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CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE

**URGENT REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CHANGE MANAGEMENT,
INNOVATION AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

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ITEM 1, PART 1, SECTION A

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES - ELECTORAL REVIEWS: COUNCIL SIZE POLICY CONSULTATION PAPER

1.1. Purpose of Report

To advise Members of a consultation received and to obtain a decision on an appropriate response.

1.2. Background

- 1.2.1. The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales is required to carry out periodic reviews of the electoral arrangements of principal area in Wales. The way the Commission conducts an electoral review is defined by legislation and by Directions issued by the Welsh Government.
- 1.2.2 The Commission published its ‘Electoral reviews; policy and practice’ paper on 12 March 2012. That paper did not include the Commission’s approach to council size. Accordingly, in May 2012, The Commission published a consultation paper setting out a preliminary view of how council size may be determined as a precursor to an electoral review
- 1.2.3 At the end of the initial consultation period the Commission received responses from the majority of principal councils, the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA), political parties and individuals. The general response was in favour of an approach based on the identification of the number of councillors that would be appropriate to ensure the provision of effective and convenient local government for authorities. The specific methodology proposed by the paper was, however, not generally supported. It was clear that there were some concerns about the suggested banding approach. The view was expressed that the methodology used and justification for establishing council sizes should be based upon wider factors than socio-geographical characteristics alone, and may need to include population density factors. There was also the view that the ratios of elector per councillor adopted in the consultation paper needed to be justified.
- 1.2.4 The latest consultation paper prepared by the Commission (see appendix) sets out its further views and proposed approach to how it believes council size should be determined, based on its experience, expertise and knowledge of local government.

1.3. Proposed Consultation Response

1.3.1 Question 1

Do you believe that the parameter of 50% of the population that live outside settlements larger than 10,000 persons is appropriate for Wales?

Question 2

Do you believe that the parameters of 2, 4.5 and 10 persons per hectare for population density are appropriate for Wales?

Question 3

Do you believe that the councillor to population ratios are appropriate for each category?

Proposed Response to Questions 1, 2 & 3

While it is agreed in principle that the outlined mathematical assumptions and councillor to population ratio could potentially be appropriate for Wales, the introduction of the recommendations of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery, could result in the Commission's proposals being effectively redundant before they have even been implemented. It is important the Commission has sufficient regard to the current political climate and ensure that its approach to policy development does not occur 'out of step' in relation to other more fundamental discussions on the future arrangements of local government.

1.3.2 Question 4

Do you consider it appropriate that a minimum number of 30 councillors is required for the proper management of the affairs of a county or a county borough council?

Question 5

Do you consider it appropriate that a minimum number of 75 councillors is required before a county borough council becomes unwieldly and difficult to manage?

Proposed Response to Questions 4 & 5

We would agree that it remains appropriate to impose a minimum and maximum cap on the number of councillors and support the status quo arrangements, which have operated across Welsh local authorities for many years.

1.3.3 **Question 6**

Do you consider it appropriate to cap the amount of change of councillor numbers as a result of a review?

1.3.4 **Proposed Response to Question 6**

The Council does wish to voice its strong opposition to any alteration in the current member allocation for Welsh local authorities at this time. As stated above we believe that any changes to the Commission's policy in relation to council size should be deferred until the full implications of the recommendations of the Commission on Public Service Governance and Delivery are known and fully understood.

1.3.5 **Question 7**

What percentage level of change do you think is appropriate to be used as a cap at each review?

1.3.6 **Proposed response to Question 7**

On reviewing the applied model outlining how the constraints would affect councillor allocation levels for each Welsh principal authority, it is clear that the proposed 10% cap would result in significant decreases in councillor allocations for many authorities, detrimentally affecting current governance arrangements which this Council could not support.

However, while the Council objects to the principle of any alteration in the current member allocation of Welsh local authorities, if the Commission does insist on proceeding with implementing a capping system the Council considers the 10% cap to be unworkable as this could create undue disruption and render member workload pressures unmanageable.

A limited 5% cap would allow for a phased realignment of member allocation, particularly for authorities having to cope with significant decrease in numbers. It would also ensure that governance arrangements and member representation could be effectively maintained, keeping disruption to the functioning of those local authorities affected to an absolute minimum and allow for any electoral division boundary changes to evolve and adapt in a more progressive way.

