



Joint Report of the Returning Officer and Head of Democratic Services

Council - 26 July 2018

Amended Report

Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales' Review of Electoral Arrangements for the City and County of Swansea

Purpose:	To provide Initial Observations to the Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales in relation to the review of the City and County of Swansea Electoral Arrangements.
Policy Framework:	None.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal, Councillors, Political Group Leaders.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The Initial Observations as detailed in Paragraph 6 of the report be approved and forwarded to the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Democracy & Boundary Commission for Wales is reviewing the Electoral Arrangements for the City and County of Swansea with a view to considering and formulating proposals for future arrangements. (Section 29 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013).
- 1.2 The Commission has asked for this Authority's Initial Observations on the review prior to them formulating their Draft Proposals. The Commission ask that this Authority submits for consideration a scheme or schemes for electoral arrangements based on the existing Communities and Community Wards. Maps drawn to scale showing the boundaries of the suggested electoral wards is also required.

- 1.3 The Authority has assisted the Commission in publicising the review by posting notices in the Guildhall, Civic Centre, Libraries and Community Centres. Additionally, the Authority has informed all 24 Community / Town Councils and Friends of Parks.
- 1.4 The deadline for submitting the Authority's Initial Observations to the Commission is 26 July 2018.
- 1.5 The second stage of the review will start with the publication of the Commission's Draft Proposals. This will present a further opportunity for comments and representations to be made. The Commission will then consider those representations and prepare their Final Proposals. These will be published and submitted to the Welsh Government, who may give effect to the proposals either as submitted or with modifications.

2. General Points Relating to the Commissions Review

- 2.1 The 12 week period for an Authority to come up with meaningful Initial Observations is unrealistic. The Authority suggests that for future Reviews, the Commission should look to expand that initial period to 16 weeks in order to allow greater opportunities for Local Authorities to consider such a review.
- 2.2 In light of the above, the Authority is prepared to assist the Commission through its process of preparing its Draft Proposals and will answer any questions and engage as the Commission sees fit.
- 2.3 Dealing with Boundary changes in isolation is not an effective use of resource. The Authority favours co-terminus boundaries and notes the complexity and issues caused when boundaries no longer mirror the other building blocks for electoral arrangements. As such, this Authority suggests that future Boundary Reviews (Community, Local Government, Parliamentary etc.) should be carried out at the same time

3. Councillor : Elector Ratio

- 3.1 The Authority has tried to keep within a variance of +/- 10% of the Commissions guidance of 1 Councillor to every 2,500 Electors. However, given Community restraints especially of smaller Communities and the potential development linked to the Local Development Plan, this has not always been possible. The Authority will argue that special circumstances will be required in those instances.

4. Electorate Population Forecast

- 4.1 The electorate population forecasts are based on projected housing growth levels documented in Swansea's Local Development Plan (LDP) and the latest annual Joint Housing Land Availability Study (JHLAS), co-ordinated by the Council's Planning Policy team.

- 4.2 The detail on the sites is in Statement ED037 “Housing Site Trajectories and Land Supply”, available via the link www.swansea.gov.uk/ldpexamination (Appendix 3, from page 15 onwards). This document contains details of housing sites and the number of units with completion anticipated during the full plan period (2010-25) - by year, location and component type (four in all, from commitments to larger strategic areas).
- 4.3 As part of the calculations, sites with any completions forecast between 2017 and 2023 were individually assigned to their relevant ward (with some larger sites split across wards). For each ward, the calculations sum the projected housing units by type and year (2017-23 total). These projected ward totals are then applied to the latest baseline figure of housing stock by ward (using Valuation Office Agency data, 2017), from which %-increases are applied to the current (2018) electorate figures, with communities matched to their relevant ward.
- 4.4 For 9 of the 36 wards, there are no housing units anticipated for completion in this timeframe; therefore no electorate population increase is forecast in these areas. Elsewhere are wards where some large site/unit development is currently predicted to take place before 2023. Inevitably, this leads to some significant differences in forecast levels of growth at a ward level, e.g. Llangyfelach and Penllergaer (both over 35%), against a county average of around 7%.

