

Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Meeting:	Democratic Services Committee
Date:	30 July 2020
Title of report:	Review of the electoral arrangements for the Isle of Anglesey County Council by the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales
Report by:	Head of Democratic Services
Purpose of report:	To consider Boundary Commission draft proposals and make recommendations to the County Council.

1.0 Background

1.1 The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales is required to carry out periodic reviews of the electoral arrangements of the principal areas of Wales. The Commission is now inviting stakeholders to comment on the Isle of Anglesey County Council's electoral arrangements. The intention is to introduce the changes in time for the 2022 elections. On 25 September 2019, this Committee approved initial proposals prepared as part of the review process. The Council approved these proposal on 7 October 2019 and recommended a model based on 14 wards and 35 Members.

2.0 Boundary Commission proposals

2.1 The Boundary Commission has prepared a report detailing proposals. Views are requested by the 14 September, including ward names. A copy is available via the link below:

<https://ldbc.gov.wales/reviews/06-20/isle-anglesey-draft-proposals>

2.2 The Commission proposes a Council of 35 Members and 14 wards. No changes are being proposed to 6 electoral wards. This results in a proposed county average of 1,461 electors per member. All proposals recommended by the Council in October 2019 have been accepted by the Boundary Commission in their draft proposals –details are set out in the summary at Appendix 1.

2.3 The cross party panel has met to consider the Commission's proposals and have accepted all the recommendations. In addition, Group Leaders have endorsed these proposals for approval.

3.0 Recommendations

The Democratic Services Committee is requested:

- 3.1 to consider the Panel's observations (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 subject to any further observations, to recommend to the County Council that the proposals be accepted.

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14 July 2020

Review of electoral arrangements; Isle of Anglesey County Council – Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales’ draft proposals (June 2020)

1 – Aethwy		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
No change to existing arrangements.	No change.	The Panel agrees with the Commission’s draft proposals.

2 – Bro Aberffraw		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
No change to existing arrangements.	No change.	The Panel agrees with the Commission’s draft proposals.

3 – Bro Rhosyr		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
It is recommended that the community of Llangristiolus, bordering the Cefni Ward (Llangefni) currently forming part of Canolbarth ward be moved from Bro Rhosyr to create a new ward with Cefni ward. There are public transport links with Llangefni and close community ties with the town. Also this area is part of the Ysgol Gyfun Llangefni school catchment area and there are close links	The Commission proposes to combine the areas as proposed by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the proposed Braint electoral ward which creates an electoral ward of 2,707 electors (3,040 projected) which, if represented by two councillors , would result in a level of variance that is 7% below the proposed county average.	The Panel agrees with the Commission’s draft proposals.

3 – Bro Rhosyr		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
with community facilities. This change within Bro Rhosyr would result in a 2 member ward of 2,712. 1 Councillor to 1,356 electorate. Name: Bro Rhosyr ward renamed Braint to reflect local geography.	The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Braint . The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.	

4 – Caergybi		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
Merge the Parc and Mynydd and Porthyfelin wards of the Community of Holyhead to create 1 new ward with 2 Councillors . Number of electors – 2,515. 1 councillor to 1,257. Name – Parc a'r Mynydd	The Commission proposes that the Parc a'r Mynydd and Porthyfelin wards of the Town of Holyhead form an electoral ward of 2,499 electors (2,771 projected) which, if represented by two councillors , would result in a level of representation that is 14% below the proposed county average. The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Parc a'r Mynydd . The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.

4 – Caergybi		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
<p>Combine the following wards to create a new ward with 2 members – Holyhead Town, Morawelon, London Road. Number of electors – 2,799. 1 councillor to 1,399.</p> <p>Name – Tref Cybi</p>	<p>The Commission, as a consequence, proposes that the London Road, Morawelon and Town wards of the Town of Holyhead form an electoral ward of 2,751 electors (3,292 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of representation that is 6% below the proposed county average.</p> <p>The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Tref Cybi.</p> <p>The Welsh Language Commissioner considered the name and suggested using ‘Cybi’, ‘Tref Caergybi’ or ‘Caergybi’ as the proposed ward name. They advised that the proposed name of Tref Cybi could give the false impression that ‘Cybi’ is the name of the town, rather than Caergybi. The Welsh Language Commissioner proposes ‘Cybi’ as the electoral ward name, as this follows the same pattern as the proposed ‘Cefni’ electoral ward. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names. The Commission notes that the</p>	<p>The Panel agrees with the Commission’s draft proposals.</p>

4 – Caergybi		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
	existing Ynys Gybi electoral ward also uses the ‘Cybi’ form and the proposed Cefni ward also utilises the same naming patterns. The Commission is satisfied with the Council’s recommendation of Tref Cybi.	

