelin and Parc-a'r-Mynydd

4.14 The existing Holyhead Town electoral division consists of the Town ward of the community of Holyhead with 646 electors (678 projected) represented by one councillor which is 49% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Porthyfelin electoral division consists of the Porthyfelin ward of the community of Holyhead with 1,511 electors (1,587 projected) represented by one councillor which is 19% above the current county average of

1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Parc-a'r-Mynydd electoral division consists of the Parc-a'r-Mynydd ward of the community of Holyhead with 915 electors (961 projected) represented by one councillor which is 28% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.15 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining these three electoral divisions in a proposed new electoral division with a total of 3,072 electors (3,226 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,536 electors per councillor which is 6% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We noted that these divisions adjoin each other within a single developed area. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Holyhead Town** for the proposed electoral division.

Morawelon, London Road, Kingsland and Maeshyfryd

4.16 The existing Morawelon electoral division consists of the Morawelon ward of the Community of Holyhead with 937 electors (984 projected) represented by one councillor which is 26% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Kingsland electoral division consists of the Kingsland ward of the Community of Holyhead with 995 electors (1,045 projected) represented by one councillor which is 22% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing London Road electoral division consists of the London Road ward of the Community of Holyhead with 900 electors (945 projected) represented by one councillor which is 29% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Maeshyfryd electoral division consists of the Maeshyfryd ward of the Community of Holyhead with 1,446 electors (1,518 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.17 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Holyhead Community wards of Morawelon, London Road, Kingsland, and Maeshyfryd to form an electoral division with a total of 4,278 electors (4,492 projected) which, if represented by three councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,426 electors per councillor which is 2% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We noted that these divisions adjoin each other within a single developed area. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Morawelon** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanbadrig, Mechell and Llanerchymedd

4.18 The existing Llanbadrig electoral division consists of the Community of Llanbadrig with 1,027 electors (1,078 projected) represented by one councillor which is 19% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Mechell electoral division consists of the Community of Mechell with 985 electors (1,034 projected) represented by one councillor which is 7% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanerchymedd electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanerchymedd (985 electors, 1,034 projected) and Tref Alaw (423 electors, 444 projected) with a total of 1,408

electors (1,478 projected) and the Llanfairynghornwy (201 electors, 211 projected) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn represented by one councillor which is 11% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.19 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Llanbadrig with the adjoining Carreg-Iefn ward (201 electors, 211 projected) of the Community of Mechell and the adjoining Llanbabo ward (55 electors, 58 projected) of the Community of Tref Alaw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,283 electors (1,347 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,283 electors per councillor which is 12% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement, combined with the proposal for the **Llanerchymedd and Tref Alaw** electoral division (4.32 below), improve the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llanbadrig** for the electoral division.

Cwm Cadnant

4.20 The existing Cwm Cadnant electoral division consists of the Community of Cwm Cadnant with 1,755 electors (1,843 projected) represented by one councillor which is 38% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.21 In our Draft Proposals report we considered creating an electoral division consisting of just the Llandegfan ward of the Community of Cwm Cadnant. This will result in an electoral division with a total of 1,457 electors (1,530 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation which is less than 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llandegfan** for the electoral division.

Llaneilian

4.22 The existing Llaneilian electoral division consists of the Community of Llaneilian (926 electors, 972 projected) and the Community of Rhosybol (880 electors, 924 projected) with a total of 1,806 electors (1,896 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.23 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the community of Rhosybol with only the Llwyfo ward (497 electors, 522 projected) of the Community of Llaneilian to form an electoral division with a total of 1,377 electors (1,446 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, will result in a level of representation of 1,377 electors per councillor which is 5% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llaneilian** for the electoral division.

Llanfaethlu and Valley

4.24 The existing Llanfaethlu electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfachraeth (458 electors, 481 projected), the Community of Llanfaethlu (426 electors, 447 projected) and the Llanrhuddlad ward (385 electors, 404 projected) of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn with a total of 1,269 electors (1,332 projected) represented by one councillor which is very close to the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Valley electoral division consists of the Community of Valley with 1,707 electors (1,707 projected) represented by one councillor which is 34% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.25 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Communities of Llanfachraeth and Llanfaethlu with the Gorad ward (640 electors, 672 projected) of the Community of Valley to form a new electoral division with a total of 1,524 electors (1,601 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,524 electors per councillor which is 5% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llanfaethlu** for the electoral division.

Llanfair-yn-Neubwll and Bryngwran

4.26 The existing Llanfair-yn-Neubwll electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfair-yn-Neubwll (1,018 electors, 1,069 projected) and the Community of Bodedern (790 electors, 830 projected) with a total of 1,808 electors (1,898 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Bryngwran electoral division consists of the Community of Bryngwran (460 electors, 483 projected) and the Community of Trewalchmai (755 electors, 793 projected) with a total of 1,348 electors (1,415 projected) represented by one councillor which is 6% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.27 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Llanfair-yn-Neubwll and the Bryngwran ward (460 electors, 483 projected) of the Community of Bryngwran to form an electoral division with a total of 1,478 electors (1,552 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,478 electors per councillor which is 2% above the proposed county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement, combined with the proposals for the **Aberffraw** electoral division (4.3 above) and the **Bodffordd** electoral division (4.7 above), improves the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llanfair-yn-Neubwll** for the electoral division.

Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and Rhosyr

4.28 The existing Llanfihangel Ysceifiog electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog (1,193 electors, 1,253 projected), and the Community of Penmynydd (327 electors, 343 projected) with a total of 1,520 electors (1,596 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% above the current county

average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Rhosyr electoral division consists of the Community of Rhosyr with 1,733 electors (1,820 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.29 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and the Llangaffo ward (266 electors, 279 projected) of the Community of Rhosyr. This would form an electoral division with a total of 1,459 electors (1,532 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, will result in a level of representation of 1,459 electors per councillor which is 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llanfihangel Ysceifiog** for the electoral division.

Llangoed and Pentraeth

4.30 The existing Llangoed electoral division consists of the Community of Llangoed (1,022 electors, 1,073 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor and 42% below 1,750 electors per councillor. The existing Pentraeth electoral division consists of the Community of Pentraeth (913 electors, 959 projected) and the Community of Llanddona (524 electors, 550 projected) with a total of 1,437 electors (1,509 projected) represented by one councillor which is 13% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.31 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Communities of Llanddona and Llangoed to form an electoral division with a total of 1,546 electors (1,663 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,546 electors per councillor which is 7% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Llangoed** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanerchymedd

4.32 The existing Llanerchymedd electoral division consists of the Community of Llanerchymedd (985 electors, 1,034 projected) and the Community of Tref Alaw (423 electors, 444 projected) with a total of 1,408 electors (1,478 projected) represented by one councillor which is 4% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.33 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Llanerchymedd and the Llanddeusant (241 electors, 253 projected), Llechcynfarnwy (47 electors, 49 projected) and Llantrisant (80 electors, 84 projected) wards of the Community of Tref Alaw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,353 electors (1,421 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,353 electors per councillor which is 7% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We put this forward as a proposal. We considered that this arrangement improves the

overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We proposed the name **Llanerchymedd and Tref Alaw** for the electoral division.

Mechell and Llanfaethlu

4.34 The existing Mechell electoral division consists of the Llanfechell ward (984 electors, 1,033 projected) of the Community of Mechell and the Llanfairynghornwy ward (201 electors, 211 projected) of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn with a total of 1,185 electors (1,244 projected) represented by one councillor which is 7% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfaethlu electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfachraeth (458 electors, 481 projected), the Community of Llanfaethlu (426 electors, 447 projected) and the Llanrhuddlad ward (385 electors, 404 projected) of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn with a total of 1,269 electors (1,332 projected) represented by one councillor which is very close to the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.35 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Llanfechell ward (783 electors, 822 projected) of the Community of Mechell and the Community of Cylch-y-Garn (586 electors, 615 projected) to form an electoral division with a total of 1,369 electors (1,437 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,369 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We proposed the name **Mechell** for the electoral division.

Moelfre and Llanddyfnan

4.36 The existing Moelfre electoral division consists of the Community of Moelfre with 860 electors (903 projected) represented by one councillor which is 32% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Community of Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) and the Community of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,101 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.37 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Moelfre and the Llanfihangel Tre'r-Beirdd ward (200 electors, 210 projected) of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form an electoral division with a total of 1,275 electors (1,339 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,275 electors per councillor which is 12% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Moelfre** for the electoral division.

Pentraeth, Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and Cwm Cadnant

4.38 The existing Pentraeth electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddona (524 electors, 550 projected) and Pentraeth (913 electors, 959 projected) with a total of 1,437 electors (1,509 projected) represented by one councillor which is 13% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing

Cwm Cadnant electoral division consists of the Community of Cwm Cadnant with 1,755 electors (1,843 projected) represented by one councillor which is 38% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfihangel Ysceifiog electoral division consists of the Community of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog (1,193 electors, 1,253 projected) and the Community of Penmynydd (327 electors, 343 projected) with a total of 1,520 electors (1,596 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.39 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Communities of Pentraeth and Penmynydd and the Llansadwrn ward (298 electors, 313 projected) of the Community of Cwm Cadnant to form an electoral division with a total of 1,538 electors (1,615 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,538 electors per councillor which is 6% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Pentraeth** for the electoral division.

Rhosneigr and Aberffraw

4.40 The existing Rhosneigr electoral division consists of the Rhosneigr ward of the Community of Llanfaelog with 748 electors (785 projected) represented by one councillor which is 41% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Aberffraw electoral division consists of the Community of Aberffraw (528 electors, 554 projected) and the Maelog ward (567 electors, 595 projected) of the Community of Llanfaelog with a total of 1,095 electors (1,150 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.41 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Community of Llanfaelog (1,315 electors, 1,381 projected) and the Llangwyfan ward (50 electors, 53 projected) of the Community of Aberffraw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,365 electors (1,433 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,365 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Rhosneigr** for the electoral division.

Rhosyr

4.42 The existing Rhosyr electoral division consists of the Community of Rhosyr with 1,733 electors, 1,820 projected) represented by one councillor with a ratio of 1,733 electors per councillor which is 36% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.43 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Rhosyr Community wards of Llangeinwen (658 electors, 691 projected) and Newborough (809 electors, 849 projected) to form an electoral division with a total of 1,467 electors (1,540 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation which is 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451

electors per councillor. We considered that this proposal improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Rhosyr** for the electoral division.