5. Process adopted by Swansea Council

- 5.1 During the initial consultation period of 12 weeks (4 May to 26 July 2018), Swansea Council followed the guidance set out by the Commission as detailed in its “Electoral Reviews: Policy and Practice 2016” publication, the Commissions letter of 27 April 2018 and the information set out during the Commissions presentation to Council on 26 April 2018.
- 5.2 Meetings with Councillors and dedicated Electoral Ward meetings with Councillors were held on 30-31 May & 4 June 2018. The Head of Democratic Services continued to meet and correspond with Councillors during June and July 2018.
- 5.3 The terms of reference of the Authority’s Constitution Working Group (CWG) were amended in order to allow that Group to consider the views of the Electoral Ward Councillors. The CWG is made up of the Presiding Member, Political Group leaders and some other Councillors. This in turn led to a report to Council on 26 July 2018
- 5.4 The CWG met on 11 July 2018 and considered an initial view of general issues, approaches and identified specific geographical areas where a fuller consideration of arrangements seemed most to be appropriate, having due consideration to the Commission’s Council Size Policy.

6. Initial Observations by Electoral Ward

Bishopston Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,700	2,700
➤ <i>Bishopston / Llandeilo Ferwallt Community</i>			2,700	2,700
• Bishopston Community Ward			1,592	1,592
• Murton Community Ward			1,108	1,108
Both Bishopston and Murton Community Wards, sit logically within the Bishopston Ward.				
Proposal				
The Bishopston Electoral Ward elements (6) of Barlands Cottage, 1 Old Kittle Road (2) and Limberlost, 2 Old Kittle Road (4) be added to the Pennard Electoral Ward.				
It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 2,694.				
Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,694	Variance	7.76%

Bonymaen Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2 or 3	5,451	5,958
➤ <i>Bonymaen Community</i>			5,451	5,958
Bonymaen is an established Community with some new development occurring in the area of the Liberty Stadium. Despite the increased electorate, the Authority believes that it can still be managed by 2 Councillors.				
Proposal				
Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,979	Variance	19.16%

Three Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:1,986	Variance	-20.56%
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Castle Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	4	4	10,324	11,234
➤ <i>Castle / Castell Community</i>			10,324	11,234
<p>Castle is an established area within Swansea. Despite the increased electorate, the Authority believes that it can still be managed by 4 Councillors.</p> <p>The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.</p> <p>Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,809	Variance
				12.34%

Clydach Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2 or 3	5,689	5,983
➤ <i>Clydach Community</i>			5,689	5,983
• Clydach Community Ward			2,063	2,170
• Glais Community Ward			275	289
• Graigfelen Community Ward			1,343	1,412
• Vardre Community Ward			2,008	2,112
<p>Clydach is an established Community made up of 4 Community Wards.</p> <p>There is an anomaly with Clydach in that one property namely High Mead is only accessible from Neath Port Talbot Borough Council area.</p> <p>Proposal High Mead, off Farm Road, Clydach to be moved into the Neath Port Talbot Borough Council area.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,992	Variance
				19.66%

Three Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:1,994	Variance	-20.23%
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Cockett Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	4	4	10,583	11,749
➤ <i>Cockett Community</i>			10,583	11,749
<p>Cockett is an established area within Swansea. Despite the increased electorate, the Authority believes that it can still be managed by 4 Councillors.</p> <p>The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.</p> <p>The streets around Gors Primary School / Junction of Gors Avenue and Cockett Road (excluding Cockett Road) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward as they were some years back.</p> <p>Proposal The Cockett Electoral Ward elements (308) of Cefn Coed Crescent (11), Gors Avenue (63), Gwynedd Avenue (96), Lon Cothi (54), Lon Teify (49) and Lon Towy (35) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 11,441.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,860	Variance
				14.41%

Cwmbwrla Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	3	3 or 2	5,640	5,780
➤ <i>Cwmbwrla Community</i>			5,640	5,780
<p>Cwmbwrla is an established area within Swansea.</p> <p>Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:1,927	Variance
				-22.93%

Two Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:1,994	Variance
				15.60%