1.3.7 **Question 8**

Should the Commission be able to not adhere to the review cap if specifically requested to do so by a Local Authority and when such a change does not vary from the model?

Proposed response to Question 8

As stated above we do not agree with the implementation of a capping system of this kind at present. However, if such a system were to be implemented we would only agree to the principle of waiving a review cap level with the express agreement of the relevant principal authority due to extenuating local circumstances.

1.3.8 Proposed Additional Comments

The Council would also like to submit the following “points of principle”.

Local Government reorganisation in 1996 saw a significant reduction in the number of county and borough councillors in Neath Port Talbot. Allied to this the responsibilities of members, and consequently their workloads, broadened to include all former county and borough functions. In deciding the number of electoral divisions and the respective number of councillors, the Commission should take due cognisance of the significant workload and capacity issues of members and ensure that this is duly reflected in any future recommendations.

The recent decision by the Welsh Government to establish a Commission to examine the current arrangements for public service governance and delivery in Wales and submit proposals for a new ‘optimal model’ could result. This must be carefully borne in mind by the Commission to ensure that their policy on council size remains relevant and responsive to any potential significant alteration in Welsh public service governance in the short, medium and long term.

The Commission are asked to also note the increase in workload generated by the policy of collaboration in Wales. The extent of collaboration across public service boundaries and wider, is resulting in a corresponding increase in the executive and scrutiny activities to ensure proper democratic accountability. This provides further argument against any change at this time, particularly change that would result in a reduction in council size.

Whilst the issue of rural sparsity has been included in setting the current proposed categorisation parameters, the Council considers that this remains a crucial factor that the Commission should consider carefully, particularly as many of the smaller electoral divisions comprise isolated communities in the outlying reaches of the county borough with a strong sense of community identity.

Furthermore, although this is also valid in some of the urban divisions, many of the smaller divisions rank highly in the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation, which is an indicator of councillor workload.

1.4 **Appendices**

Appendix 1 -

Electoral Reviews Council Size Policy Consultation Policy (Doc Reference PRB-300513-REP-CE-KJ-APP1)

1.5. **Recommendations**

- 1.5.1. That subject to any amendments the Cabinet Board wish to make, the Head of Change Management, Innovation and Democratic Services is authorised to submit the agreed response to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales as the Council's formal response to the proposals.

1.6. **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To express the Council's views to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales in relation to the council size policy consultation paper.

1.7. **List of Background Papers**

Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales Council Size Policy Consultation Paper.

1.8 **Wards Affected**

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES– ELECTORAL REVIEWS: COUNCIL SIZE POLICY CONSULTATION PAPER

(a) Implementation of Decisions

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No Impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health & Well Being	-	No Impact
Environment & Transport	-	No Impact
Crime & Disorder	-	No Impact

(b) Other Impacts

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	No Impact
Equalities	-	No Impact
Social Inclusion	-	No Impact

(c) Consultation

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

ITEM 2, PART 1, SECTION A

REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT

2.1. Purpose of Report

2.1.1. To inform the Cabinet Board of the proposed terms of reference in conducting a statutory review of all community areas within the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

2.2. Background

2.2.1. As a principal authority Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is required to periodically review its community boundaries and electoral arrangements to consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing arrangements. The review is required to ensure that the current community structure remains relevant and reflects the identities and interests of the communities in each part of the County Borough. The previous community review for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot was concluded in March 2007.

2.2.2 During the first stage of the review the Council will seek general views from the public, interested parties and key stakeholders about the current electoral arrangements for all community areas. The proposed consultation deadline for this preliminary consultation phase is 31 August, 2013.

2.2.3 The second stage commences with the publication of the Council's draft proposals, giving a further opportunity for representations and comments to be made. The proposed deadline for this secondary consultation is 30 June 2014.

2.2.4 Thereafter, the Council will consider the representations received and prepare their final proposals for publication and submission to the Welsh Government for approval via the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

2.2.5 If after completing the review, it is proposed to make changes to the electoral arrangements of a specific community (i.e. the number of councillors) the principal authority will make the order giving effect to those changes.

2.3 Legal Framework

- 2.3.1 The review of community boundaries and community electoral arrangements is being conducted under Section 55(2) and 57(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994.
- 2.3.2 Section 122 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 also introduced new subsections in Section 55 of the 1972 Act. The new provisions require principal councils to publish a report describing what they have done to keep their communities under review in accordance with section 55 of the 1972 Act. The first report must be published within four years of the day on which the section came into force. The first reports, therefore, must be produced by May 2015 and every 15 years thereafter.