Trearddur

4.44 The existing Trearddur electoral division consists of the Community of Trearddur (1,307 electors, 1,372 projected) and the Community of Rhoscolyn (459 electors, 482 projected) with a total of 1,766 electors (1,854 projected) represented by one councillor which is 39% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.45 In our Draft Proposals report we considered including only the Community of Trearddur in the electoral division with a total of 1,307 electors (1,372 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation which is 10% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Trearddur** for the electoral division.

Tudur and Llanddyfnan

4.46 The existing Tudur electoral division consists of the Tudur ward of the Community of Llangefni with 898 electors (943 projected) represented by one councillor which is 29% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor and 49% below 1,750 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Community of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) and the Community of Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,101 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.47 In our Draft Proposals report we considered combining the Tudur ward of the Community of Llangefni and the Llanddyfnan ward (483 electors, 507 projected) of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form a new electoral division with a total of 1,381 electors (1,450 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,381 electors per councillor which is 5% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Tudur** for the electoral division.

Tysilio

4.48 The existing Tysilio electoral division consists of the **former** Tysilio[2] ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 1,484 electors (1,558 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.49 In our Draft Proposals report we considered forming an electoral division that consists of the current Tysilio ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 1,484 electors (1,558 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a

[2] Community wards as they existed prior to the Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon/ Isle of Anglesey County Council review of electoral arrangements (Tysilio and Cadnant Wards Menai Bridge and Llangefni Town Council) Order 1998

level of representation of 1,583 electors per councillor that is 2% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor and removes the anomaly mentioned above (see 3.9). We put this forward as a proposal. We suggested retaining the name **Tysilio** for the electoral division.

Valley and Trearddur

4.50 The existing Valley electoral division consists of the Community of Valley with 1,707 electors (1,793 projected) represented by one councillor with which is 34% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Trearddur electoral division consists of the Community of Trearddur (1,307 electors, 1,372 projected) and the Community of Rhoscolyn (459 electors, 482 projected) with a total of 1,766 electors (1,854 projected) represented by one councillor which is 39% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

4.51 In our Draft Proposals report we considered forming a new electoral division by combining the Llangynhenedl (68 electors, 71 projected), Village (643 electors, 675 projected) and West (356 electors, 372 projected) wards of the Community of Valley and the Community of Rhoscolyn with a total of 1,526 electors (1,600 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,526 electors per councillor that is 5% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We considered that this arrangement improves the overall electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We suggested the name **Valley** for the electoral division.

4.52 In all of our proposed changes to the electoral arrangements we suggested names for the electoral divisions. We welcomed any suggestions for alternative names.

Summary of Draft Proposals

4.53 Our Draft Proposals recommended a council of 35 members and 30 electoral divisions. We considered that these arrangements provide for effective and convenient local government and met in principle the directions provided by the Welsh Assembly Government.

4.54 Copies of the Draft Proposals were sent to all the councils, bodies and individuals referred to in paragraph 2.8 seeking their views. A copy was also sent to anyone who had submitted preliminary comments. By public notice we also invited any other organisation or person with an interest in the review to submit their views. Copies of the Draft Proposals were made available for inspection at the offices of Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Commission.

5. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT PROPOSALS

5.1 In response to our Draft Proposals report we received representations from Eleanor Burnham AM; County Councillor K. Evans (Cadnant), County Councillor H.E. Jones (Llanidan), County Councillor G.O. Jones Llanfair-yn-Neubwll; Bodedern Community Council, Cwm Cadnant Community Council; Holyhead Town Council, Llanfaelog Community Council; Llanfair-yn-Neubwll Community Council;

Llanddyfnan Community Council; Llanidan Community Council; Menai Bridge Town Council; Pentraeth Community Council, Rhoscolyn Community Council, Rhosybol Community Council, Tref Alaw Community Council, Trewalchmai Community Council, Valley Community Council and seven residents and other interested parties. A summary of these representations can be found at Appendix 6.

5.2 The Commission met with representatives of the Anglesey Committee of OneVoice Wales on 29 April and with the Group Leaders of the Isle of Anglesey County Council on 30 April 2010 to further discuss the proposals contained in the Draft Report.

6. ASSESSMENT

Request for Boundary Change

6.1. Before considering the electoral arrangements for the County of Isle of Anglesey, we would like to respond to the representations that asked the Commission to undertake a review of community and of community ward boundaries. It is evident from these requests that some uncertainty exists about the appropriate machinery for effecting such reviews. We wish to set out the statutory position.

6.2. The Commission completed their programme of Special Community Reviews for the whole of Wales in 1983 and since that time it has been the principal councils' responsibility to keep the Community structure under review. Section 55(2) of the Act requires each principal council in Wales to keep the whole of their area under review for the purpose of considering whether to make recommendations to the Commission for the constitution of new communities, the abolition of communities or the alteration of communities in their area. The Commission consider the principal council's proposals and report to the Welsh Assembly Government who may, if it thinks fit, by order give effect to any of the proposals.

6.3. Under Section 57(4) of the Act, the principal councils also have a duty to keep under review the electoral arrangements for the communities within their areas, for the purpose of considering whether to make substantive changes. The principal councils must also consider requests for changes made by a community council or by not less than thirty local government electors of a community and, if they think fit, make an order giving effect to those changes. Therefore the boundaries of communities and community wards are a matter for the principal council to consider in the first instance.

Councillor to electorate ratio

6.4. The Minister's directions include the following at 3.7 (a): "It is considered that the aim should be to achieve electoral divisions with a councillor to electorate ratio no lower than 1:1,750." The Minister has indicated to the Commission that this means that the number of electors per councillor should not normally fall below 1,750, and this is how the Commission has interpreted and applied the Direction. We bear very much in mind that the directions are provided as guidance and should not be applied without regard to the special circumstances of the particular area: there may well be circumstances, having to do with topography or population etc of the area where it will be considered that an electoral division of fewer than 1,750

electors to be represented by each councillor is appropriate. This was explained in the letter from the Minister (Appendix 4) which stated: "This means that the ratio remains as the aim to be worked towards and not as a goal to be achieved in each case. In doing so attention should be paid to local communities having their own identifiable representation even where the indicative figure of 1,750 electors/ councillor is not always achievable". In the absence of special circumstances we will aim to propose electoral arrangements in which the level of representation does not fall below 1,750 electors per councillor. We are not constrained in the same way by this direction from proposing electoral arrangement in which the number of electors to be represented by each councillor is, in appropriate cases, higher than 1,750. Throughout this review we will keep the ratio of 1:1,750 very much in mind, and will not normally think it necessary to refer to it expressly in every case.

Council Size

6.5. At present the size of the council at 40 members is within the numerical limits advised in the Minister's direction. The current member to electorate ratio for the council is 1:1,270 which is 28% below 1,750 electors per councillor (see Councillor to electorate ratio above). There are currently no multi-member divisions.

6.6. We reviewed the electoral arrangements for the County of Isle of Anglesey in the light of the Welsh Assembly Government's directions for our guidance and took account of the representations which had been made to us. In our deliberations we considered the ratio of the number of local government electors to the number of councillors to be elected, with a view to ensuring that the number of local government electors shall be, as nearly as may be, the same in every division in the principal area. We looked at the present single member divisions to consider if we should recommend the creation of multi-member divisions. We considered the size and character of the authority and a wide range of other factors including population density, the local topography, road communications and local ties.

6.7. For the reasons given below we believe that in the interests of effective and convenient local government a council size of 36 would be appropriate to represent the County of Isle of Anglesey. This determination of the council size results in an average of 1,411 electors being represented by each councillor.

Number of Electors

6.8. The numbers shown as the electorate for 2009 are those supplied to us by the Isle of Anglesey County Council. The Council supplied the estimates for the electorate in the year 2014 on the basis of electoral divisions. We have broken these figures down further to community and community ward level by apportioning the numbers on the basis of the existing breakdown of community and community wards. These figures were agreed with the Council. The projected figures show a potential rise in the electorate of 2,540 from 50,793 to 53,333.

Electoral Divisions

6.9. As noted at 6.5 above there are currently no multi-member electoral divisions within the County. Our Draft Proposals however proposed three multi-member electoral divisions in the Holyhead, Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll and Menai Bridge areas. This was

because of the constraints of using the existing communities and community wards as the building blocks whilst wishing to improve the electoral parity in these areas. We have noted the strong desire of the Isle of Anglesey County Council to maintain a structure based wholly on single-member divisions and their wish for a future review of the communities and community wards in the Holyhead, Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll and Menai Bridge areas, with a view to their rationalisation in a way which would provide for a return to single-member divisions. We will provide whatever practical assistance we can to the Council for any future reviews they wish to undertake. Our Final Proposals, therefore, suggest the establishment of the four multi-member divisions as described below.

6.10. We considered the boundaries of the existing electoral divisions of **Amlwch Port**, **Beaumaris**, **Bodorgan**, **Brynteg**, **Llanbedrgoch** and **Llanidan** and the ratio and number of local government electors to the number of councillors to be elected and we propose that the existing arrangements should continue. We considered changes to the remaining electoral divisions. Details of the current electoral arrangements for the area can be found at Appendix 2.

6.11. In our consideration of changes to the existing electoral divisions we have noted the representations that have been received from several interested persons and groups that made general comments on our Draft Proposals. Objections were made that the overall effect of our Draft Proposals was to introduce multi-member electoral divisions and to further combine disparate communities. We have given careful consideration to these representations and supporting evidence and local knowledge when considering our final proposals. We have considered that the current arrangements in Menai Bridge and Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll are very unsatisfactory, and that changes are necessary to secure that the local electorate are properly represented - which means achieving improved electoral parity. We note that consideration has been given to carrying out in the future a community review to remove an anomaly between community and electoral boundaries. It was for these reasons, and particularly electoral parity, that we proposed the establishment of multi-member divisions, but we received representations from these areas opposing the formation of multi member divisions. We have given these representations very careful consideration and have attempted in our final proposals to reflect the demographic make-up and population density of the principal area. We have adhered to our draft proposals (and proposed multi-member divisions) and only where it has seemed to us that the improvement is less significant or is outweighed by the counter-arguments, have we amended our proposals.