5 – Canolbarth Môn		
The Council’s recommendations – October 2019	The Commission’s draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council’s cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
Create a new 2 member ward – Trewalchmai, Bryngwran and Llanfaelog communities (currently part of Llifon ward). Number of electors – 2,558. 1 councillor to 1,279. This new ward is in the Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern catchment area. Name – Crigyll .	The Commission also proposes to combine the areas as proposed by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the proposed Crigyll electoral ward which creates an electoral ward of 2,571 electors (2,807 projected) which, if represented by two councillors , would result in a level of variance that is 12% below the proposed county average. The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Crigyll . The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.	The Panel agrees with the Commission’s draft proposals.

5 – Canolbarth Môn		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
<p>Create a new 2 member ward by combining Cefni ward of the community of Llangefni with Llangristiolus community (currently part of Rhosyr) due to local community ties and close connection to Llangefni – secondary school. Number of electors 2,398. 1 member to 1,199.</p> <p>Name – Cefni.</p>	<p>The Commission also proposes to combine the areas as proposed by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the proposed Cefni electoral ward which creates an electoral ward of 2,298 electors (2,413 projected) which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of variance that is 21% below the proposed county average.</p> <p>The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Cefni. The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.</p>	<p>The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.</p>
<p>Based on the 2019 electoral data, this model would create a 3 Councillor ward of 3,889 in Canolbarth Môn. 1 councillor to 1,296.</p> <p>Name – Canolbarth Môn.</p>	<p>The Commission, as a consequence, proposes to combine the areas as proposed by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the proposed Canolbarth Môn electoral ward which creates an electoral ward of 3,897 electors (4,259 projected) which, if represented by three councillors, would result in a level of variance that is 11% below the proposed county average.</p>	<p>The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.</p>

5 – Canolbarth Môn		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
	The Commission has given the proposed ward the single name of Canolbarth Môn . The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.	

6 – Llifon		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
Create new 2 Councillor ward - communities of Trewalchmai, Bryngwran (currently in Canolbarth Môn) and Llanfaelog. Electorate of 2,558 - 1 councillor to 1,279. This new ward is within the Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern catchment area and there are local community links and public transport links. Name – Crigyll .	See table 5 – Canolbarth Môn (Crigyll).	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.
Create a new 2 Councillor ward of the communities of Caergeiliog, Y Fali and Bodedern (Talybolion ward). This new ward is within the Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern catchment area and there are local community links including primary	The Commission also proposes to combine the areas as proposed by the Isle of Anglesey County Council in respect of the proposed Bro'r Llynnoedd electoral ward which creates an electoral ward of 3,594 electors (3,927 projected)	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.

6 – Llifon		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
<p>care. This would create a ward with an electorate of 3,634 electors. 1 councillor to 1,817.</p> <p>Name – Bro'r Llynnoedd.</p>	<p>which, if represented by two councillors, would result in a level of variance that is 23% above the proposed county average.</p> <p>The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Bro'r Llynnoedd. The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.</p>	

7 – Lligwy		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
No change to existing arrangements.	No change.	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.

8 – Seiriol		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
No change to existing arrangements.	No change.	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.

9 – Talybolion		
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<p>This is an extensive geographic area, including 7 Community Councils. It is recommended that the Community of Bodedern be moved from this ward to create a new ward with the communities of Y Fali and Llanfair-yn neubwll (see proposals relating to Llifon above). This new ward is within the Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern catchment area and there are local community links including primary care.</p> <p>This would result in an electorate of 3,869 for Talybolion served by 3 Councillors. 1 councillor to 1,289.</p>	<p>The Commission, as a consequence, proposes that the remainder of the Talybolion electoral ward form an electoral ward of 3,834 electors (4,161 projected) which, if represented by three councillors, would result in a level of variance that is 13% below the proposed county average.</p> <p>The Commission has given the proposed electoral ward the single name of Talybolion. The Welsh Language Commissioner is in agreement with the proposed name. The Commission would welcome any suggestions for alternative names.</p>	<p>The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.</p>

10 – Twrcelyn		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
<p>No change to existing arrangements.</p>	<p>No change.</p>	<p>The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.</p>

11 – Ynys Gybi		
The Council's recommendations – October 2019	The Commission's draft proposals – June 2020	Observations of the Council's cross party Panel - 30 June 2020
No change to existing arrangements.	No change.	The Panel agrees with the Commission's draft proposals.

Electoral Ward Names.

The Commission has noted that views are welcomed on all the proposed names (including those where there has been no change) and that any alternative names suggested will be considered.