2.4 Purpose of the Review

- 2.4.1 On conducting the review process and drafting its proposals the Council will aim to provide effective and convenient community governance that accurately reflects the identities and interests of all local communities. Furthermore, it will ensure that all Town and Community Councils within the county borough are clear in the areas they represent and are utilising electoral arrangements which are appropriate, equitable and readily understood by their electorate.
- 2.4.2 In general terms the review will cover the physical boundaries of all communities and their electoral arrangements. In particular, it will consider community related matters which may include:

Boundary matters

Naming of communities

Electoral arrangements for communities (provision or otherwise of a community council, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and community warding); and

Grouping communities under a common community council or de-grouping communities

- 2.4.3 When undertaking the review the Council will also be required to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are fully informed of the exercise and of any draft proposals or recommendations which may be published in due course. Official notices will be published at different stages of the review, deposit copies of reports and documents made available for inspection at the Council's main offices and via the Council's corporate website.
- 2.4.4 To ensure that the proposed terms of reference in carrying out the review process conform to a best practice model, an informal consultation was conducted with the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales who have approved our approach to conducting the review.

2.5 Appendices

Appendix 1 – NPTCBC Terms of Reference

2.6 Recommendation

That the draft terms of reference relating to the review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot, subject to any amendments, be approved by the Policy and Resources Cabinet Board.

2.7 Reason for Proposed Decision

All

2.8 Wards Affected

All

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COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

REVIEW OF COMMUNITIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF NEATH PORT TALBOT

(a) **Implementation of Decisions**

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call-in period.

Sustainability Appraisal

Community Plan Impacts

Economic Prosperity	-	No Impact
Education & Lifelong Learning	-	No Impact
Better Health & Well Being	-	No Impact
Environment & Transport	-	No Impact
Crime & Disorder	-	No Impact

(b) **Other Impacts**

Welsh Language	-	No Impact
Sustainable Development	-	No Impact
Equalities	-	Positive
Social Inclusion	-	Positive

(c) **Consultation**

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Appendix 1



Neath Port Talbot
Castell-nedd Port Talbot
County Borough Council Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

**Review of Communities and Electoral
Arrangements**

Terms of Reference

**Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
Review of the Community Boundary and Electoral Arrangements
Terms of Reference**

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Introduction

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is conducting a community review to consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing community arrangements across the whole of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

The first stage of the review is to ask all residents and interested parties to consider the current arrangements and submit their views of support or proposals for change. All submissions will then be considered and draft proposals drawn up and made available for further public consultation. The submissions received will again be considered and final proposals drawn up, published and adopted.

The review will start on 1 June 2013 with the final recommendations being provisionally scheduled to be submitted for adoption in Summer 2014.

For the purpose of the review a community will be viewed as having a characteristic of a sense of identity, this is often accompanied by a sense of separation from people living outside the area. This characteristic stems from a combination of social, economic, geographical, and cultural influences.

Why are we undertaking this review?

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is required to ensure that the community structure we have in place is relevant and reflects the identities and interests of the community in each part of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

A separate review of the County Borough Council electoral divisions, is to be conducted by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (LGBCW) in their programme of reviews which commences in 2014. In undertaking their review, the LGBCW will view the community structure in place as the primary building blocks for their review. It is therefore essential that this community review be undertaken ahead of the LGBCW review to ensure that the interests of the community are represented at all levels of local government.

What is the aim of the review?

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council aims to ensure that community governance reflects the identities and interests of the community and that it is both effective and convenient. We want to ensure that community governance of our County Borough is robust, representative and enabled to meet the challenges that lie before it. Furthermore Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council wants to ensure that community councils are clear in the areas that they represent with electoral arrangements which are appropriate, equitable and readily understood by their electorate.

What can be considered under this review?

In general terms the review covers the physical boundaries of a community and its electoral arrangements. It will consider community related matters that include:

- boundary matters (creating, merging, altering or abolishing communities);
- naming of communities
- electoral arrangements for the communities (provision or otherwise of a community council, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and community warding); and
- grouping communities under a common community council or de-grouping communities

Who will undertake the review?

