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## **FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES IN THE PRESERVED COUNTY OF SOUTH GLAMORGAN**

**The Commission propose to make no change to their provisional recommendations for five constituencies in the preserved county of South Glamorgan:**

1. Provisional recommendations in respect of South Glamorgan, were published on 5 January 2004. Objections to the provisional recommendations led to a public inquiry that was held in Penarth on 24 June 2004. The Assistant Commissioner who conducted the inquiry recommended a change to the Commission's provisional recommendations. Having considered his report and recommendations, and the evidence submitted, the Commission decided not to accept his recommended change and have confirmed their provisional recommendations as final recommendations accordingly.

### **Assistant Commissioner's Report**

2. The Assistant Commissioner supported the Commission's decision to allocate five constituencies to the preserved county. A number of issues were raised in representations and were discussed at the inquiry. The main issues raised were:

- (a) the transfer from the Pontypridd constituency to the Cardiff West constituency of the electoral division of Pentyrch and part of the electoral division of Creigiau/ St Fagans;
- (b) the transfer from the Bridgend constituency to the Vale of Glamorgan constituency of the electoral division of St Brides and part of the electoral division of Llandow/Ewenny; and
- (c) the transfer from the Vale of Glamorgan constituency to the Cardiff South and Penarth constituency of the electoral division of Sully.

### **The electoral division of Pentyrch and part of the electoral division of Creigiau/ St Fagans**

3. The Assistant Commissioner reported that no representations objecting to the proposals had been received from local residents and that he had received no evidence that the transfer would cause difficulty or was in itself inappropriate. He considered that the Commission's proposals avoid splitting the electoral division of Creigiau/St Fagans between constituencies and

that the area in question appears to fit well enough to Cardiff West on the ground. He recommended that the Commission's provisional proposals be accepted for this area.

### **The electoral division of St Brides and part of the electoral division of Llandow/Ewenny**

4. The Assistant Commissioner reported that he had considered the evidence made in objection to the Commission's proposals for this area and that on the evidence he did not consider that any breaking of local ties would be substantial. He considered that the Commission's proposals avoid splitting the electoral division of Llandow/Ewenny between constituencies and place the majority of its electors in the same constituency as they were before, namely the Vale of Glamorgan constituency. He considered that the areas in question were similar in character to the Vale of Glamorgan as a whole and appeared to fit well enough on the ground. He recommended that the Commission's provisional proposals be accepted for this area.

### **The electoral division of Sully**

5. Consideration of the position of Sully took place against the background of the proposed transfer to the Vale of Glamorgan of the electoral division of St Bride's Major and of part of the electoral division of Llandow-Ewenny, proposals which the Assistant Commissioner described as irresistible.

6. The Assistant Commissioner noted that the issue whether Sully should be transferred to Cardiff South and Penarth drew by far the most representations. He noted that the proposed transfer would achieve much greater electoral equality and having analysed the arithmetic he found that the argument in favour of greater electoral equality was a powerful one.

7. The Assistant Commissioner received representations against the transfer of Sully to Cardiff South and Penarth, to the effect that Sully at one end of the constituency would have nothing in common with electoral divisions at the other end, but he reflected that Sully residents were not uncomfortable in their association with Penarth.

8. The Assistant Commissioner noted however that although Sully itself was a coastal, rural village, at its western end the village virtually ran into the built up area of Barry (in the Vale of Glamorgan), and he was told that Sully residents identified with the Vale of Glamorgan and with Barry as the seat of the local authority and for local services. The Assistant Commissioner accepted that this was evidence of local ties which would be broken if Sully were transferred to Cardiff South and Penarth. He received little evidence of community ties in favour of transfer. The Assistant Commissioner was satisfied that there was substantial opposition on the part of Sully residents to inclusion in the parliamentary constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth, though some of this opposition was based upon a misunderstanding of the practical consequences.

9. The Assistant Commissioner also received evidence as to the predicted growth patterns in the two constituencies which suggested to him that there had been and would continue to be more growth in population in Cardiff South and Penarth than there would be in the Vale of Glamorgan.