Dunvant Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2 or 1	3,450	3,450
➤ <i>Dunvant / Y Dyfnant Community</i>			3,450	3,450
<p>Dunvant is an established area within Swansea.</p> <p>Glan y Môr, Wern House and Plas y Coed are 3 properties on the north side of the Wern. The properties on the south side are already in Dunvant. Both sides are only accessible via Dunvant.</p> <p>Proposal The Fairwood Electoral Ward elements (3) of Glan y Môr (2), Wern House (1) and Plas y Coed (0) be added to the Dunvant Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 3,453.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:1,727	Variance	-30.94%

One Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:3,453	Variance	38.12%
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Fairwood Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,265	2,332
➤ <i>Three Crosses / Y Crwys Community</i>			1,197	1,233
➤ <i>Upper Killay / Cilâ Uchaf Community</i>			1,068	1,100
<p>Fairwood is an established area within Swansea.</p> <p>Glan y Môr, Wern House and Plas y Coed are 3 properties on the north side of the Wern. The properties on the south side are already in Dunvant. Both sides are only accessible via Dunvant.</p> <p>Proposal The Fairwood Electoral Ward elements (3) of Glan y Môr (2), Wern House (1) and Plas y Coed (0) be added to the Dunvant Electoral Ward.</p> <p>The Penclawdd Electoral Ward elements (6) of Channel View (0), Fairways (1), Pen-y-Mynydd (5) all off Cilonnen Road be added to the Fairwood Electoral Ward.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,335	Variance	-6.60%

Gorseinon Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1 or 2	3,342	3,765
➤ <i>Gorseinon Community</i>			6,861*	7,725*
• Gorseinon Central Community Ward			1,182	1,332
• Gorseinon East Community Ward			2,160	2,433
<p>* Note: Gorseinon Community covers 4 Community Wards (Gorseinon Central, Gorseinon East, Gorseinon West and Penyrheol). These are combined figures.</p> <p>Gorseinon Central (1,182), Gorseinon East (2,160), Gorseinon West (1,451) and Penyrheol (2,068) collectively form the boundary of the Gorseinon Town Council.</p> <p>Proposal The Penyrheol Electoral Ward elements (118) of Brynteg Road (42), Honeysuckle Lane (6), Llys Brynteg (15), Orchard Close (11) and Princess Street (44) be added to the Gorseinon Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 3,883.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:3,833	Variance	55.32%

Two Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:1,942	Variance	-22.34%
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Gower Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate		
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected	
	1	1	2,980	3,018	
➤ <i>Ilston / Llanilltyd Gwŷr Community</i>			421	426	
• Ilston Community Ward			186	188	
• Nicholaston Community Ward			84	85	
• Penmaen Community Ward			151	153	
➤ <i>Llangennith, Llanmadoc & Cheriton / Llangynydd, Llanmadog a Cheriton Community</i>			672	680	
• Cheriton Community Ward			110	111	
• Llangennith Community Ward			412	417	
• Llanmadoc Community Ward			150	152	
➤ <i>Llanrhidian Lower / Llanrhidian Isaf Community</i>			471	477	
➤ <i>Penrice / Pen-rhys Community</i>			340	345	
• Horton Community Ward			135	137	
• Oxwich Community Ward			153	155	
• Penrice Community Ward			52	53	
➤ <i>Port Eynon / Port Eionon Community</i>			508	515	
• Knelston Community Ward			227	230	
• Llanddewi Community Ward			43	44	
• Port Eynon Community Ward			238	241	
➤ <i>Reynoldston Community</i>			354	359	
➤ <i>Rhossili Community</i>			214	217	
<p>Gower is a huge geographical entity. Gower Electoral Ward far exceeds the Commissions guidance on Councillor : Elector Ratio. The Pennard Electoral Ward falls slightly short of the ratio. The Authority therefore looked at ways to address both areas by shifting natural areas between the two areas.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>The Ilston / Llanilltyd Gwŷr Community (426) made up of Ilston Community Ward (188), Nicholaston Community Ward (85) and Penmaen Community Ward (153) all currently within the Gower Electoral Ward to be moved into the Pennard Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 2,592.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>					
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,592	Variance	3.68%

