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Chapter 1 Introduction

- 1.1 On 4 March 2011 the Commission announced the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011. A summary of the relevant statutory framework and of the Commission's general approach to the reviews is to be found in the Commission's information booklet, "*The 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales – Information Booklet*" (2011), which is available in English and Welsh from the Commission or on the Commission's web-site at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk.
- 1.2 The Commission is now publishing its initial proposals for public consultation. Those proposals take careful account of developments since the last general review, in particular the fundamental change to the legislation. It is emphasised, however, that the proposals are all provisional. References to proposals, recommendations, decisions and conclusions within this document should therefore be read accordingly. Most significantly, great importance is attached to the opportunity now given for all concerned to make representations to the Commission, whether in support of or objecting to the proposals.
- 1.3 The Commission has decided to publish initial proposals for the whole of Wales in a single document. Whereas in previous reviews it was possible to present proposals by reference to the 8 preserved counties of Wales, this is no longer possible. It has been necessary to conduct this review on an all-Wales basis.
- 1.4 Details of when and how to make representations are given later in this document (see Chapter 8).

Chapter 2 Criteria for reviewing Parliamentary constituencies

Application of the provisions of the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies Act 2011

2.1 The criteria described in this chapter apply to the review of parliamentary constituencies.

Review cycle

2.2 A new requirement of the Act states that the Commission must submit a periodical report on a general review of all the constituencies in Wales by 1 October 2013 and by 1 October every 5 years after that date.

Reduction in the number of constituencies

2.3 The UK electoral quota and reduction in the total number of UK constituencies from 650 to 600 will mean that the number of constituencies in Wales will be reduced from 40 to 30. The result will be a fundamental change to the existing pattern of constituencies in every part of Wales.

Statutory electorate range

2.4 The Act sets out in Schedule 2 a number of Rules which are relevant to the detailed development of proposals for individual constituencies.¹ Overriding these is Rule 2, which provides that – apart from four specified exceptions – every constituency must have an electorate (as at the review date) that is no less than 95% and no more than 105% of the ‘UK electoral quota’ (UKEQ). The UK electoral quota for the 2013 Review is, to the nearest whole number, 76,641.²

2.5 Accordingly, every constituency in Wales must have an electorate as at the review date that is no smaller than 72,810 and no larger than 80,473 (the statutory range).

2.6 The only specified constituencies which are not subject to the operation of the UK electoral quota are the two constituencies on the Isle of Wight in England and the two constituencies in Scotland of Orkney and Shetland, and Na h-Eileanan an Iar.

¹ Schedule 2 to the Act is set out in full in Appendix C of the Information Booklet.

² According to Rule 2(3) in Schedule 2 to the Act, the UK electoral quota is: 45,678,175 (the UK electorate as at the review date) divided by 596.

Other statutory factors

2.7 Rule 5 in Schedule 2 provides for a number of other factors that the Commission may take into account in establishing a new map of constituencies for the 2013 Review, specifically:

- special geographical considerations, including in particular the size, shape and accessibility of a constituency;
- local government boundaries as they existed on 6 May 2010 (see Information Booklet: Chapter 2 paragraph 2);
- boundaries of existing constituencies; and,
- any local ties that would be broken by changes in constituencies.³

Special geographical considerations

2.8 The Commission considers that special geographical considerations that may have an impact on the ability to form a constituency with an electorate within the statutory electorate range will primarily relate to physical geography such as mountains, hills, lakes, rivers, estuaries and islands, rather than to human or social geography. Matters of culture, history, socio-economics and other possible aspects of non-physical geography are more likely to arise as issues when considering the separate factor of 'local ties'.

Local government boundaries and local ties

2.9 The Commission may take into account local government boundaries. These include both the external boundaries of unitary authorities and their internal electoral division, community or community ward boundaries.

2.10 While the Commission sought to take account of unitary authority external boundaries as far as practicable, it was nevertheless frequently necessary to cross these boundaries in order to form constituencies that comply with the statutory electorate range.