6.12. In the following section the proposals for each of the new Electoral Divisions are laid out in the same way. The first part of the initial paragraph for each of these gives a historical context by listing all the existing Electoral Divisions or their component parts used to construct each proposed Electoral Division. These components - the Communities and Community Wards - are described as a complete Community together with its current and projected electorates if it was used as such. If only part of a Community is used - ie a Community Ward - then the name of that Community Ward, its electorate figures, and the name of its Community will be shown as such.
The final part of that paragraph in each section then lists the component parts of the proposed new Electoral Division in the same way - either as whole

Communities with current and projected electorates, or as a named Community Ward, its electorate figures and the name of its Community - as before. This method of describing the make-up of Electoral Divisions is also used in the tables at Appendix 2 and 3.

Amlwch Rural and Llaneilian

6.13. The existing Amlwch Rural electoral division consists of the Rural ward of the Community of Amlwch (978 electors, 1,027 projected) represented by one councillor which is 23% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llaneilian electoral division consists of the Community of Llaneilian (926 electors, 972 projected) and the Community of Rhosybol (880 electors, 924 projected) with a total of 1,806 electors (1,896 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed forming an Amlwch Rural electoral division by combining the Rural ward of the Community of Amlwch and the Eilian ward of the Community of Llaneilian to form an electoral division with a total of 1,407 electors (1,477 projected) represented by one councillor with a level of representation of 1,407 electors per councillor which was 3% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.14. We received an objection to this proposal from Rhosybol Community Council on the grounds that the Village of Penysarn will be bisected by the proposals. We note that the village of Penysarn is currently bisected by the boundary between the Llwyfo and Eilian wards of the Community of Llaneilian. We have noted the concern that the whole of the village of Penysarn ought to be in the same electoral area and we are of the view that this matter should be considered by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in a review of the electoral arrangements of the community which is the only way to rectify the situation. We have considered both the existing electoral arrangements in the area and alternative combinations of the communities and community wards but we have been unable to identify alternative arrangements that deliver anything like the improvements in electoral parity offered by our proposal. A future review of the electoral arrangements of the Community by the County Council may then rectify the anomaly of the bi-section of the village of Penysarn. Our understanding of the small number of electors involved is such that we consider it would not significantly affect our proposal.

6.15. We have noted the concern about the above but we remain however of the view that the proposed **Amlwch Rural** electoral division would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal.

Bodffordd and Llanfair-yn-Neubwll

6.16. The existing Bodffordd electoral division consists of the Community of Bodffordd (793 electors, 833 projected) and the Cerrigceinwen ward of The Community of Llangristiolus (430 electors, 452 projected) with a total of 1,223 electors (1,284 projected) represented by one councillor which is 4% below the current county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfair-yn-Neubwll electoral division consists of the Community of Bodedern (790 electors, 830 projected) and the Community of Llanfair-yn-Neubwll (1,018 electors, 1,069 projected) with a total

of 1,808 electors (1,898 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed forming an electoral division that combines the Community of Bodedern and the Community of Bodffordd to form an electoral division with a total of 1,583 electors (1,663 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,583 electors per councillor which is 9% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.17. We noted the representation from Bodedern Community Council that they should not be joined with Bodffordd. We consider that existing arrangements do not provide satisfactory electoral parity and need to change and so we have considered both the existing electoral arrangements in the area and alternative combinations of the communities and community wards but have been unable to identify arrangements that provide an improved level of electoral parity over our draft proposal. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we make this proposal. We accede to Bodedern Community Council's suggestion and propose the name **Bodedern and Bodffordd** for the proposed electoral division.

Cefni and Bodffordd

6.18. The existing Cefni electoral division consists of the Cefni ward of the Community of Llangefni (1,130 electors, 1,187 projected) with a total of 1,130 electors (1,187 projected) represented by one councillor which is 11% below the current county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. The existing Bodffordd electoral division consists of the Community of Bodffordd (793 electors, 833 projected) and the Cerrigceinwen ward of the Community of Llangristiolus (430 electors, 452 projected) represented by one councillor with a total of 1,223 electors (1,284 projected) which is 4% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed combining the Cefni ward of the Community of Llangefni and the Cerrigceinwen ward of the Community of Llangristiolus to form an electoral division with a total of 1,560 electors (1,639 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,560 electors per councillor which is 7% above the draft proposal county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.19. We received no representation in regard to this proposal. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Cefni** for the proposed electoral division.

Braint, Gwyngyll and Cadnant

6.20. The existing Braint electoral division consists of the Braint ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll with 1,151 electors (1,209 projected) represented by one councillor which is 9% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Gwyngyll electoral division consists of the Gwyngyll ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll with 1,243 electors (1,305 projected) represented by one councillor which is 2% below the current county average of

1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Cadnant electoral division consists of the Cadnant[3] ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 819 electors, (860 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested an electoral division combining the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll with 1,151 electors (1,209 projected) and Cadnant 819 (860) ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 3,213 electors (3,374 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,607 electors per councillor which is 11% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.21. Our Draft Proposals referred to the areas concerned as being a single developed area which is not the case. Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll is separated from Menai Bridge by open fields and connected by two main roads. We noted the representations from Councillor Evans and Menai Bridge Town Council that objected to the proposed merger with Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll on these grounds. Councillor Evans asked the Commission to consider instead the alternative arrangement of a temporary merging of the Cadnant and Tysilio wards of the Community of Menai Bridge along with a similar arrangement for the Braint and Gwyngyll wards of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll until a review of the community arrangements in Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll and Menai Bridge could take place and single-member representation re-instated if appropriate.

6.22. We have noted the concern about the above and considered these issues. Our proposal, therefore, is to combine the Gwyngyll (1,243 electors, 1,405 projected), and the Braint (1,151 electors, 1,209 projected) wards of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll to form an electoral division with a total of 2,394 electors (2,514 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,197 electors per councillor which is 15% below the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor.

6.23. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Gwyngyll** for the proposed electoral division.

Tysilio

6.24. The existing Tysilio electoral division consists of the Tysilio[4] ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 1,484 electors (1,558 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Cadnant electoral division consists of the Cadnant[5] ward of the Community of Menai Bridge with 819 electors, (860 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested an electoral division consisting only of combining the Tysilio ward of the Community of Menai Bridge - with 1,484 electors (1,558 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,484 electors per councillor which is 2% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

[3, 4, 5,] Community wards as they existed prior to the Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon/ Isle of Anglesey County Council review of electoral arrangements (Tysilio and Cadnant Wards Menai Bridge and Llangefni Town Council) Order 1998

6.25. Our Draft Proposals referred to the areas concerned as being a single developed area which is not the case. Menai Bridge is separated from Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll by open fields and connected by two main roads. We noted the representations from Menai Bridge Town Council and from Councillor Evans - referred to in paragraph 6.21 - that objected to the proposed merger with Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll on these grounds. The representations asked the Commission instead to consider the alternative arrangement of a temporary merging of the Cadnant and Tysilio wards of the Community of Menai Bridge along with a similar arrangement for the Braint and Gwyngyll wards of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll until a review of the community arrangements in Menai Bridge could take place and single-member representation re-instated if appropriate.

6.26. We have noted the concern about the above and considered these issues. Our proposal, therefore, is to combine the Tysilio and Cadnant wards of the Community of Menai Bridge to form an electoral division with a total of 2,303 electors (2,418 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,152 electors per councillor which is 18% below the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor. We consider that this arrangement would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Menai Bridge** for the proposed electoral division.

Cwm Cadnant

6.27. The existing Cwm Cadnant electoral division consists of The Community of Cwm Cadnant (1,755 electors, 1,843 projected) with a total of 1,755 electors (1,843 projected) represented by one councillor which is 38% above the current county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed an electoral division comprising only the Llandegfan ward of The Community of Cwm Cadnant which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,457 electors per councillor which is less than 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,411 electors per councillor. We received no representations in regard to this proposal, save as to the proposed name.

6.28. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We noted that in their representation that Cwm Cadnant Community Council suggested the name **Cwm Cadnant** be put forward for the proposed electoral division. We therefore propose the name **Cwm Cadnant** for the proposed electoral division.

Cyngar and Llanddyfnan

6.29. The existing Cyngar electoral division consists of the Cyngar ward of the Community of Llangefni (1,483 electors, 1,557 projected) with a total of 1,483 electors (1,557 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Community of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) and the Community of Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,102 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17%

below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed an electoral division combining the Cyngar ward of the Community of Llangefni and the Tregaean and the Llangwyllog wards of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form an electoral division with a total of 1,634 electors (1,716 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,634 electors per councillor which is 13% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.30. We noted the representation from Llanddyfnan Community Council who considered that the proposals would not bring about improvements to local democracy and that there were differences in character which argued against the proposed amalgamation. After consideration of this representation we now consider that the retention of the existing Cyngar electoral division would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Cyngar** for the proposed electoral division.

Holyhead Electoral Divisions

Holyhead Town, Porthyfelin and Parc a'r Mynydd

6.31. The existing Holyhead Town electoral division consists of the Town ward of the Community of Holyhead with 646 electors (678 projected) represented by one councillor which is 49% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Porthyfelin electoral division consists of the Porthyfelin ward of the Community of Holyhead with 1,511 electors (1,587 projected) represented by one councillor which is 19% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Parc a'r Mynydd electoral division consists of the Parc a'r Mynydd ward of the Community of Holyhead with 915 electors (961 projected) represented by one councillor which is 28% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Porthyfelin, Parc a'r Mynydd and the Town wards of the Community of Holyhead to form an electoral division with a total of 3,072 electors (3,226 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,536 electors per councillor which is 9% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. We were concerned at the wide variance from the county average and between existing divisions, which we considered it essential to address in the interests of electoral parity.

6.32. We noted the representation from Holyhead Town Council stating their objection to reduction in councillor numbers and the establishment of multi-member electoral divisions which meant that the Council considered that the Draft Proposals would not be a fair way of County Council representation for the townspeople. We considered both the existing electoral arrangements in the area and alternative combinations of the communities and community wards but have been unable to identify arrangements that provide an improvement in electoral parity to the same level as our draft proposal and which we consider necessary. We have noted the concern but we remain however of the view that this proposal would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Porthyfelin** for the proposed electoral division.