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is responsible for undertaking the review within its area. It will consider all representations made at each stage of the review process.

If, after completing the review, it is proposed to make changes to the boundary of a community under Section 55(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) (LGA 1972) then the recommendations will be submitted to the LGBCW. If the LGBCW thinks that the recommendations are apt for securing effective and convenient local government in the area then the LGBCW shall make the proposals for change to the Minister for Local Government and Government Business, with, or without modifications.

If, after completing the review, it is proposed to make changes to the electoral arrangements of a community (i.e. the number of councillors) under Section 57(4) of the LGA 1972 then Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will make the Order giving effect to those changes.

Public Consultation & Submissions

When undertaking the review Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is required to undertake such steps as it thinks fit to ensure that persons who may be interested in the review are informed of the proposal to conduct it and are informed of any draft proposals or recommendations. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council undertakes to meet these duties by writing to:

- community councils, other local authorities and public bodies that are concerned;
- community & resident associations, community groups, religious groups, ethnic groups, housing associations and other local interest groups as deemed appropriate;
- councillors, AMs, MPs and local branches of political parties

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will also give official notice at different stages of the review, deposit copies of reports and documents at the Council's main offices and by placing copies of reports and documents on the Council's corporate website.

Comments and submissions may be made at two stages of the review; the preliminary investigation where comments inform the creation of the draft proposals and then the consultation on the draft proposals which inform the final proposals and recommendations.

All comments and submissions will be given due consideration in the review if the following criteria are met:

- Comments shall be received on the pro-forma submissions form or a form to like effect.
- Comments are received by midnight of the timetabled deadline.
- All comments are received with a name and address identifying the sender. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted, though personal details of members of the public will not be made public. Submissions from representative bodies and persons such as Councils, Councillors & AMs, etc will be named within the report.
- Where an organisation or an individual is making submissions concerning boundary matters, they shall show how either maintaining the status-quo or making changes are desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government.
- Where an organisation or individual is making submissions concerning the electoral arrangements for the community, naming of the community or grouping/de-grouping communities, they shall show how those “changes are desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government”.
- Where an organisation or an individual is requesting that changes be made to the warding arrangements within a community they shall provide a supporting statement for their proposals in which “regard shall be had to the questions whether (a) the number or distribution of the local government electors for the community is such as to make a single election of community councillors impracticable or inconvenient; and (b) it is desirable that any area or areas of the community should be separately represented on the community council”.
- Where an organisation or an individual is making a general submission, it shall show how it is made “in the interests of effective and convenient local government”.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will publish its recommendations as soon as practicable and take such steps as it considers sufficient to ensure that persons who may be interested in the Review, including all persons that made a valid submission, are informed of the recommendations and the reasons behind them.

Timetable for the Review

There is no fixed timetable in legislation to conduct a review of the communities and electoral arrangements. The only requirements placed upon the Council are the requirements set in Section 60 of the Local Government Act 1972 to ensure effective consultation is carried out as part of the review.

The review will start on 1 June 2013 with the final recommendations being provisionally scheduled to be submitted for adoption in Summer 2014. Any changes that occur as a result of the review process would then come into effect for the Local Government Elections which are to be held in May 2017.

Action	Period	Date
Start of Review		1 July 2013
Preliminary Investigation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite initial submissions 	Three Months	1 July 2013 – 30 September 2013
Consideration of submissions received	Two Months	October – November 2013
Draft Proposal Consultation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish draft proposals • Public consultation period 	Three Months	December 2013 – February 2014
Consideration of submissions received	Two Months	March – April 2014
Final Proposal Publication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish final proposals & recommendations 		May/June 2014

Please note that the timetable for this review will vary dependent on the length of time necessary to prepare the draft and final proposals however there will always be a minimum of 9 weeks consultation for stakeholders to make representations to the initial and draft proposals.

Supporting Information

Further information relating to the review, including electorate figures, uncontested election results and maps showing existing boundaries are available at the Council's main office's and on the Councils Electoral Service website.