2.11 The Commission has used electoral divisions as the basic building block for designing constituencies.

2.12 The Commission has in general sought to avoid dividing electoral divisions between constituencies. Electoral divisions are well-defined and well-understood units, which are generally indicative of areas which have a broad community of interest. However, in four cases it has been considered appropriate to do so.

³ A further factor – 'the inconveniences attendant on such changes' – is expressly excluded for the 2013 Review, but may be considered for subsequent reviews.

Boundaries of existing constituencies

2.13 In general, the Commission has sought to have regard to existing constituencies as far as possible. However, this does not mean that any existing constituency can be considered as protected from change even if its electorate figure falls within the statutory range or where a small amendment could bring it within the statutory range. Because of the reduction in the number of seats and the requirements in relation to the size of the electorate in each constituency, it may nevertheless be necessary to make alterations to such a constituency in order to achieve viable, conforming constituencies throughout Wales.

Interplay of the considerations

2.14 The policy of the Commission is to take into account all the factors listed in Rule 5 as far as possible, subject to the primacy of the statutory electorate range under Rule 2. The scale of the reduction of constituencies in Wales from 40 to 30 has sometimes made it particularly difficult to reflect the factors in Rule 5. Thus, for example, historic separations of long standing have had to be set one side and some less than obvious associations have had to be made on occasions.

2.15 The Act does not require the Commission to seek to achieve constituency electorates that are 'as close as possible to' the UK electoral quota. Nor does the Commission consider it appropriate to superimpose on the statutory scheme a policy objective of trying to minimise divergence from the UK electoral quota. Such an objective would undermine the ability of the Commission to properly take into account the factors listed in Rule 5 in accordance with the policy at paragraph 2.13 above. Therefore, by way of illustration, the Commission may prefer to identify a constituency that has, say, a 4% variance from the United Kingdom electoral quota, but which respected local ties, in preference to an alternative that produced a constituency with only a 1% variance, but which would split communities.

2.16 As far as possible, the Commission seeks to create constituencies:

- from electoral divisions that are adjacent to each other;
- from whole communities; and,
- that do not contain 'detached parts', i.e. where the only physical connection between one part of the constituency and the remainder would require travel through a different constituency.

Factors the Commission did not consider

Impact on future election results

2.17 The Commission is an independent and impartial body. It emphasises very strongly that existing voting patterns and the prospective fortunes of political parties do not enter its considerations.

New local government boundaries

2.18 The local government boundaries that the Commission may have regard to are – as stated above – those that existed on 6 May 2010. Consequently, the Commission has not taken into account new boundaries subsequent to that date.

Changes to electorates after the review date

2.19 The Commission is required to work on the basis of the numbers of electors on the electoral registers at the 'review date'. It cannot consider changes to the size of electorates after the 'review date'. In addition, it is unable to take account of any under-registration or over-registration of electors that may be claimed in a given area.

Naming and designating constituencies

2.20 In making its proposals, the Commission is also required by the Act to specify a name and designation for each proposed constituency. The Act contains little guidance on these points.

Naming

2.21 The Commission's policy on the naming of constituencies is that, when constituencies remain largely unchanged, the existing constituency name should usually be retained. In such cases constituency names are likely to be altered only where there is good reason for change.

2.22 For a new constituency, the name should normally reflect that of the Unitary Authority or Unitary Authorities wholly or mainly contained in the constituency. However, if there is a suitable alternative name which generally commands greater local support, the Commission will consider that alternative. As only one name is allowed, it will not be possible to have a Welsh and an alternative English name for a constituency (or vice versa). A single bilingual name may be used.

- 2.23 The Commission adopts compass point names when there is not a more suitable name. The compass point reference used will generally form a prefix in cases where a constituency name refers to the Unitary Authority area or former district council but a suffix where the rest of the name refers to a population centre. Examples of existing constituencies that demonstrate this principle are 'Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire' and 'Swansea West'.