Maeshyfryd, Morawelon, Kingsland and London Road

6.33. The existing Maeshyfryd electoral division consists of the Maeshyfryd ward of the Community of Holyhead with 1,446 electors (1,518 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Morawelon electoral division consists of the Morawelon ward of the Community of Holyhead with 937 electors (984 projected) represented by one councillor which is 26% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Kingsland electoral division consists of the Kingsland ward of the Community of Holyhead with 995 electors (1,045 projected) represented by one councillor which is 22% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing London Road electoral division consists of the London Road ward of the Community of Holyhead with 900 electors (945 projected) represented by one councillor which is 29% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Maeshyfryd, Kingsland, Morawelon, and London Road wards of The Community of Holyhead to form an electoral division with a total of 4,278 electors (4,492 projected) which, if represented by three councillors, would result in a level of representation of 1,426 electors per councillor which is 2% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.34. We have noted the concerns raised by Holyhead Town Council which object to the reduction in councillor numbers and the establishment of multi-member divisions in all of the Community of Holyhead. We remain however of the view that this proposal would improve electoral parity and be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Maeshyfryd** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanbadrig, Mechell and Llanerchymedd

6.35. The existing Llanbadrig electoral division consists of the Community of Llanbadrig (1,027 electors, 1,078 projected) represented by one councillor which is 9% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Mechell electoral division consists of the Community of Mechell (984 electors, 1,033 projected), and the Llanfairynghornwy (201 electors, 211 projected) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn which totals 1,185 electors (1,244 projected) represented by one councillor which is 7% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanerchymedd electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanerchymedd (985 electors, 1,034 projected) and Tref Alaw (423 electors, 444 projected) with a total of 1,408 electors (1,478 projected) represented by one councillor which is 11% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we proposed combining the Community of Llanbadrig; the Carreg-lefn ward of the Community of Mechell and the Llanbabo ward of the Community of Tref Alaw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,283 electors (1,347 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,283 electors per councillor which is 12% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.36. We noted the representation from Tref Alaw Community Council that moving the community ward of Llanbabo to another electoral division would seem to have little

point. We considered both the existing electoral arrangements in the area and alternative combinations of the communities and community wards but have been unable to identify arrangements that provide an improved level of electoral parity over our draft proposal. We have noted the concern and considered these issues but we remain however of the view that this proposal would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Llanbadrig** for the proposed electoral division.

Llaneilian

6.37. The existing Llaneilian electoral division consists of the Communities of Llaneilian (926 electors, 972 projected) and Rhosybol (880 electors, 924 projected) with a total of 1,806 electors (1,896 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Llwyfo ward of the Community of Llaneilian and the Community of Rhosybol to form an electoral division with a total of 1,377 electors (1,446 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,377 electors per councillor which is 5% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.38. We received an objection to this proposal from Rhosybol Community Council regarding the village of Penysarn (see para 6.14) but we remain however of the view that this proposal would be of desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and believe that this arrangement would improve the electoral parity in the area and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Llaneilian** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanfaethlu and Valley

6.39. The existing Llanfaethlu electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanfachraeth (458 electors, 481 projected) and Llanfaethlu (426 electors, 447 projected) and the Llanrhuddlad (385 electors, 404 projected) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn which totals 1,269 electors (1,332 projected) represented by one councillor which is less than 1% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Valley electoral division consists of the Community of Valley (1,707 electors, 1,792 projected) with 1,707 electors (1,792 projected) represented by one councillor which is 34% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llanfaethlu, the Community of Llanfachreth and the Gorad ward of the Community of Valley to form an electoral division with a total of 1,524 electors (1,601 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,524 electors per councillor which is 5% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.40. We noted the representation from a resident of Valley who was concerned that Valley may have a weaker voice in the Council and also that there may be a risk to community links in the future if this proposal was to be implemented. We have noted the concern about the above and considered these issues but feel that the topography and character of the area argue as strongly in favour of our proposals and we remain however of the view that this proposal would be desirable in terms

of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Llanfaethlu** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanerchymedd

6.41. The existing Llanerchymedd electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanerchymedd (985 electors, 211 projected) and Tref Alaw (423 electors, 444 projected) with a total of 1,408 electors (1,478 projected) represented by one councillor which is 11% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llanerchymedd and the Llechcynfarwy, Llanddeusant, and Llantrisant wards of the Community of Tref Alaw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,353 electors (1,421 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,353 electors per councillor which is 7% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.42. Tref Alaw Community Council commented that it seemed to be a pointless exercise to separate the small Llanbabo Community Ward from the rest of the Community in forming these proposals. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in both this area and the neighbouring electoral division of Llanbadrig and, as such, would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. Tref Alaw Community Council suggested the name **Llanerchymedd & Tref Alaw** and we propose the name **Llanerchymedd & Tref Alaw** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanfair-yn-Neubwll and Bryngwran

6.43. The existing Llanfair-yn-Neubwll electoral division consists of the Communities of Bodedern (790 electors, 830 projected) and Llanfair-yn-Neubwll (1,018 electors, 1,069 projected) which totals 1,808 electors (1,898 projected) represented by one councillor which is 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Bryngwran electoral division consists of the Communities of Bryngwran (460 electors, 483 projected) and Trewalchmai (755 electors, 793 projected) which totals 1,348 electors (1,415 projected) represented by one councillor which is 6% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llanfair yn Neubwll and the Bryngwran ward of the Community of Bryngwran to form an electoral division with a total of 1,478 electors (1,552 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,478 electors per councillor which is 2% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.44. We noted the representation from Llanfair-yn-Neubwll Community Council regarding the current electorate and the potential breaking of community ties with Bodedern. We considered the topography, road links and character of the areas and considered that there are equally strong arguments that the proposals are not detrimental to community ties. We have noted those and considered these issues but we remain however of the view that this proposal would be desirable in terms of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Llanfair-yn-Neubwll** for the proposed electoral division.

Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and Rhosyr

6.45. The existing Llanfihangel Ysceifiog electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog (1,193 electors, 1,253 projected) and Penmynydd (327 electors, 343 projected) with a total of 1,520 electors (1,596 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Rhosyr electoral division consists of the Community of Rhosyr (1,733 electors, 1,820 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog and the Llangaffo ward of the Community of Rhosyr to form an electoral division with a total of 1,459 electors (1,532 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,459 electors per councillor which is 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.46. We received no representation in respect of this proposal. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Llanfihangel Ysceifiog** for the proposed electoral division.

Llangoed and Pentraeth

6.47. The existing Llangoed electoral division consists of the Community of Llangoed (1,022 electors, 1,073 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Pentraeth electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddona (524 electors, 550 projected) and Pentraeth (913 electors, 959 projected) with a total of 1,437 electors (1,509 projected) represented by one councillor which is 13% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llangoed and the Community of Llanddona to form an electoral division with a total of 1,546 electors (1,623 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,546 electors per councillor which is 7% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.48. We received no representation in respect of this proposal. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Llangoed** for the proposed electoral division.

Rhosneigr and Aberffraw

6.49. The existing Rhosneigr electoral division consists of the Rhosneigr ward of the Community of Llanfaelog with 748 electors (785 projected) represented by one councillor which is 41% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Aberffraw electoral division consists of the Community of Aberffraw (528 electors, 554 projected) and the Maelog (567 electors, 595 projected) ward of the Community of Llanfaelog with a total of 1,095 electors (1,150 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% below the current county

average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Llanfaelog and the Llangwyfan ward of the Community of Aberffraw to form an electoral division with a total of 1,365 electors (1,433 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,365 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.50. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We received no representation in respect of this proposal other than from Llanfaelog Community Council which has suggested the name **Maelog** for the proposed electoral division and we propose the name **Maelog** for the proposed electoral division.

Mechell and Llanfaethlu

6.51. The existing Mechell electoral division consists of the Community of Mechell (984 electors, 1,033 projected) and the Llanfairynghornwy (201 electors, 211 projected) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn with a total of 1,185 electors (1,244 projected) represented by one councillor which is 7% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfaethlu electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanfachraeth (458 electors, 481 projected) and Llanfaethlu (426 electors, 447 projected) and the Llanrhuddlad (385 electors, 404 projected) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn with a total of 1,269 electors (1,332 projected) represented by one councillor which is less than 1% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Llanfechell ward of the Community of Mechell and the Community of Cylch-y-Garn to form an electoral division with a total of 1,369 electors (1,437 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,369 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.52. We received no representation in respect of this proposal. We consider that this arrangement would improve the level of electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in terms of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Mechell** for the proposed electoral division.

Moelfre and Llanddyfnan

6.53. The existing Moelfre electoral division consists of the Community of Moelfre with 860 electors (903 projected) represented by one councillor which is 32% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) and Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,102 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Moelfre, the Community of Llaneugrad and the Llanfihangel Tre'r Beirdd ward of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form an electoral division with a total of 1,275 electors (1,339 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of

representation of 1,275 electors per councillor which is 12% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.54. We noted the representation from Llanddyfnan Community Council who considered that the proposals would break community ties and would not bring about improvements to local democracy and that there were economic differences which argued against the proposed amalgamation. This representation seemed to us to have substance, but at the same time we remained of the view that an improvement in electoral parity was essential, and we therefore considered alternative schemes that would restore these ties. After consideration of this representation and the levels of representation in the area we now propose an electoral division combining the Community of Moelfre 860 (903); the Community of Llaneugrad 215 (226); the Llanfihangel Tre'r Beirdd 200 (210); the Tregaean 57 (60) and Llangwyllog 94 (99) wards of The Community of Llanddyfnan which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,426 (1,498 projected) electors per councillor which is 1% above the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor. We are however of the view that this proposal would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and therefore make this proposal. We propose the name **Moelfre** for the proposed electoral division.

Pentraeth, Llanfihangel Ysceifiog and Cwm Cadnant

6.55. The existing Pentraeth electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddona (524 electors, 550 projected) and Pentraeth (913 electors, 959 projected) with a total of 1,437 electors (1,509 projected) represented by one councillor which is 13% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanfihangel Ysceifiog electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog (1,193 electors, 1,253 projected) and Penmynydd (327 electors, 343 projected) with a total of 1,520 electors (1,596 projected) represented by one councillor which is 20% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Cwm Cadnant electoral division consists of the Community of Cwm Cadnant with 1,755 electors (1,843 projected) represented by one councillor which is 38% above the current county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Pentraeth, the Community of Penmynydd and the Llansadwrn ward of the Community of Cwm Cadnant to form an electoral division with a total of 1,538 electors (1,615 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,538 electors per councillor which is 6% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor. This proposal was supported by Pentraeth Community Council.