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Appendix A – Uncontested Election Results 2004 – 2012

Community/Town Council (Ward)	Type	No. of seats	2012	2008	2004
Blaengwrach	Community	10	YES	YES	NO
Blaenhonddan (Aberdulais)	Community	2	NO	YES	NO
Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch North)	Community	5	NO	YES	NO
Blaenhonddan (Bryncoch South)	Community	6	YES	YES	NO
Blaenhonddan (Cadoxton)	Community	3	YES	YES	NO
Blaenhonddan (Cilfrew)	Community	2	NO	YES	NO
Briton Ferry (Brynhyfryd)	Town	4	NO	NO	NO
Briton Ferry (Craig-Y-Darren)	Town	2	NO	NO	NO
Briton Ferry (Cwrt Sart)	Town	3	NO	NO	NO
Briton Ferry (Shelone Wood)	Town	3	NO	NO	NO
Cilybebyll (Allt-Wen)	Community	7	NO	NO	NO
Cilybebyll (Gellinudd)	Community	2	NO	NO	NO
Cilybebyll (Rhos)	Community	6	NO	NO	NO
Clyne and Melincourt	Community	8	NO	NO	NO
Coedffranc (Central)	Community	4	YES	YES	NO
Coedffranc (East Central)	Community	3	NO	NO	YES
Coedffranc (North)	Community	5	NO	YES	YES
Coedffranc (West)	Community	2	NO	NO	YES
Coedffranc (West Central)	Community	3	YES	NO	NO
Crynant	Community	11	NO	NO	NO
Cwmllynfell (Cwmllynfell)	Community	8	NO	NO	NO
Cwmllynfell (Penrhiwfawr)	Community	3	NO	NO	NO
Dyffryn Clydach	Community	13	NO	YES	YES
Glynneath (Central)	Town	4	YES	YES	YES
Glynneath (East)	Town	3	YES	YES	YES

Community/Town Council (Ward)	Type	No. of seats	2012	2008	2004
Glynneath (West)	Town	4	YES	YES	YES
Glynneath (West Central)	Town	3	YES	YES	YES
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen (Cwmgors)	Community	4	NO	NO	NO
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen (Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen)	Community	5	NO	NO	NO
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen (Lower Brynamman)	Community	4	NO	NO	NO
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen (Tai'r Gwaith)	Community	2	NO	NO	NO
Neath (Castle)	Town	1	NO	NO	NO
Neath (Cefn Saeson)	Town	2	NO	NO	YES
Neath (Crynallt)	Town	1	NO	NO	NO
Neath (Gnoll)	Town	1	NO	NO	NO
Neath (Llantwit)	Town	3	YES	YES	NO
Neath (Melyncrythan)	Town	3	YES	YES	YES
Neath (Mount Pleasant)	Town	4	YES	YES	NO
Neath (Penrhiwtyn)	Town	3	YES	YES	NO
Onllwyn	Community	10	NO	NO	YES
Pelenna (Pontrhydyfen)	Community	6	NO	NO	NO
Pelenna (Tonmawr)	Community	5	NO	NO	NO
Pontardawe (Pontardawe)	Town	7	YES	YES	YES
Pontardawe (Rhyd-Y-Fro)	Town	3	NO	NO	NO
Pontardawe (Trebanos)	Town	6	NO	NO	NO
Resolven (Abergawed)	Community	2	NO	NO	NO
Resolven (North)	Community	6	NO	NO	NO
Resolven (South)	Community	3	NO	NO	NO
Seven Sisters	Community	12	NO	YES	NO
Tonna	Community	11	NO	NO	NO
Ystalyfera (Godre'Rgrraig)	Community	4	YES	YES	YES
Ystalyfera (Ystalyfera)	Community	11	YES	YES	YES

Appendix B – Electorate Summary

Community Council	Council Electorate	Number of Councillors	Councillor/elector ratio	Ward	Polling District	County Division	Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor / Elector Ratio
Blaengwrach	875	10	88	Blaengwrach	NC2	Blaengwrach	875	10	88
Blaenhonddan	9609	18	534	Aberdulais	NA2	Aberdulais	959	2	480
Blaenhonddan				Bryncoch North	ND1 - ND2	Bryncoch North	1857	5	371
Blaenhonddan				Bryncoch South	NE1 - NE6	Bryncoch South	4596	6	766
Blaenhonddan				Cadoxton	NF1 - NF2	Cadoxton	1384	3	461
Blaenhonddan				Cilfrew	NA1	Aberdulais	813	2	407
Briton Ferry				4473	12	373	Brynhyfryd	AD1 - AD2	Briton Ferry West
Briton Ferry	Craig-Y-Darren	AC1	Briton Ferry East				801	2	401