Designation

- 2.24 The Act also requires that each constituency is designated as either a 'county constituency' or a 'borough constituency'. The Commission considers that, as a general principle, where constituencies contain more than a small rural element they should normally be designated as county constituencies. In other cases they should be designated as borough constituencies. The designation is suffixed to the constituency name and is usually abbreviated: BC for borough constituency and CC for county constituency.
- 2.25 The designation generally determines who shall act as Returning Officer for Parliamentary elections. The designation also determines the limit on the amount that a candidate is allowed to spend during a Parliamentary election in the constituency. The limit is slightly lower in borough constituencies, to reflect the lower costs of running a campaign in an urban, usually compact, area.

Chapter 3 The existing constituencies

Number of Electors

- 3.1 There are presently 40 constituencies in Wales. The number of electors in the constituencies ranges from 40,707 (Arfon CC) to 73,690 (Cardiff South and Penarth BC). Under the new legislation the number of constituencies in Wales is reduced from 40 to 30 and the statutory electorate range of electors is between 72,810 and 80,473. As a result, only one existing constituency, Cardiff South and Penarth BC, is within the statutory range. Therefore significant changes will need to be made to the existing pattern of constituencies in order to meet the statutory range and number of constituencies.
- 3.2 One of the effects of reducing the overall number of constituencies allocated to Wales and the requirements of the statutory electorate range is that an existing constituency that has an electorate within the statutory range may, nonetheless, need to be altered as a result of the need to create viable constituencies in other areas.