Gowerton Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate		
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected	
	1	2 or 1	3,969	4,129	
➤ <i>Gowerton / Tregŵyr Community</i>			3,969	4,129	
• Gowerton East Community Ward			1,776	1,848	
• Gowerton West Community Ward			2,193	2,282	
<p>Gowerton is a distinct Community and village. It borders with 5 other Electoral Wards: Dunvant, Kingsbridge, Penclawdd and Fairwood Wards, all of which are Communities in their own right. With the exception of Waunarlwydd (Cockett Ward), the other Communities are split from Gowerton by approximately 1-3km of farmland / common land. Therefore merging with a neighbouring Ward is not an option.</p> <p>The fifth Ward that Gowerton Ward borders with is the Cockett Ward although that sits in a different Parliamentary Constituency (Swansea West). If Gowerton had to merge with another area, the Waunarlwydd element of Cockett Ward would be the obvious choice due to the natural links between both Communities. The difficulty in such a merger would be the crossing of a Parliamentary Boundary which would also need to be addressed in due course. As such, any links between Gowerton and the Waunarlwydd element of Cockett Ward have been discounted.</p> <p>There is also an anomaly in that a very small number of properties in the Berthlwyd area should be moved into Penclawdd Electoral Ward. The detail of this will follow in the next stage of consultation.</p> <p>Proposal Increase the Electoral Ward to 2 Councillors as the workload for one Councillor is impossible.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>					
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,065	Variance	-17.42%

One Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:4,129	Variance	65.16%
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Killay North Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,198	2,800
➤ <i>Killay / Cilâ Community</i>			4,065*	4,667*
• Killay North Community Ward			2,198	2,800
* Note: Killay / Cilâ Community covers 2 Community Wards. These are combined figures.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,800	Variance
				12.00%

Killay South Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	1,867	1,867
➤ <i>Killay / Cilâ Community</i>			4,065*	4,667*
• Killay South Community Ward			1,867	1,867
* Note: Killay / Cilâ Community covers 2 Community Wards. These are combined figures.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:1,867	Variance
				-25.32%

Kingsbridge Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	3	3,500	4,299
➤ <i>Llwchwr Community</i>			7,426*	8,440*
• Garden Village Community Ward			1,069	1,313
• Kingsbridge Community Ward			2,431	2,986
* Note: Llwwchwr Community covers 4 Community Wards (Garden Village, Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor & Upper Loughor). These are combined figures.				
Kingsbridge, Loughor (Lower & Upper) form the historic Llwwchwr Town Council. It is an established area that is logical culturally and in a community sense.				
Proposal Merge Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor into a new Llwwchwr Electoral Ward on the footprint of the Llwwchwr Town Council boundary.				
It creates a 3 Councillor Electoral Ward & 5 year projected electorate of 8,440. Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,813	Variance
				12.53%

Landore Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2	4,780	4,976
➤ <i>Landore / Glandŵr Community</i>			4,780	4,976
Landore is an established area within Swansea.				
Proposal: No change.				
Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,488	Variance	-0.48%

Llangyfelach Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	3,949	5,406
➤ <i>Llangyfelach Community</i>			1,882	2,576
➤ <i>Pontlliw & Tircoed / Pontlliw a Tircoed Community</i>			2,067	2,829
Llangyfelach as a Ward appears logical on a map; however, when considered against the road network, it shows that you have to travel through Penllergaer Ward to get from the Community of Llangyfelach to the Community of Pontlliw & Tircoed.				
Proposal Extract the Pontlliw & Tircoed Community from the Llangyfelach Electoral Ward and create a Pontlliw & Tircoed Electoral Ward with its footprint being on its existing Community Boundary.				
Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:1,882	Variance	-24.72%

Llansamlet Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	4	4	11,040	11,924
➤ <i>Birchgrove Community</i>			5,810	6,275
➤ <i>Llansamlet Community</i>			5,230	5,649
Birchgrove and Llansamlet are two distinct Communities.				
The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,981	Variance	19.24%