10. The Assistant Commissioner took it into account that, if the other proposals (St Bride's Major, Llandow-Ewenny) were taken for granted, the electorate of Vale of Glamorgan would be 71,518, unless Sully were transferred to Cardiff South and Penarth. This would be nearly 10% above the county average, which was indeed at or near the limit.

11. Summing up, the Assistant Commissioner found the arguments in favour of and against the transfer of Sully to Cardiff South and Penarth finely balanced. He found that there was good reason for concern about the absolute and relative size of the Vale of Glamorgan constituency if Sully were retained. He was not persuaded that a transfer to Cardiff South and Penarth would do great violence to the local ties of Sully. But it would break local ties of long standing. He concluded that (1) where there were local ties of long standing which would be broken by the transfer, (2) the size of the Vale of Glamorgan electorate appeared static and (3) there appeared to be vigorous growth in the electorate of Cardiff South and Penarth, an electorate of 71,518 for the Vale of Glamorgan was not so excessive as to require transfer. He therefore did not recommend transfer of Sully to Cardiff South and Penarth, and confirmed his conclusions in relation to St Bride's Major and Llandow-Ewenny.

12. The Commission has carefully taken into account the Assistant Commissioner reasoning as summarised above and notes that he found the arguments in favour of the transfer to Vale of Glamorgan of St Bride's Major and Llandow-Ewenny irresistible, whilst he found the arguments in favour of and against the transfer of Sully to Cardiff South and Penarth finely balanced. The Commission agrees with the Assistant Commissioner that the argument in favour of achieving greater electoral parity by the transfer of Sully is a powerful one. The Commission attaches considerable weight to the application of Rule 5 and in the absence of a sufficiently strong countervailing factor, or set of factors, the Commission considers that Rule 5 should normally prevail. The Commission has considered all the evidence taken into account by the Assistant Commissioner, including the evidence as to local ties and differences in the rate of growth of the electorates, with great care, and is of the firm view that it is not sufficiently strong to outweigh the application of Rule 5. The Commission therefore confirms its proposal that Sully be transferred to the parliamentary constituency of Cardiff South and Penarth.

### **Final Recommendations**

13. After considering the Assistant Commissioner's report, the transcript of the inquiry and the written representations, the Commission decided:

(a) to accept the Assistant Commissioner's recommendations in relation to (1) the electoral division of Pentyrch and part of the electoral division of Creigiau/St. Fagans, and (2) the electoral division of St. Brides and part of the electoral division of Llandow/Ewenny.

(b) not to accept the Assistant Commissioner's recommendation relating to the electoral division of Sully but to confirm the provisional recommendation of including the electoral division of Sully within the Cardiff South and Penarth constituency rather than the Vale of Glamorgan constituency.

14. The Commission's final recommendations for the preserved county of South Glamorgan, which will be included in their report to be submitted to the Secretary of State at the end of the general review and which are shown on the attached map, are for five constituencies as follows (the 2003 electorates are shown in brackets):

**CARDIFF CENTRAL BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (60,864), Cardiff County**  
electoral divisions: Adamsdown, Cathays, Cyncoed, Pentwyn, Penylan, Plasnewydd.

**CARDIFF NORTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (63,615), Cardiff County** electoral divisions: Gabalfa, Heath, Lisvane, Llandaff North, Llanishen, Pontprennau/Old St.Mellons, Rhiwbina, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais.

**CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (67,855), Cardiff County** electoral divisions: Butetown, Grangetown, Llanrumney, Rumney, Splott, Trowbridge. **The Vale of Glamorgan County** electoral divisions: Cornerswell, Llandough, Plymouth, St. Augustine's, Stanwell, Sully.

**CARDIFF WEST BOROUGH CONSTITUENCY (64,587), Cardiff County** electoral divisions: Caerau, Canton, Creigiau/St.Fagans, Ely, Fairwater, Llandaff, Pentyrch, Radyr, Riverside.

**VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNTY CONSTITUENCY (68,229), The Vale of Glamorgan County** electoral divisions: Baruc, Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court, Cowbridge, Dinas Powys, Dyfan, Gibbonsdown, Illtyd, Llandow/Ewenny, Llantwit Major, Peterston-super-Ely, Rhoose, St.Athan, St.Bride's Major, Wenvoe.

### **Representations**

15. In accordance with section 5 of the 1986 Act and the procedures set out in the Commission's guidance booklet published in 2003, the Commission are not entitled to consider any further representations in relation to these recommendations. When the Commission have completed their review of the whole of Wales they will submit a report to the Secretary of State.

### **Implementation of the recommendations**

16. The Commission are required to submit their report on the general review of the whole of Wales to the Secretary of State after 16 December 2002 and before 17 December 2006. The Secretary of State has a statutory duty to lay the Commission's report before Parliament together with a draft Order in Council giving effect to the Commission's recommendations with or without modifications. If modifications are proposed, the Secretary of State must also lay a statement of reasons for the modifications. The draft Order in Council is submitted to both Houses of Parliament for approval and, after it is made by Her Majesty in Council, it cannot be called into question in any legal proceedings. The new constituencies take effect at the next general election following the making of the Order in Council.

### **Outline map**

17. The electoral divisions are illustrated in outline on the map which forms part of this document (please note the copyright warning below concerning the map). The electoral divisions on the map are numbered, and these numbers and the names of the electoral divisions are listed on the back page, together with the 2003 electoral figures on which the Commission are required by law to work.

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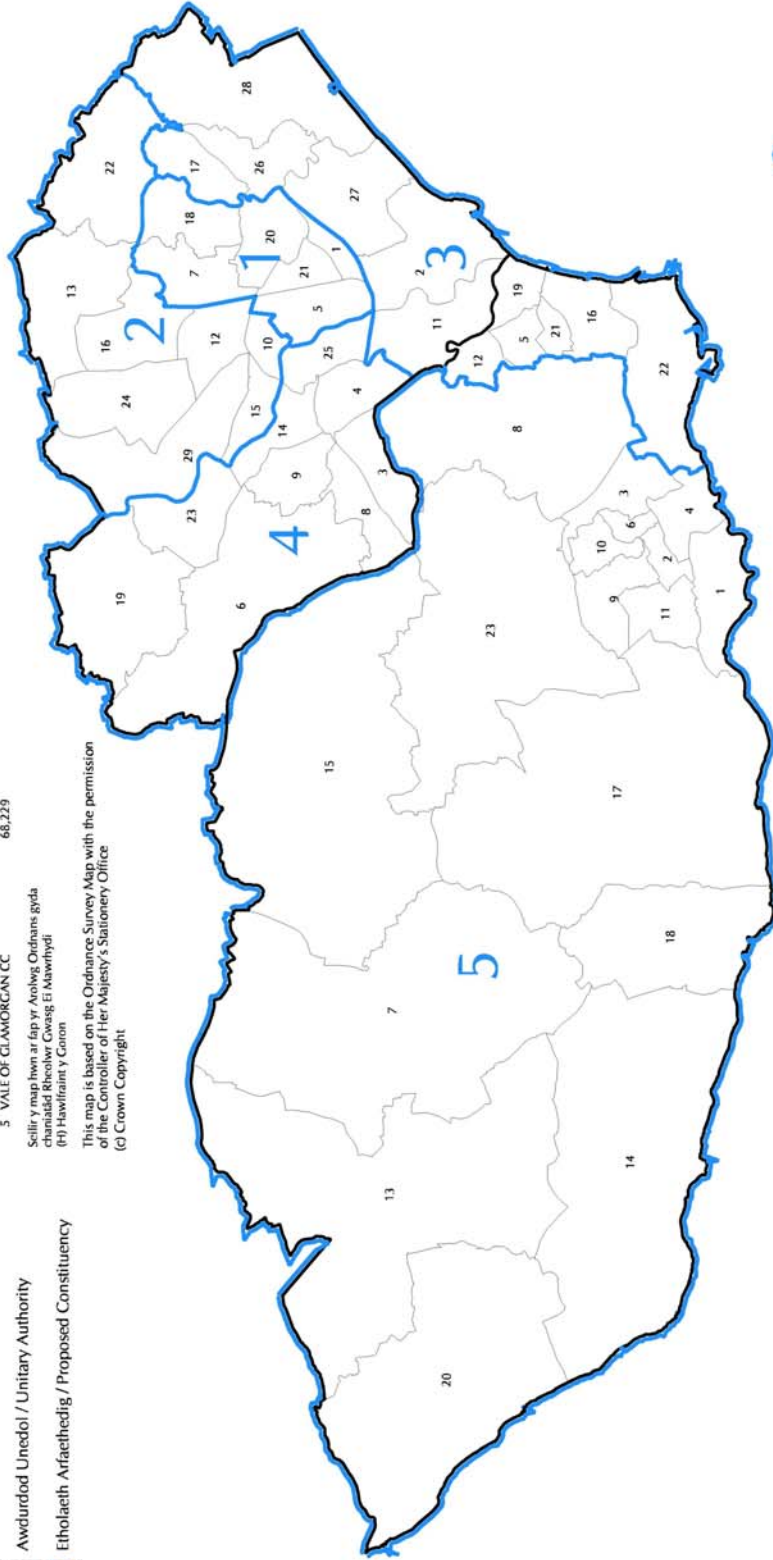
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-  Rhanbarth Etholiadol / Electoral Division
-  Awdurdod Unedol / Unitary Authority
-  Etholaeth Arfaethedig / Proposed Constituency

