

## **SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

### **COMMUNITY BOUNDARY REVIEW**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To advise Members of the conclusion of a public consultation exercise in relation to the review of community arrangements within the County Borough area, seek approval of the final proposals and authorise the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services to submit final proposals to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

#### **Background**

On 1 June 2013 Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council initiated a community review to consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing community arrangements across the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

The first stage of the review, which concluded on 30 September, was to ask all residents and interested parties to consider the current arrangements and submit their view of support or proposals for change. These submissions were reviewed and draft proposals drawn up and made available for further public consultation.

**Please note Maps of all boundary alterations will be available in the Members Rooms at Neath and Port Talbot Civic Centres**

#### **Progress**

Following the publication of the draft proposals and on advice from the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, a further short four week consultation period was undertaken from 13 April, 2015.

This additional consultation included some minor alterations to resolve certain community ward boundary anomalies primarily due to urban development and concluded on Friday, 8 May, 2015.

Following the conclusion of the consultation process final proposals have now been drawn up and following approval will be submitted to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales for scrutiny. The Commission will then review the proposals and if minded submit recommendations to Welsh Government to implement the outlined minor electoral and boundary alterations.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the Screening Assessment, it has been determined that this policy does not require a Full Equality Impact Assessment and is considered unlikely to have any significant equality impact.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications.

### **Appendices**

Community Review – Stage 3 Final Proposals  
Terms of Reference

Community Review – Stage 3 Final Proposals  
(Appendix A) – Summary of Proposals

Community Review – Stage 3 Final Proposals  
(Appendix B) – Aberavon

Community Review – Stage 3 Final Proposals  
(Appendix C) – Neath

Community Review – Stage 2 Draft Further Proposals  
(Appendix D) – Consultation Responses

## **Recommendation**

That Members note and approve final proposals arising from the Community Boundary Review and authorise the Head of Corporate Strategy and Democratic Services to submit the final proposals (as outlined in Appendices A-D) to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.

**Please note Maps of all boundary alterations will be available in the Members Rooms at Neath and Port Talbot Civic Centres and via the Council's Corporate Website in due course ([www.npt.gov.uk/elections](http://www.npt.gov.uk/elections))**

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

To comply with the statutory responsibilities as outlined in Section 55 of the Local Government Act 1972.

## **List of Background Papers**

Local Government Act 1972

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1972/70/contents>

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## COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

### COMMUNITY BOUNDARY REVIEW

(a) **Implementation of Decision**

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

(b) **Sustainability Appraisal**

**Community Plan Impacts:**

Economic Prosperity	- neutral
Education and Lifelong Learning	- neutral
Better Health and Well Being	- neutral
Environment and Transport	- neutral
Crime and Disorder	- neutral

**Other Impacts:**

Welsh Language	- neutral
Sustainable Development	- neutral
Equalities	- neutral
Social Inclusion	- neutral

(c) **Consultation**

The proposals have been subject to consultation with all relevant stakeholders.