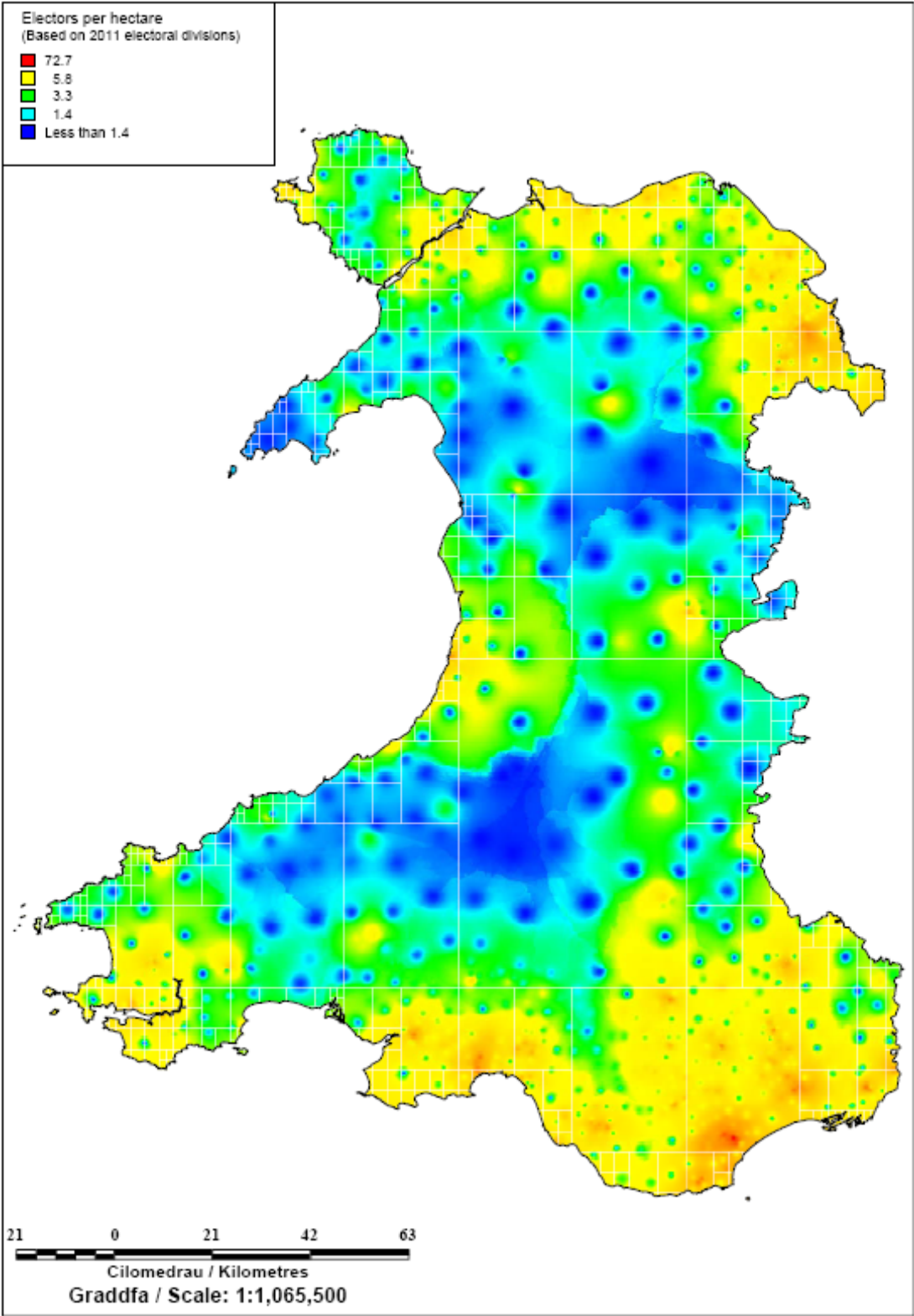
Constituency Size

- 3.3 The size (in terms of area) of existing constituencies ranges from 17km² (Cardiff Central BC) to 3,014km² (Brecon and Radnorshire CC). The maximum size of a constituency permitted under the new legislation is 13,000km². A constituency that size would cover approximately 61% of Wales. None of the proposed constituencies comes anywhere near the maximum size.

Pattern of Electorate

- 3.4 Given the relatively small number of electors in rural parts of Wales it is inevitable that under the new arrangements some constituencies will be very large in terms of area. (See Figure 1 on page 8). Furthermore, due to the limited numbers of electors in some of the South Wales valleys, constituencies will have to encompass more than one valley. Similarly, in some urban areas, Unitary Authorities may need to be divided. Compromises will need to be made in order to create a pattern of constituencies across Wales that adheres to the Rules of the new legislation. It is important to understand that even small changes to one constituency will have consequential impacts on adjacent areas and possibly more widely.

Figure 1: Population Distribution of Wales



Chapter 4 Summary of proposals

- The new legislation has reduced the number of parliamentary constituencies in Wales from 40 to 30.
- No existing constituency would remain unchanged under the initial proposals. For many areas the proposed changes are considerable.
- The UKEQ is 76,641 with a tolerance of between 95% and 105% of this figure (72,810 and 80,473 respectively). There are presently 39 constituencies below the minimum number of electors and one (Cardiff South and Penarth BC) which falls within the statutory range. Under the proposals all constituencies would be within the statutory range with 19 constituencies below the electoral quota and 11 above the electoral quota.
- 15 existing constituencies would be wholly contained within a new constituency (Alyn and Deeside, Blaenau Gwent, Brecon and Radnorshire, Bridgend, Cardiff West, Ceredigion, Dwyfor Meirionnydd, Llanelli, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Neath, Rhondda, Torfaen, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham and Ynys Mon).
- Under the proposals 6 Unitary Authorities would be wholly contained within a new constituency (Blaenau Gwent, Ceredigion, the Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire and Torfaen). There are 7 Unitary Authorities in Wales which fall below the maximum of the statutory electorate range and which therefore could be included wholly within a new constituency. These are Blaenau Gwent, Ceredigion, Denbighshire, the Isle of Anglesey, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouthshire and Torfaen.
- There would be 6 constituencies over 1,000 km² (Caerfyrddin, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, Glyndwr and North Powys, Gwynedd, South and West Pembrokeshire, and South Powys). 3 of these constituencies would be between 2,000 and 3,000 km² (Caerfyrddin, Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire, and Glyndwr and North Powys), and 2 constituencies over 3,000 km² (Gwynedd and South Powys).
- 10 of the existing names would be retained.
- 877 of the 881 electoral divisions in Wales would be wholly contained within a new constituency. It has been considered appropriate to split 4 electoral divisions in order to adhere to Rules 2 and 5 (Llansamlet, Penycae and Ruabon South, Ponciau and Tremeirchion would be split into the communities).