Seddi Seat	Enw a Theidd Name & Designation	2003 60,864 63,615 67,855 64,587 66,229
1	CARDIFF CENTRAL BC	
2	CARDIFF NORTH BC	
3	CARDIFF SOUTH AND PENARTH BC	
4	CARDIFF WEST BC	
5	VALE OF GLAMORGAN CC	

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## South Glamorgan

<b>A.</b>	<b>Cardiff</b>	<b>236,503</b>	<b>B.</b>	<b>The Vale of Glamorgan</b>	<b>88,647</b>
1.	Adamsdown	5,411	1.	Baruc	4,334
2.	Butetown	3,948	2.	Buttrills	4,260
3.	Caerau	7,266	3.	Cadoc	6,250
4.	Canton	10,399	4.	Castleland	2,506
5.	Cathays	12,752	5.	Cornerswell	4,016
6.	Creigiau/St.Fagans	3,869	6.	Court	3,148
7.	Cyncoed	8,793	7.	Cowbridge	5,169
8.	Ely	9,926	8.	Dinas Powys	6,230
9.	Fairwater	9,820	9.	Dyfan	3,715
10.	Gabalfa	6,452	10.	Gibbonsdown	3,621
11.	Grangetown	10,299	11.	Illtyd	6,093
12.	Heath	9,168	12.	Llandough	1,536
13.	Lisvane	2,797	13.	Llandow/Eweny	2,068
14.	Llandaff	7,317	14.	Llantwit Major	7,825
15.	Llandaff North	5,690	15.	Peterston-super-Ely	1,751
16.	Llanishen	11,837	16.	Plymouth	4,105
17.	Llanrumney	8,107	17.	Rhose	4,359
18.	Pentwyn	10,647	18.	St.Athan	2,408
19.	Pentyrch	2,817	19.	St. Augustine's	4,509
20.	Penylan	9,639	20.	St.Bride's Major	2,211
21.	Plasnewydd	13,622	21.	Stanwell	2,963
22.	Pontprennau/Old St.Mellons	5,967	22.	Sully	3,289
23.	Radyr	3,933	23.	Wenvoe	2,281
24.	Rhiwbina	9,321			
25.	Riverside	9,240			
26.	Rumney	6,593			
27.	Splott	8,480			
28.	Trowbridge	10,010			
29.	Whitchurch and Tongwynlais	12,383			