6.56. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Pentraeth** for the proposed electoral division.

Rhosyr

6.57. The existing Rhosyr electoral division consists of the Community of Rhosyr with 1,733 electors (1,820 projected) represented by one councillor which is 36% above

the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining only the Llangeinwen and Newborough wards of the Community of Rhosyr to form an electoral division with a total of 1,467 electors (1,540 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,467 electors per councillor which is 1% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.58. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Rhosyr** for the proposed electoral division.

Trearddur

6.59. The existing Trearddur electoral division consists of the Community of Rhoscolyn (459 electors, 482 projected) and the Community of Trearddur (1,307 electors, 1,372 projected) with a total of 1,766 electors (1,854 projected) represented by one councillor which is 39% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested that the whole of the Community of Trearddur forms an electoral division with a total of 1,307 electors (1,372 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,307 electors per councillor which is 10% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.60. We noted the representation from the Community of Rhoscolyn objecting to the change to their electoral arrangements and being split from Trearddur and joined with Valley. While the change appears not to take into account that both Rhoscolyn and Trearddur are on Cybi Island rather than Anglesey, the islands are very closely joined and we consider that this proposal would not affect community ties but would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Trearddur** for the proposed electoral division. We would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.

Aberffraw and Bryngwran

6.61. The existing Aberffraw electoral division consists of the Community of Aberffraw (528 electors, 554 projected) and the Maelog (567 electors, 595 projected) ward of the Community of Llanfaelog with a total of 1,095 electors (1,150 projected) represented by one councillor which is 14% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Bryngwran electoral division consists of the Communities of Bryngwran (460 electors, 483 projected) and Trewalchmai (755 electors, 793 projected) with a total of 1,348 electors (1,415 projected) represented by one councillor which is 6% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Deheuol and Gogleddol wards of the Community of Aberffraw, the Community of Trewalchmai and the Llanbeulan ward of the Community of Bryngwran to form an electoral division with a total of 1,366 electors (1,435 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,366 electors per councillor which is 6% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.62. We noted the representation from Trewalchmai Community Council that the proposed electoral division be named Trewalchmai rather than Aberffraw. As the latter will be the largest component we propose the name **Trewalchmai** for the proposed electoral division. We consider that this proposal would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal.

Tudur and Llanddyfnan

6.63. The existing Tudur electoral division consists of the Tudur ward of the Community of Llangefni with 898 electors (943 projected) represented by one councillor which is 29% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Llanddyfnan electoral division consists of the Communities of Llanddyfnan (834 electors, 876 projected) and Llaneugrad (215 electors, 226 projected) with a total of 1,049 electors (1,102 projected) represented by one councillor which is 17% below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Tudur ward of the Community of Llangefni and the Llanddyfnan ward of the Community of Llanddyfnan to form an electoral division with a total of 1,381 electors (1,450 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,381 electors per councillor which is 5% below the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor and offered a great improvement in electoral parity.

6.64. We noted the representation from Llanddyfnan Community Council (please see also paragraph 6.54) who considered that the proposals would not bring about improvements to local democracy and that there were economic differences which argued against the proposed amalgamation. This representation seemed to us to have substance, but at the same time we remained of the view that an improvement in electoral parity was essential, and we therefore considered alternative schemes. We considered alternative arrangements but concluded that there were none that would better reflect the character of the areas concerned and so we returned to the conclusion that this arrangement would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We put this forward as a proposal. We propose the name **Tudur** for the proposed electoral division.

Trearddur and Valley

6.65. The existing Trearddur electoral division consists of the Community of Rhoscolyn (459 electors, 482 projected) and the Community of Trearddur (1,307 electors, 1,372 projected) with a total of 1,766 electors (1,854 projected) represented by one councillor which is 39% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. The existing Valley electoral division consists of the Community of Valley with 1,707 electors (1,792 projected) represented by one councillor which is 34% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. In our Draft Proposals report we suggested combining the Community of Rhoscolyn and the Llanynghenedl, Village, and West wards of The Community of Valley to form an electoral division with a total of 1,526 electors (1,600 projected) which, if represented by one councillor, would result in a level of representation of 1,526

electors per councillor which is 5% above the draft proposals county average of 1,451 electors per councillor.

6.66. We noted the representation from a resident of Valley who was concerned that Valley may have a weaker voice in the Council and also that there may be a risk to community links in the future if this proposal was to be implemented. We also noted the representation from Valley Community Council who feared that the community may have a potential change to its future funding if residents become aligned with a neighbouring community. We have noted these concerns and considered these issues but we remain however of the view that this proposal would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government

6.67. We consider that this arrangement would improve the electoral parity in the area and would be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and we put this forward as a proposal. The Council has suggested the name **Valley** for the proposed electoral division. We would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.

Summary of Proposed Arrangements

6.68. The proposed electoral arrangements (as shown at Appendix 3) provide a level of parity that ranges from 18% below to 18% above the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor (based on the existing electoral figures). Six of the electoral divisions (19%) have levels of representation more than 10% above or below the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor and the remaining 25 (81%) all less than 10% above or below the proposed county average of 1,411 electors per councillor. This compares with the existing electoral arrangements (as shown at Appendix 2) where the level of parity ranges from 49% below to 42% above the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor. Fifteen electoral divisions (37%) have levels of representation more than 25% above or below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor, 16 electoral divisions (40%) have levels of representation between 10% and 25% above or below than the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor and the remaining 9 (23%) electoral divisions have levels of representation less than 10% above or below the current county average of 1,270 electors per councillor.

6.69. In producing a scheme of electoral arrangements it is necessary to have regard to a number of issues contained in the legislation and in the Minister's Direction. It is often not possible to resolve all of these sometimes conflicting issues because of the requirement of using the existing community and community wards as building blocks of electoral divisions and the varying level of representation that currently exists within these areas. In our proposed scheme we have placed emphasis on achieving improvements in electoral parity, moving towards 1,750 electors per councillor and retaining, where possible, single member electoral divisions. We recognise that the creation of electoral divisions which depart from the pattern which now exists would inevitably bring some disruption to established 'ties' between communities and may straddle community council areas in a way which is different. We have made every effort to ensure that the revised electoral divisions do reflect logical combinations of existing communities and community wards. We have looked at each of these areas and are satisfied that it would be difficult to achieve electoral arrangements that keep the existing combination of communities

and community wards within single electoral divisions without having a detrimental effect on one or more of the other issues that are required to be considered.

7. PROPOSALS

7.1 We propose a council of 36 members and 31 electoral divisions - four of which are multi-member divisions - as set out in Appendix 3. For purposes of comparison the present electoral arrangements for the County are given at Appendix 2. The boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions are shown by continuous yellow lines on the map placed on deposit with this Report at the Offices of Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Office of the Commission in Cardiff.

8. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

8.1 We wish to express our gratitude to the principal council and all the community councils for their assistance during the course of the review and to all bodies and persons who made representations to us.

9. RESPONSES TO THIS REPORT

9.1 Having completed our review of the County of Isle of Anglesey and submitted our recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government on the future electoral arrangements for the principal authority, we have fulfilled our statutory obligation under the directions issued by the Welsh Assembly Government.

9.2 It now falls to the Welsh Assembly Government, if it thinks fit, to give effect to these proposals either as submitted by the Commission or with modifications, or if the Welsh Assembly Government decides to give effect to these proposals with modifications, it may direct the Commission to conduct a further review.

9.3 Any further representations concerning the matters in the report should be addressed to the Welsh Assembly Government. They should be made as soon as possible and in any event not later than six weeks from the date that the Commission's recommendations are submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government. Representations should be addressed to:

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REV. HYWEL MEREDYDD DAVIES BD (Deputy Chairman)

Mr D J BADER (Member)

E H LEWIS BSc. DPM FRSA FCIPD (Secretary)

31st August 2010

Glossary of terms

Commission	The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales
Council size	The number of councillors elected to the council
Directions	Directions issued to the Commission by the Government under Section 59 of the 1972 Act
Electoral arrangements	How many Councillors there should be on the council of local government area, the parts into which the area should be divided for the purpose of electing councillors, the number of councillors for each electoral division, and the name of any electoral area
Electoral divisions	The divisions into which principal areas are divided for the purpose of electing councillors, sometimes referred to colloquially as wards
Electoral review	A review in which the Commission considers electoral arrangements for a local government area
Electorate	The number of persons entitled to vote in a local government area
Electoral parity	The comparison between an electoral division and the county average of the number of electors represented by a single councillor.
Government	The Welsh Assembly Government
Interested person	Person or body who has an interest in the outcome of an electoral review such as the principal council concerned, local MPs, AMs and political parties, community and town councils
Multi member division	Electoral division within a principal area represented by more than one councillor
Order	Order made by the Government, giving effect to the proposals of the Commission, either as submitted or with modifications
Principal area	The area governed by a principal council: in Wales, a County or County Borough
Principal council	In Wales, one of the unitary authorities: a County or County Borough council
Projected electorate	The five-year forecast of the number of electors provided by the Council for the area under review

Respondent	Body or individual person who responds to the Commission's consultation by making representations or suggesting alternative proposals
Rules	Rules to be observed by the Commission in considering electoral arrangements
Single member division	Electoral division of a principal authority represented by one councillor
The 1972 Act	The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the 1994 Act
The 1994 Act	The Local Government (Wales) Act 1994
Unitary authority	A principal council - the single tier organ of local government, responsible for all or almost all local government functions within its area, which in Wales replaced the two tier system of county councils and district councils: a County Council, or a County Borough Council
Wards	The electoral areas of Community Councils (not all Community Council areas are warded). The term is also used to describe the principal council electoral divisions

THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY
- EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	2009 ELECTORATE	2009 RATIO	% variance from County average	2014 ELECTORATE	2014 RATIO	% variance from County average
1	**Aberffraw**	The Community of Aberffraw 528 (554) and the Maelog 567 (595) ward of the Community of Llanfaelog	1	1,095	1,095	-14%	1,150	1,150	-14%
2	**Amlwch Port**	The Port 856 (899) and Town 814 (855) wards of the Community of Amlwch	1	1,670	1,670	32%	1,754	1,754	32%
3	**Amlwch Rural**	The Rural 978 (1,027) ward of the Community of Amlwch	1	978	978	-23%	1,027	1,027	-23%
4	**Beaumaris**	The Community of Beaumaris 1,390 (1,460)	1	1,390	1,390	9%	1,460	1,460	9%
5	**Bodffordd**	The Community of Bodffordd 793 (833) and the Cerrigceinwen 430 (452) ward of the Community of Llangristiolus	1	1,223	1,223	-4%	1,284	1,284	-4%
6	**Bodorgan**	The Community of Bodorgan 719 (755) and the Llangristiolus 569 (597) ward of the Community of Llangristiolus	1	1,288	1,288	1%	1,352	1,352	1%
7	**Braint**	The Braint 1,151 (1,209) ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll	1	1,151	1,151	-9%	1,209	1,209	-9%
8	**Bryngwran**	The Communities of Bryngwran 593 (623) and Trewalchmai 755 (793)	1	1,348	1,348	6%	1,415	1,415	6%
9	**Brynteg**	The Benllech 'B' 1,156 (1,214)and Brynteg 346 (363) wards of the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf	1	1,502	1,502	18%	1,577	1,577	18%
10	**Cadnant**	The Cadnant* 819 (860) ward of the Community of Menai Bridge	1	819	819	-36%	860	860	-36%
11	**Cefni**	The Cefni 1,130 (1,187) ward of the Community of Llangefni	1	1,130	1,130	-11%	1,187	1,187	-11%
12	**Cwm Cadnant**	The Community of Cwm Cadnant 1,755 (1,843)	1	1,755	1,755	38%	1,843	1,843	38%
13	**Cyngar**	The Cyngar ward of the Community of Llangefni 1,483 (1,557)	1	1,483	1,483	17%	1,557	1,557	17%
14	**Gwyngyll**	The Gwyngyll 1,243 (1,305) ward of the Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll	1	1,243	1,243	-2%	1,305	1,305	-2%
15	**Holyhead Town**	The Town 646 (678) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	646	646	-49%	678	678	-49%
16	**Kingsland**	The Kingsland 995 (1,045) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	995	995	-22%	1,045	1,045	-22%
17	**Llanbadrig**	The Community of Llanbadrig 1,027 (1,078)	1	1,027	1,027	-19%	1,078	1,078	-19%
18	**Llanbedrgoch**	The Benllech 'A' 794 (834) and Llanbedrgoch 437 (459) wards of the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf	1	1,231	1,231	-3%	1,293	1,293	-3%
19	**Llanddyfnan**	The Communities of Llanddyfnan 834 (876) and Llaneugrad 215 (226)	1	1,049	1,049	-17%	1,102	1,102	-17%
20	**Llaneilian**	The Communities of Llaneilian 926 (972) and Rhosybol 880 (924)	1	1,806	1,806	42%	1,896	1,896	42%
21	**Llanfaethlu**	The Communities of Llanfachraeth 458 (481) and Llanfaethlu 426 (447) and the Llanrhuddlad 385 (404) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn	1	1,269	1,269	0%	1,332	1,332	0%
22	**Llanfair-yn-Neubwll**	The Communities of Bodedern 790 (830) and Llanfair-yn-Neubwll 1,018 (1,069)	1	1,808	1,808	42%	1,898	1,898	42%
23	**Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog**	The Communities of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog 1,193 (1,253) and Penmynydd 327 (343)	1	1,520	1,520	20%	1,596	1,596	20%
24	**Llangoed**	The Community of Llangoed 1,022 (1,073)	1	1,022	1,022	-20%	1,073	1,073	-20%
25	**Llanidan**	The Communities of Llanddaniel Fab 589 (618) and Llanidan (821 (862)	1	1,410	1,410	11%	1,481	1,481	11%
26	**Llanerchymedd**	The Communities of Llanerch ymedd 985 (1,034) and Tref Alaw 423 (444)	1	1,408	1,408	11%	1,478	1,478	11%

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- EXISTING ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

No.	NAME	DESCRIPTION	No. OF COUNCILLORS	2009 ELECTORATE	2009 RATIO	% variance from County average	2014 ELECTORATE	2014 RATIO	% variance from County average
27	**London Road**	The London Road 900 (945) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	900	900	-29%	945	945	-29%
28	**Maeshyfryd**	The Maeshyfryd 1,446 (1,518) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	1,446	1,446	14%	1,518	1,518	14%
29	**Mechell**	The Community of Mechell 984 (1,033) and the Llanfairynghornwy 201 (211) ward of the Community of Cylch-y-Garn	1	1,185	1,185	-7%	1,244	1,244	-7%
30	**Moelfre**	The Community of Moelfre 860 (903)	1	860	860	-32%	903	903	-32%
31	**Morawelon**	The Morawelon 937 (984) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	937	937	-26%	984	984	-26%
32	**Parc a'r Mynydd**	The Parc a'r Mynydd 915 (961) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	915	915	-28%	961	961	-28%
33	**Pentraeth**	The Communities of Llanddona 524 (550) and Pentraeth 913 (959)	1	1,437	1,437	13%	1,509	1,509	13%
34	**Porthyfelin**	The Porthyfelin 1,511 (1,587) ward of the Community of Holyhead	1	1,511	1,511	19%	1,587	1,587	19%
35	**Rhosneigr**	The Rhosneigr 748 (785) ward of the Community of Llanfaelog	1	748	748	-41%	785	785	-41%
36	**Rhosyr**	The Community of Rhosyr 1,733 (1,820)	1	1,733	1,733	36%	1,820	1,820	36%
37	**Trearddur**	The Communities of Rhoscolyn 459 (482) and Trearddur 1,307 (1,372)	1	1,766	1,766	39%	1,854	1,854	39%
38	**Tudur**	The Tudur 898 (943) ward of the Community of Llangefni	1	898	898	-29%	943	943	-29%
39	**Tysilio**	The Tysilio* 1,484 (1,558) ward of the Community of Menai Bridge	1	1,484	1,484	17%	1,558	1,558	17%
40	**Valley**	The Community of Valley 1,707 (1,793)	1	1,707	1,707	34%	1,793	1,793	34%
		TOTALS:	**40**	**50,793**	**1,270**		**53,334**	**1,333**	

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor

The number of electors for 2009 and 2014 (in brackets) are included in the description of those electoral divisions

Electoral figures supplied by the Isle of Anglesey County Council

*Community wards as they existed prior to the Cyngor Sir Ynys Mon/ Isle of Anglesey County Council review of electoral arrangements (Tysilio and Cadnant Wards Menai Bridge and Llangefni Town Council) Order 1998

	2009		**2014**	
Greater than ± 50% of County average	0	0%	0	0%
Between ± 25% and ± 50% of County average	15	37%	15	37%
Between ± 10% and ± 25% of County average	16	40%	17	43%
Between 0% and ± 10% of County average	9	23%	8	20%