Lower Loughor Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	3	1,789	1,789
➤ <i>Llwchwr Community</i>			7,426*	8,440*
• Lower Loughor Community Ward			1,789	1,789
<p>* Note: Llwwchwr Community covers 4 Community Wards (Garden Village, Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor & Upper Loughor). These are combined figures.</p> <p>Kingsbridge, Loughor (Lower & Upper) form the historic Llwwchwr Town Council. It is an established area that is logical culturally and in a community sense.</p> <p>Proposal: Merge Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor into a new Llwwchwr Electoral Ward on the footprint of the Llwwchwr Town Council boundary.</p> <p>It creates a 3 Councillor Electoral Ward & 5 year projected electorate of 8,440. Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,813	Variance	12.53%

Mawr Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	1,390	1,390
➤ <i>Mawr Community</i>			1,390	1,390
• Craig Cefn Parc Community Ward			877	877
• Felindre Community Ward			274	274
• Garnswllt Community Ward			239	239
<p>Mawr is geographically large with vast unpopulated areas. It is well below the Commissions Councillor : Electorate Ratio and has no projected growth.</p> <p>Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:1,390	Variance	-44.40%

Mayals Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,156	2,156
➤ <i>Mumbles Community</i>			13,482*	13,619*
• Mayals Community Ward			2,156	2,156
<p>* Note: Mumbles Community covers 4 Community Wards making up the Mumbles Community Council. These are combined figures.</p> <p>Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,156	Variance	-13.76%

Morriston Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	5	5	12,047	12,177
➤ <i>Morriston / Treforys Community</i>			12,047	12,177
The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.				
Proposal: Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,435	Variance	-2.58%

Mynyddbach Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	3	3	6,604	7,139
➤ <i>Mynyddbach Community</i>			6,604	7,139
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,380	Variance	-4.81%

Newton Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,832	2,926
➤ <i>Mumbles Community</i>			13,482*	13,619*
• Newton Community Ward			2,832	2,926
* Note: Mumbles Community covers 4 Community Wards making up the Mumbles Community Council. These are combined figures.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,926	Variance	17.04%

Oystermouth Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	3,275	3,318
➤ <i>Mumbles Community</i>			13,482*	13,619*
• Oystermouth Community Ward			3,275	3,318
* Note: Mumbles Community covers 4 Community Wards making up the Mumbles Community Council. These are combined figures.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:3,318	Variance	32.72%

Penclawdd Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate		
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected	
	1	1	2,921	2,921	
➤ <i>Llanrhidian Higher / Llanrhidian Uchaf Community</i>			2,921	2,921	
• Llanmorlais Community Ward			1,000	1,000	
• Penclawdd Community Ward			1,921	1,921	
Penclawdd is an established area within Swansea.					
The Penclawdd Electoral Ward elements (6) of Channel View (0), Fairways (1), Pen-y-Mynydd (5) all off Cilonnen Road be added to the Fairwood Electoral Ward.					
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.					
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,915	Variance	16.60%

Penderry Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate		
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected	
	3	3	7,577	8,064	
➤ <i>Penderry / Penderi Community</i>			7,577	8,064	
Penderry is an established area within Swansea.					
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.					
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,688	Variance	7.52%

Penllergaer Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate		
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected	
	1	2	2,543	3,515	
➤ <i>Penllergaer Community</i>			2,543	3,515	
• Penllergaer East Community Ward			1,743	2,409	
• Penllergaer West Community Ward			800	1,106	
Penllergaer is an established area of Swansea.					
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.					
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:1,758	Variance	-29.70%

One Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:3,515	Variance	40.60%
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Pennard Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	1	2,236	2,344
➤ <i>Pennard Community</i>			2,236	2,344
• Kittle Community Ward			528	554
• Southgate West Community Ward			1,708	1,791
<p>Pennard Electoral Ward falls slightly short of the Commissions guidance on Councillor : Elector Ratio. The Gower Electoral Ward exceeds the ratio. The Authority therefore looked at ways to address both areas by shifting natural areas between the two areas.</p> <p>Additionally, there are 2 properties on Old Kittle Road which currently sit within the Bishopston Electoral Ward but would more logically sit within Pennard Electoral Ward.</p> <p>Proposal The Ilston / Llanilltyd Gwŷr Community (426) made up of Ilston Community Ward (188), Nicholaston Community Ward (85) and Penmaen Community Ward (153) all currently within the Gower Electoral Ward to be moved into the Pennard Electoral Ward.</p> <p>The Bishopston Electoral Ward elements (6) of Barlands Cottage, 1 Old Kittle Road (2) and Limberlost, 2 Old Kittle Road (4) be added to the Pennard Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 2,776.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,776	Variance
				11.04%

Penyrheol Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2	4,380	4,928
➤ <i>Gorseinon Community</i>			6,861*	7,725*
• Gorseinon West Community Ward			1,451	1,633
• Penyrheol Community Ward			2,068	2,327
➤ <i>Grovesend & Waungron Community</i>			861	969
<p>* Note: Gorseinon Community covers 4 Community Wards (Gorseinon Central, Gorseinon East, Gorseinon West and Penyrheol). These are combined figures.</p> <p>Gorseinon Central (1,182), Gorseinon East (2,160), Gorseinon West (1,451) and Penyrheol (2,068) collectively form the boundary of the Gorseinon Town Council.</p> <p>Grovesend & Waungron (861) is a Community in its own right and forms the Grovesend and Waungron Community Council.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>The Penyrheol Electoral Ward elements (118) of Brynteg Road (42), Honeysuckle Lane (6), Llys Brynteg (15), Orchard Close (11) and Princess Street (44) be added to the Gorseinon Electoral Ward.</p> <p>Gwynfaen Farm (2) and Pentrebach Farm (1) both off Gwynfe Road to be moved from Penyrheol Electoral Ward into Upper Loughor Electoral Ward.</p> <p>The new developments off Pentrebach which are currently within Upper Loughor to be moved into Penyrheol Electoral Ward. They are only accessible via this estate. The exact elector numbers for this are unknown at this time.</p> <p>It creates a 5 year projected electorate of 4,807.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,404	Variance -3.86%

Pontarddulais Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2	4,901	5,472
➤ <i>Pontarddulais Community</i>			4,901	5,472
• Dulais East Community Ward			721	805
• Dulais West Community Ward			1,498	1,673
• Goppa Community Ward			519	579
• Pentrebach Community Ward			385	430
• Tal-y-bont Community Ward			1,778	1,985
Pontarddulais is an established area of Swansea.				
Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,736	Variance	9.44%

Sketty Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	5	5	11,120	11,773
➤ <i>Sketty / Sgeti Community</i>			11,120	11,773
The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.				
There are a number of street off Brynmill Lane which are currently within the Sketty Electoral Ward; however these should be within the Uplands Electoral Ward.				
Proposal The Sketty Electoral Ward elements (195) of Averil Vivian Grove (44), Gainsborough Close (18), Llythrid Avenue (16), Masefield Way (47) and Roger Beck Way (70) be added to the Uplands Electoral Ward.				
This creates a 5 year projected electorate of 11,578.				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,316	Variance	-7.38%

St. Thomas Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2 or 3	5,490	6,230
➤ <i>St. Thomas Community</i>			5,490	6,230
<p>The Council boundary between the City and County of Swansea and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council isn't clear and could easily be clarified by some simple tweaks in the area of Crymlyn Burrows and the Swansea University Bay Campus.</p> <p>Proposal The Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council elements (327) of Baldwins Crescent, Elba Crescent and the Swansea University Bay Campus (202) be added to St. Thomas Ward of the City and County of Swansea.</p> <p>The boundary between Council's should be defined as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The roundabout to the East of Amazon on the A483; 2) The area between the beach up to the railway line to the north of Ffordd Amazon and following the railway line; 3) A line south from the above mentioned roundabout down to the bay. <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p> <p>This creates a 5 year projected electorate of 6,674.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:3,279	Variance
				31.14%