Community Council	Council Electorate	Number of Councillors	Councillor/elector ratio	Ward	Polling District	County Division	Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor / Elector Ratio
Briton Ferry				Cwrt Sart	AC2 - AC3	Briton Ferry East	1476	3	492
Briton Ferry				Shelone Wood	AD3 - AD4	Briton Ferry West	1079	3	360
Cilybebyll	3914	15	261	Allt-Wen	NB1	Allt-Wen	1916	7	274
Cilybebyll				Gellinudd	NV2	Rhos	378	2	189
Cilybebyll				Rhos	NV1	Rhos	1322	6	220
Clyne and Melincourt	643	8	80	Clyne and Melincourt	NU1 - NU2	Resolven	643	8	80
Coedffranc	7045	17	414	Central	AF2 - AF3	Coedffranc Central	1710	4	428
Coedffranc				East Central	AF1	Coedffranc Central	1268	3	423
Coedffranc				North	AG1 - AG2	Coedffranc North	1872	5	374

Community Council	Council Electorate	Number of Councillors	Councillor/elector ratio	Ward	Polling District	County Division	Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor / Elector Ratio
Coedffranc				West	AH3 - AH5	Coedffranc West	698	2	349
Coedffranc				West Central	AH1 - AH2	Coedffranc West	1497	3	499
Crynant	1584	11	144	Crynant	NH1	Crynant	1584	11	144
Cwmllynfell	945	11	86	Cwmllynfell	NI1	Cwmllynfell	714	8	89
Cwmllynfell				Penrhiwfawr	NI2	Cwmllynfell	231	3	77
Dyffryn Clydach	2487	13	191	Dyffryn Clydach	NJ1 - NJ3	Dyffryn Clydach	2487	13	191
Glynneath	3379	14	241	Central	NK2	Glynneath	1128	4	282
Glynneath				East	NK1	Glynneath	792	3	264
Glynneath				West	NK3	Glynneath	814	4	204

Community Council	Council Electorate	Number of Councillors	Councillor/elector ratio	Ward	Polling District	County Division	Electors	Number of Councillors	Councillor / Elector Ratio
Glynneath				West Central	NC1	Blaengwrach	645	3	215
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	3271	15	218	Cwmgors	NM2	Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	892	4	223
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen				Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	NM1	Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	1350	5	270
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen				Lower Brynamman	NN2	Lower Brynamman	693	4	173
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen				Tai'r Gwaith	NN1	Lower Brynamman	336	2	168
Neath	14847	18	825	Castle	NP1	Neath North	563	1	563
Neath				Cefn Saeson	NG1	Cimla	2214	2	1107
Neath				Crynallt	NG2	Cimla	1057	1	1057
Neath				Gnoll	NQ1	Neath South	818	1	818

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Neath				Llantwit	NP2 - NP3	Neath North	2559	3	853
Neath				Melyncrythan	NO1 - NO3	Neath East	2202	3	734
Neath				Mount Pleasant	NQ2 - NQ4	Neath South	2800	4	700
Neath				Penrhiwtyn	NO4 - NO6	Neath East	2634	3	878
Onllwyn	958	10	96	Onllwyn	NR1 - NR3	Onllwyn	958	10	96
Pelenna	913	11	83	Pontrhydyfen	NS2	Pelenna	491	6	82
Pelenna				Tonmawr	NS1	Pelenna	422	5	84
Pontardawe	5267	16	329	Pontardawe	NT1 - NT4	Pontardawe	3594	7	513
Pontardawe				Rhyd-Y-Fro	NT5	Pontardawe	550	3	183

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Pontardawe				Trebanos	NY1	Trebanos	1123	6	187
Resolven	1806	11	164	Abergawed	NU4	Resolven	199	2	100
Resolven				North	NU5	Resolven	1006	6	168
Resolven				South	NU3	Resolven	601	3	200
Seven Sisters	1611	12	134	Seven Sisters	NW1 - NW2	Seven Sisters	1611	12	134
Tonna	1940	11	176	Tonna	NX1 - NX2	Tonna	1940	11	176
Ystalyfera	3736	15	249	Godre'Rgraig	NL1 - NL2	Godre'Rgraig	1416	4	354
Ystalyfera				Ystalyfera	NZ1 - NZ3	Ystalyfera	2320	11	211