Appendix 2

County of Isle of Anglesey Proposed Electoral Arrangements

		Description	Councillors	2009 Electorate	Ratio	% variance from County average	2014 Electorate	Ratio	% variance from County average
1	**Amlwch Port**	The Port 856 (899) and Town 814 (855) wards of the Community of Amlwch	**1**	1,670	**1,670**	18%	1,754	**1,754**	18%
2	**Amlwch Rural**	The Rural 978 (1,027) ward of the Community of Amlwch and the Eilian 429 (450) ward of the Community of Llaneilian	**1**	1,407	**1,407**	0%	1,477	**1,477**	0%
3	**Beaumaris**	The Community of Beaumaris 1,390 (1,459)	**1**	1,390	**1,390**	-1%	1,459	**1,459**	-2%
4	**Bodedern**	The Community of Bodedern 790 (830) and The Community of Bodffordd 793 (833)	**1**	1,583	**1,583**	12%	1,663	**1,663**	12%
5	**Bodorgan**	The Community of Bodorgan 719 (755) and the Llangristiolus ward of The Community of Llangristiolus 569 (597)	**1**	1,288	**1,288**	-9%	1,352	**1,352**	-9%
6	**Brynteg**	The Brynteg 346 (363) ward and the Bellech "B" 1,156 (1,214) wards of The Community of Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf	**1**	1,502	**1,502**	6%	1,577	**1,577**	6%
7	**Cefni**	The Cefni 1,130 (1,187) ward of The Community of Llangefni; and the Cerrigceinwen 430 (452) ward of The Community of Llangristiolus	**1**	1,560	**1,560**	11%	1,639	**1,639**	11%
8	**Cwm Cadnant**	The Llandegfan 1,457 (1,530) ward of The Community of Cwm Cadnant	**1**	1,457	**1,457**	3%	1,530	**1,530**	3%
9	**Cyngar**	The Cyngar 1,483 (1,557) ward of the The Community of Llangefni	**1**	1,483	**1,483**	5%	1,557	**1,557**	5%
10	**Gwyngyll**	The Community of Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll 2,394 (2,514)	**2**	2,394	**1,197**	-15%	2,514	**1,257**	-15%
11	**Porthyfelin**	The Town 646 (678), Porthyfelin 1,511 (1,587) and Parc a'r Mynydd 915 (961) wards of The Community of Holyhead	**2**	3,072	**1,536**	9%	3,226	**1,613**	9%
12	**Llanbadrig**	The Community of Llanbadrig 1,027 (1,078); the Carreg-lefn 201 (211) ward of The Community of Mechell and the Llanbabo 55 (58) ward of The Community of Tref Alaw	**1**	1,283	**1,283**	-9%	1,347	**1,347**	-9%
13	**Llanbedrgoch**	The Benllech "A" 794 (834) and Llanbedrgoch 437 (459) wards of The Community of Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf	**1**	1,231	**1,231**	-13%	1,293	**1,293**	-13%
14	**Llaneilian**	The Llwyfo 497 (522) ward of The Community of Llaneilian and The Community of Rhosybol 880 (924)	**1**	1,377	**1,377**	-2%	1,446	**1,446**	-2%
15	**Llanfaethlu**	The Community of Llanfaethlu 426 (448); The Community of Llanfachreth 458 (481) and the Gorad 640 (672) ward of The Community of Valley	**1**	1,524	**1,524**	8%	1,601	**1,601**	8%
16	**Llanfair-yn-Neubwll**	The Community of Llanfair yn Neubwll 1,108 (1,069) and the Bryngwran 460 (483) ward of The Community of Bryngwran	**1**	1,478	**1,478**	5%	1,552	**1,552**	5%
17	**Llanfihangel Ysceifiog**	The Community of Llanfihangel Ysceifiog 1,193 (1,253) and the Llangaffo 266 (279) ward of The Community of Rhosyr	**1**	1,459	**1,459**	3%	1,532	**1,532**	3%
18	**Llangoed**	The Community of Llangoed 1,022 (1,073) and The Community of Llanddona 524 (550)	**1**	1,546	**1,546**	10%	1,623	**1,623**	10%
19	**Llanidan**	The Community of Llanidan 821 (862) and The Community of Llanddaniel Fab 589 (618)	**1**	1,410	**1,410**	0%	1,480	**1,480**	0%
20	**Llanerchymedd & Tref Alaw**	The Community of Llanerchymedd 985 (1,035) and the Llechcynfarwy 47 (49), Llanddeusant 241 (253) and Llantrisant 80 (84) wards of The Community of Tref Alaw	**1**	1,353	**1,353**	-4%	1,421	**1,421**	-4%
21	**Maelog**	The Community of Llanfaelog 1,315 (1,380) and the Llangwyfan 50 (53) ward of The Community of Aberffraw	**1**	1,365	**1,365**	-3%	1,433	**1,433**	-3%
22	**Maeshyfryd**	The Maeshyfryd 1,446 (1,518), Morawelon 937 (984), Kingsland 995 (1,045), and London Road 900 (945) wards of The Community of Holyhead	**3**	4,278	**1,426**	1%	4,492	**1,497**	1%
23	**Mechell**	The Llanfechell 783 (822) ward of The Community of Mechell and The Community of Cylch-y-Garn 586 (614)	**1**	1,369	**1,369**	-3%	1,437	**1,437**	-3%
24	**Moelfre**	The Community of Moelfre 860 (903); The Community of Llaneugrad 215 (226); and the Llanfihangel Tre'r Beirdd 200 (210) , the Tregaean 57 (60) and Llangwyllog 94 (99) wards of The Community of Llanddyfnan.	**1**	1,426	**1,426**	1%	1,498	**1,498**	1%
25	**Pentraeth**	The Community of Pentraeth 913 (959); The Community of Penmynydd 327 (343) and the Llansadwrn 298 (313) ward of The Community of Cwm Cadnant	**1**	1,538	**1,538**	9%	1,615	**1,615**	9%
26	**Rhosyr**	The Llangeinwen 658 (691) and Newborough 809 (849) wards of The Community of Rhosyr	**1**	1,467	**1,467**	4%	1,540	**1,540**	4%
27	**Trearddur**	The Community of Trearddur 1,307 (1,372)	**1**	1,307	**1,307**	-7%	1,372	**1,372**	-7%
28	**Trewalchmai**	The Deheuol 390 (410) and Gogleddol 88 (92) wards of The Community of Aberffraw; The Community of Trewalchmai 755 (793); and the Llanbeulan 133 (140) ward of The Community of Bryngwran	**1**	1,366	**1,366**	-3%	1,435	**1,435**	-3%
29	**Tudur**	The Tudur 898 (943) ward of The Community of Llangefni and the Llanddyfnan 483 (507) ward of The Community of Llanddyfnan	**1**	1,381	**1,381**	-2%	1,450	**1,450**	-2%
30	**Menai Bridge**	The Community of Menai Bridge* 2,303 (2,418)	**2**	2,303	**1,152**	-18%	2,418	**1,209**	-18%
31	**Valley**	The Community of Rhoscolyn 459 (482);and the Llanynghenedl 68 (71) Village 643 (675) and West 356 (372) wards of The Community of Valley	**1**	1,526	**1,526**	8%	1,600	**1,600**	8%
			36	**50,793**	**1,411**		**53,333**	**1,481**	

Ratio is the number of electors per councillor

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		2009		2014	
Greater than ± 50% of County average	0	0%	0	0%
Between ± 25% and ± 50% of County average	0	0%	0	0%
Between ± 10% and ± 25% of County average	6	19%	6	19%
Between 0% and ± 10% of County average	25	81%	25	81%

Appendix 3

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

2009 NO. 2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Directions to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales 2009

Made	*2009*
Coming into force	*2009*

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by section 59 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972(**1**) and now vested in them (**2**) make the following Directions:

Title, commencement and application

1.—(1) The title of these Directions is the Directions to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales 2009.

(2) These Directions come into force on the day after the day on which they are made.

(3) These Directions are given to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales and apply in relation to Wales.

Interpretation

2. In these Directions—

"the Act" means the Local Government Act 1972; and

"the Commission" means the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

Multi Member Divisions

3.—(1) Pursuant to paragraph 1A(3) of Schedule 11 to the Act (**3**) the Welsh Ministers direct that the Commission shall consider the desirability of multi member electoral divisions in each county council and county borough council (**4**) in the principal areas in Wales mentioned in section 20, Schedule 4 of the Act.

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(1) 1972 c.70.
(2) By virtue of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) and paragraph 30(1) and 2 (a) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006.
(3) as inserted by section 7(3) of the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994.
(4) as referred to in the Local Government Act 1972, section 20, Schedule 4, substituted by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994, section 1 (2), Schedule 1, paragraph 2.

Review of electoral arrangements

4.—(1) Pursuant to section 59 (1) of the Act the Welsh Ministers give the following directions to the Commission for their guidance in conducting the review of electoral arrangements which they are required to carry out under section 55 of the Act—

(a) It is considered that a minimum number of 30 councillors is required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or a county borough council;

(b) It is considered that, in order to minimise the risk of a county council or a county borough council becoming unwieldy and difficult to manage, a maximum number of 75 councillors is ordinarily required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or a county borough council;

(c) It is considered that the aim should be to achieve electoral divisions with a councillor to electorate ratio no lower than 1:1750;

(d) It is considered that a decision to alter the existing pattern of multi and single member divisions in the areas referred to in paragraph 3 of these Directions should only be taken where such proposals for alteration are broadly supported by the electorate so far as their views can be obtained in fulfilment of the consultation requirement contained in section 60 of the Act;

(e) It is considered that the Commission shall, when conducting reviews under Part 4 of the Act, comply with paragraph 1A of Schedule 11 to the Act and these Directions.

Reports of the review of electoral arrangements

5.—(1) Pursuant to section 58(1) of the Act the Welsh Ministers direct that reports prepared by the Commission in respect of the review of electoral arrangements in relation to county and county borough councils in Wales shall be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by no later than 30 June 2011.

Signed by the Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

Date 13 / 1 / 2009

Brian Gibbons AC/AM
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12th May 2009

Dear Paul,

Directions on Reviews of Electoral Arrangements

I am aware that you have now commenced preliminary work on the cycle of reviews of electoral arrangements in each of the principal councils. Representations I have received from local government suggest to me that you may have interpreted my directions as being more prescriptive than those issued by the Secretary of State for Wales in 1995 prior to the last review cycle. I want to make clear that this is not the case.

The directions are issued for your guidance and are not to be viewed as instructions. In a number of respects – notably, in relation to the areas appropriate for multi-member divisions and the timetable – the last directions were more prescriptive but in relation to the central issue of the councillor to elector ratio the wording is identical. This means that the ratio remains as the aim to be worked towards and not as a goal to be achieved in each case. In doing so attention should be paid to local communities having their own identifiable representation even where the indicative figure of 1750 electors/councillor is not always achievable.

I do, of course, recognise that since 1995 we have seen the introduction of executive or alternative arrangements in principal councils, which may have implications for the number of councillors required to make a council fully functional. The 1995 directions were also introduced at a time of reorganisation, in a different political atmosphere from now.

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Finally, I should also point out the stipulation in Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1972, that regard should be had to the need to fix boundaries which are easily identifiable and which recognise local community ties.

I wish you well in the review process.

Yours sincerely

Brian Gibbons AM

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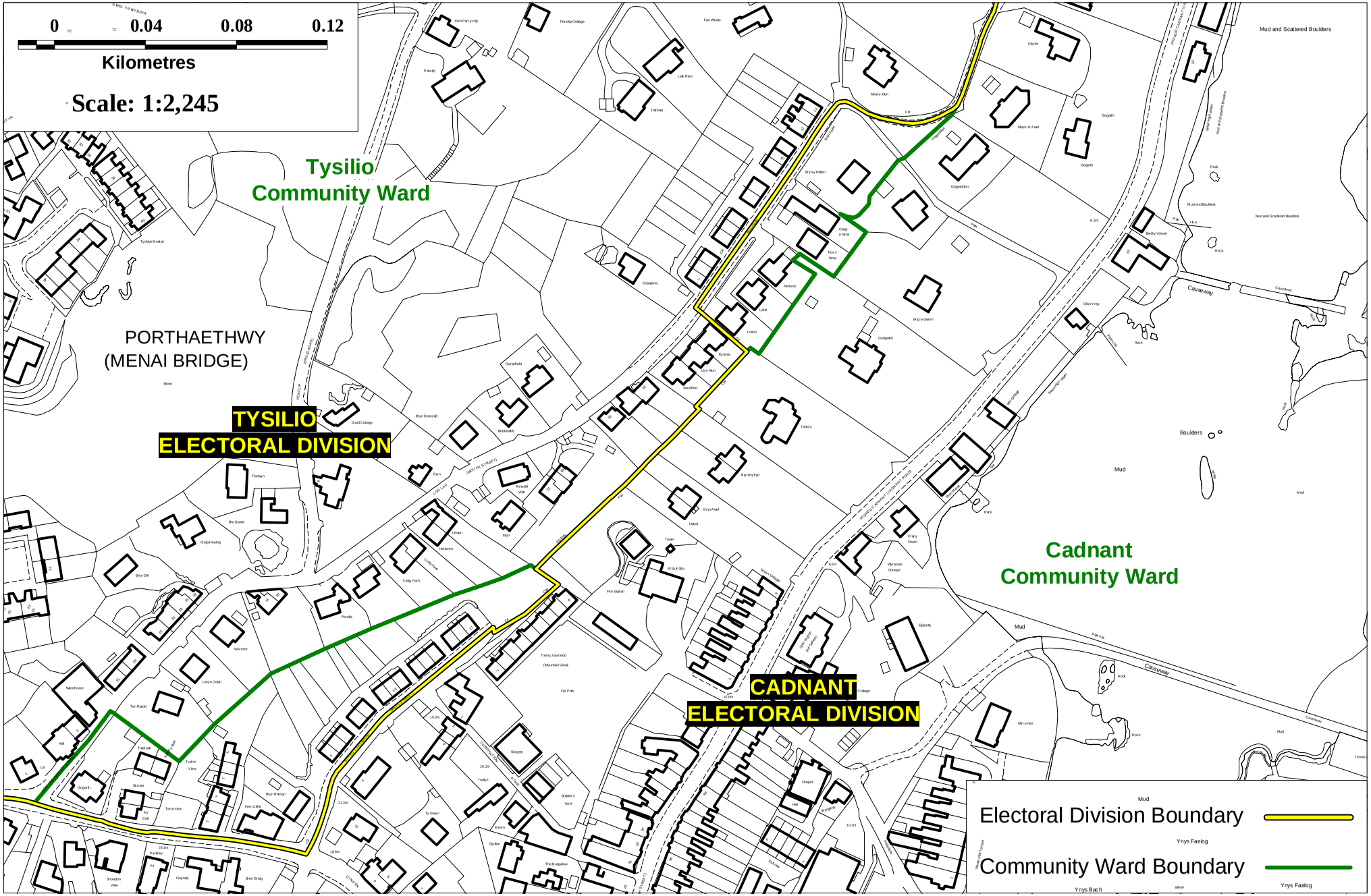