Three Councillor Calculation

Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio	1:2,186	Variance	-12.57%
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Townhill Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	3	3	5,891	5,891
➤ <i>Townhill Community</i>			5,891	5,891
<p>In order to better define boundaries, there is a need to address boundaries between Cockett and Townhill and Uplands and Townhill.</p> <p>The streets around Gors Primary School / Junction of Gors Avenue and Cockett Road (excluding Cockett Road) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward as they were some years back.</p> <p>The streets to the north of Townhill Road and No's 2A-110, Townhill Road (currently Uplands Electoral Ward) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward as they were some years back.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>1) The Cockett Electoral Ward elements (308) of Cefn Coed Crescent (11), Gors Avenue (63), Gwynedd Avenue (96), Lon Cothi (54), Lon Teify (49) and Lon Towy (35) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward.</p> <p>2) The Uplands Electoral Ward elements (475) of Arfryn Road (3), Graiglwyd Road (No. 124) (2), Lon Coed Bran (118), Lon Coed Parc (24), Lon Dan y Coed (34), Lon Ger y Coed (51), Lon Pen y Coed (68), Pentyla Road (72) and Townhill Road (No's 2A-110 (Evens Only)) (103) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p> <p>This creates a 5 year projected electorate of 6,674.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,225	Variance -11.01%

Uplands Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	4	4	10,157	10,741
➤ <i>Uplands Community</i>			<i>10,157</i>	<i>10,741</i>
<p>The Commission wants Electoral Ward sizes between 1 and 3 Councillors.</p> <p>There are a number of street off Brynmill Lane which are currently within the Sketty Electoral Ward; however these should be within the Uplands Electoral Ward.</p> <p>The streets to the north of Townhill Road and No's 2A-110, Townhill Road (currently Uplands Electoral Ward) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward as they were some years back.</p> <p>Proposal</p> <p>1) The Sketty Electoral Ward elements (195) of Averil Vivian Grove (44), Gainsborough Close (18), Llythrid Avenue (16), Masefield Way (47) and Roger Beck Way (70) be added to the Uplands Electoral Ward.</p> <p>2) The Uplands Electoral Ward elements (475) of Arrfryn Road (3), Graiglwyd Road (No. 124) (2), Lon Coed Bran (118), Lon Coed Parc (24), Lon Dan y Coed (34), Lon Ger y Coed (51), Lon Pen y Coed (68), Pentyla Road (72) and Townhill Road (No's 2A-110 (Evens Only)) (103) be added to the Townhill Electoral Ward.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p> <p>This creates a 5 year projected electorate of 10,461.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio			1:2,615	Variance
				4.61%

Upper Loughor Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	1	3	2,137	2,352
• <i>Llwchwr Community</i>			7,426*	8,440*
• Upper Loughor Community Ward			2,137	2,352
<p>* Note: Llwwchwr Community covers 4 Community Wards (Garden Village, Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor & Upper Loughor). These are combined figures.</p> <p>Kingsbridge, Loughor (Lower & Upper) form the historic Llwwchwr Town Council. It is an established area that is logical culturally and in a community sense.</p> <p>Proposal Merge Kingsbridge, Lower Loughor and Upper Loughor into a new Llwwchwr Electoral Ward on the footprint of the Llwwchwr Town Council boundary.</p> <p>Gwynfaen Farm (2) and Pentrebach Farm (1) both off Gwynfe Road to be moved from Penyrheol Electoral Ward into Upper Loughor Electoral Ward.</p> <p>It creates a 3 Councillor Electoral Ward & 5 year projected electorate of 8,443.</p> <p>Additional Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,813	Variance	+12.57%

West Cross Electoral Ward	No. of Cllrs		Electorate	
	Current	Proposed	Current	5 Year Projected
	2	2	5,219	5,219
➤ <i>Mumbles Community</i>			13,482*	13,619*
• West Cross Community Ward			5,219	5,219
<p>* Note: Mumbles Community covers 4 Community Wards making up the Mumbles Community Council. These are combined figures.</p> <p>Proposal Comments may be submitted by Political Groups.</p>				
Proposed Councillor : Elector Ratio		1:2,610	Variance	4.38%

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

9. Equality and Engagement Implications

9.1 There are none associated with this report.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: None