Appendix 5

Appendix 6

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO DRAFT PROPOSALS

1. **Eleanor Burnham AM**

   In a representation covering all Reviews across North Wales Mrs Burnham was concerned that:

   - Rearranging boundaries may alienate electorates
   - Multiple Councillors may cause electorate confusion
   - Increasing travel distances will add to Councillor workload and reduce personal contact
   - There appears to be a lack of comprehension of the "tribal nature" of community ties.

2. **Cllr Keith Evans - *Cadnant, Menai Bridge***

   Councillor Evans was concerned that:

   - There should be no merging of Menai Bridge Cadnant Ward with Braint & Gwyngyll Wards to form a multi-member ward.
   - The proposals fly in the face of the elected members' position on single v multi member arrangements.
   - The size of the proposed area means that an independent candidate will have difficulty in canvassing during an election campaign period.
   - The areas concerned are described as being "… within a single developed area" when, in reality, this is not the case. There are no links between the areas concerned or shared facilities.

   Councillor Evans made the counter-proposal that there should be a temporary merging of Menai Bridge Cadnant and Tysilio Wards represented by two members and a further merging of Braint & Gwyngyll Wards to form a second multi-member ward. This will bring the proposed Council membership to 36 not 35.

3. **Cllr H.E. Jones - *Llanidan***

   Councillor Jones wrote in support of the proposals for Llanidan.

4. **Cllr G.O. Jones - *Llanfair yn Neubwll***

   Councillor Jones opposed the recommendations of the Draft Report and was concerned that:

   - The proposed electoral division was physically large, and local connections and boundaries have been disintegrated.

5. **Bodedern Community Council**

   The Community Council rejected the proposed changes because:

   - The proposed electoral division was quite large and Bodedern did not need to be joined with Bodffordd.
   - The name of **Bodffordd** should not be used for the new electoral division.

6. **Cwm Cadnant Community Council**

   The Community Council rejected the proposed name changes to its electoral division, preferring **Cwm Cadnant** instead of the proposed **Llandegfan.**

7. **Holyhead Town Council**

   The Town Council resolved that the establishment of two multi-member wards in the town would lead to voter confusion. As population is increasing year-on-year, the Council consider that the Draft Proposals would not be a fair way of County Council representation for the townspeople.

8. **Llanddyfnan Community Council**

   The Community Council objected to the proposed changes because the village of Talwrn is not suitable for economic reasons to be merged with the neighbouring

Community First wards and considered that the proposals will not bring about improvements to local democracy.

9. **Llanfaelog Community Council**
   The Community Council agreed with the proposed changes but suggests the alternative name of **MAELOG** for itself.
10. **Llanfair yn Neubwll Community Council**
    The Community Council were concerned over the proposals in the Report and reminded us that the existing electoral division had 1,800 voters - around the recommended ratio - and so did not require change. The proposals also split a community in many ways - the size of the proposed division, concerns over the Public Cemetery, Youth Clubs and grazing rights, for example - which would appear to be detrimental to the electorate.
11. **Llanidan Community Council**
    The Community Council agreed with the proposed changes.
12. **Menai Bridge Town Council**
    The Town Council opposed the scheme and considered that there could be an imbalance in representation should there be a merger of Menai Bridge's Cadnant ward with Braint & Gwyngyll wards to form a multi-member ward.
    The Town Council put forward a counter proposal that there should be status quo until internal boundaries are altered in Menai Bridge or a temporary merging of Menai Bridge's Cadnant and Tysilio wards to be represented by two Councillors.
13. **Pentraeth Community Council**
    The Community Council acknowledged that it was difficult to address the needs of any one community in isolation. The Community Council favoured the proposals affecting Pentraeth but went on to comment that the suggestion in the Report of a Council of 30 members would be sufficient for The Isle of Anglesey.
14. **Rhoscolyn Community Council**
    The Community Council were concerned and objected strongly to the proposed changes because the links between Rhoscolyn and Trearddur are stronger than those between Rhoscolyn and Valley - particularly as the latter is on The Isle of Anglesey itself rather than Cybi Island.
15. **Rhosybol Community Council**
    The Community Council stated that Llaneilian "… reaches the national target…" and was strongly opposed to the draft changes because the village of Penysarn will be split between Llaneilian and Amlwch Rural electoral divisions and this would be detrimental to the Community.
16. **Tref Alaw Community Council**
    The Community Council were against the proposals. They were concerned that the Report meant that Tref Alaw Community Council would be represented at County level by Councillors in two separate electoral divisions.
    - Concern was also noted that moving Llanbabo to Llanbadrig ward seems to be of little point.
    - The Community Council requested that the name of the proposed electoral division be reverted to its earlier form of **Llanerchymedd and Tref Alaw.**
17. **Trewalchmai Community Council**
    The Council were concerned about the proposed name to be given to their electoral division and counter-proposed that the name be **Trewalchmai** rather than Aberffraw.
18. **Valley Community Council**
    The Council were concerned and objected strongly to the proposed changes to Valley, pointing out that:

- There is a strong link between all four parts of the current electoral division which would be swept away if the report is accepted.
- Further erosion of Valley Community and its budget may occur if voters appear to be more closely linked with another Community Council.
- There has been limited time to consult with residents and the Community Council requests that community councils be invited to the forthcoming Commission meeting with the County Council.
- Rhoscolyn ward should remain linked with Trearddur Bay […*particularly as the latter is on The Isle of Anglesey itself rather than Cybi Island*.]

19. A resident of Gorad

This resident opposed the recommendation to merge Gorad ward of the Community of Valley into the proposed new Llanfaethlu electoral division citing that:

- There has been a lack of consultation which may affect where polling takes place which could be to the detriment of voting.
- Valley Community has natural, identifiable borders and identifies itself more with Holyhead than with the more rural community of Llanfaethlu. There is a question here of destroying links and natural boundaries as well as demolishing old traditions.
- Valley Community Council will be represented at County level by two Councillors and potentially have a "weak" voice

20. A resident of Menai Bridge

This resident considered that the evidence suggested that there only needed to be 30 Councillors on The Isle of Anglesey and that the Council itself was in opposition to this by insisting on 35 members.

21. A resident of Gaerwern

This resident referred to an earlier letter published in the Holyhead and Anglesey Mail explaining the consultation process and urging people to respond within the deadline. He was also concerned that:

The ratio of 1:1,700 could lead to a council of 30 members and wondered if the Commission could implement it unilaterally?

22. A resident of Menai Bridge

In a detailed representation, this resident was concerned that:

- The Draft Proposals Report described Braint and Cadnant as "being in a single developed area" when they are not.
- There needs to be an adjustment to the ward boundaries within Menai Bridge and Llanfair PG.
- Was the Report based on electoral figures that may have been nine years old?
- Were local ties ignored when the proposals were drawn up?

23. A resident of Llanfairpwll

This resident was concerned that

- Multi-member electoral divisions were not an ideal solution. This could lead to bias among Councillors who were elected from one part of the electoral division - especially if the area concerned was geographically large - and lead to voter confusion if Councillors are not well-known.
- The reduction in Councillor numbers to 35 did not go far enough and further reductions will make a future amalgamation with Gwynedd County Council easier to undertake.
- The Commission was asked to recommend further reductions and to consider arranging boundaries to avoid multi-member divisions as far as possible.

The same resident was surprised that his comment published in the Draft Proposals Report was the only one received from the public and expressed his doubts over the level of consultation employed.

He referred to his letter published in the *Holyhead and The Isle of Anglesey Mail* explaining the consultation process and urging people to respond within the deadline. The resident made the point that the level of the Commission's publicity did not engender debate or public engagement.

The resident put forward his view that a council of 30 members was sufficient but that multi-member divisions were unacceptable.

In a third representation the resident provided a copy of an article in the *Bangor and The Isle of Anglesey Mail* that was concerned with inviting the Commission to meet the Council. Dissatisfaction with the consultation process was repeated and the main points laid out were:

- Reduce the Council to 30 members
- Adjust the boundaries accordingly
- Do not establish multi-member wards

In an e-mail, this resident apologised for an incorrect assumption - he did not realise that the Commission had met with the Council earlier and he did not know if it was clear whether a request for a further meeting had been made in time to meet the 30th March 2010 deadline.

The resident then discussed a chance conversation with a Gwynedd Councillor who demonstrated instances where multi-member arrangements did not work in that local authority. The resident citied voter confusion as one effect, and Councillor accountability as another reason against establishing those arrangements on Anglesey.

24. A resident of Pentraeth

This resident was concerned that it was difficult to address the needs of any one community in isolation but went on to comment that a more efficient Council of 30 members under a ratio of 1:1,750 would be sufficient for the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

25. A resident of Preston

This correspondent presented a scheme for 30 electoral divisions represented by 35 councillors and a proposed county average of 1:1,451.