Chapter 5 Parliamentary constituencies

- 5.1 The proposed new constituencies are detailed at Appendices 6 to 35 and illustrated on outline maps at Appendix 5. More detailed maps are also available on the Commission's web site at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk (please note the copyright warning, at paragraph 9.1 below, concerning the maps) and are on deposit at a designated place in each existing constituency (see Appendix 3 for details for each existing constituency). The maps are to be used in conjunction with the statistical information relating to the electoral divisions which is tabulated at Appendix 1. This information shows the 2011 electoral division electorates which the Commission are required by law to use for this review.
- 5.2 The Commission's initial proposals would, if adopted, result in a Parliamentary map of Wales very different to that with which we are familiar. The Commission has been faced with the task of devising proposals for the required 30 constituencies in place of the existing 40 constituencies. In doing so it has been further constrained by the absolute requirement that the electorate of every constituency must fall within the statutory range. As a result the Commission's freedom to give effect to other statutory considerations has, at times, been limited. Similarly, in considering the merits of alternative schemes, in some instances apparent solutions have been found not to be viable because they cannot be accommodated within the requirements as to size of electorate or because of their knock-on effect on other constituencies, all of which must comply with these same requirements. The Commission has, however, at every stage of its deliberations, sought to identify the solutions most suitable for local needs throughout Wales which can be accommodated within the statutory Rules.
- 5.3 The Commission would like to emphasise that these proposals represent the Commission's initial views and it welcomes the opinions and alternatives proposed by the public.

Chapter 6 Proposals in Detail

6.1 The Commission's initial proposals are described in detail in this chapter. The headings refer to the proposed constituencies. Each existing constituency directly affected by a proposal is described in a paragraph setting out the electoral divisions within it, the number of electors in each division and the percentage variance from the electoral quota and the minimum of the statutory range. A paragraph then follows of the proposed constituency, its variance from the electoral quota and the suggested name. Finally an explanation of the constituency formation follows the proposed constituency paragraph.

1. Menai ac Ynys Môn

6.2 The existing **Aberconwy** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Conwy of Betws-y-Coed (985), Bryn (1,347), Caerhun (1,686), Capelulo (1,238), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Crwst (1,623), Deganwy (3,344), Eglwysbach (1,206), Gogarth (3,001), Gower (908), Llansanffraid (1,831), Marl (3,069), Mostyn (2,809), Pandy (1,492), Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan (2,201), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Trefriw (1,035), Tudno (3,703) and Uwch Conwy (1,294) with a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.3 The existing **Arfon** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Gwynedd of Arllechwedd (993), Bethel (1,025), Bontnewydd (856), Cadnant (1,437), Cwm-y-Glo (723), Deiniol (569), Deiniolen (1,204), Dewi (1,229), Garth (702), Gerlan (1,592), Glyder (1,288), Groeslon (1,297), Hendre (904), Hiracl (921), Llanberis (1,474), Llanllyfni (851), Llanrug (1,308), Llanwnda (1,469), Marchog (1,442), Menai (Bangor) (2,483), Menai (Caernarfon) (1,798), Ogwen (1,605), Peblig (Caernarfon) (1,445), Penisarwaun (1,287), Pentir (1,678), Penygroes (1,284), Seiont (2,158), Talysarn (1,294), Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygái (1,596), Waunfawr (1,223) and Y Felinheli (1,572) with a total of 40,707 electors which is 47% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 44% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.4 The existing **Ynys Môn** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of the Isle of Anglesey of Aberffraw (1,079), Amlwch Port (1,643), Amlwch Rural (923), Beaumaris (1,365), Bodffordd (1,180), Bodorgan (1,268), Braint (1,139), Bryngwran (1,290), Brynteg (1,513), Cadnant (825), Cefni (1,145), Cwm Cadnant (1,693), Cyngar (1,471), Gwyngyll (1,258), Holyhead Town (651), Kingsland (972), Llanbadrig (992), Llanbedrgoch (1,148), Llanddyfnan (1,027), Llaneilian (1,739), Llanfaethlu (1,220), Llanfair-yn-Neubwll (1,717),

Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog (1,470), Llangoed (990), Llanidan (1,337), Llannerch-y-Medd (1,376), London Road (913), Maeshyfryd (1,397), Mechell (1,150), Moelfre (778), Morawelon (917), Parc A'r Mynydd (902), Pentraeth (1,422), Porthyfelin (1,465), Rhosneigr (702), Rhosyr (1,645), Trearddur (1,712), Tudur (885), Tysilio (1,474) and Valley (1,731) with a total of 49,524 electors which is 35% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 32% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.5 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Ynys Môn CC; and,
2. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Bryn (1,347) and Pandy (1,492); and,
3. the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Arllechwedd (993), Bethel (1,025), Deiniol (569), Deiniolen (1,204), Dewi (1,229), Garth (702), Gerlan (1,592), Glyder (1,288), Hendre (904), Hirael (921), Marchog (1,442), Menai (Bangor) (2,483), Ogwen (1,605), Penisarwaun (1,287), Pentir (1,678), Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai (1,596) and Y Felinheli (1,572).

This constituency would have 74,453 electors which is 2.9% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Menai ac Ynys Môn**.

6.6 The Isle of Anglesey alone cannot meet the statutory requirements in respect of size of electorate. It is therefore necessary to include in the proposed new constituency a significant number of additional electors from the mainland. The City of Bangor which is connected to the Island by two bridges has a natural link with Anglesey. In addition to the City of Bangor, some further electoral divisions in the surrounding areas will have to be added to bring the constituency within the required range. Several options were considered but it was felt that the Community of Llanfairfechan (formed from two electoral divisions of the County of Conwy) which is to the western side of the Foel Lwyd mountain is the most appropriate to include because of its close links to the Bangor area. An alternative would be to include electoral divisions to the south of Bangor but it was considered that these areas have greater ties to the Caernarfon area.

2. Gwynedd

6.7 The existing **Aberconwy** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Conwy of Betws-y-Coed (985), Bryn (1,347), Caerhun (1,686), Capelulo (1,238), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Crwst (1,623), Deganwy (3,344), Eglwysbach (1,206), Gogarth (3,001), Gower (908), Llansanffraid (1,831), Marl (3,069), Mostyn (2,809), Pandy (1,492), Pant-yr-

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Afon/Penmaenan (2,201), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Trefriw (1,035), Tudno (3,703) and Uwch Conwy (1,294) with a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.8 The existing **Arfon** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Gwynedd of Arllechwedd (993), Bethel (1,025), Bontnewydd (856), Cadnant (1,437), Cwm-y-Glo (723), Deiniol (569), Deiniolen (1,204), Dewi (1,229), Garth (702), Gerlan (1,592), Glyder (1,288), Groeslon (1,297), Hendre (904), Hirael (921), Llanberis (1,474), Llanllyfni (851), Llanrug (1,308), Llanwnda (1,469), Marchog (1,442), Menai (Bangor) (2,483), Menai (Caernarfon) (1,798), Ogwen (1,605), Peblig (Caernarfon) (1,445), Penisarwaun (1,287), Pentir (1,678), Penygroes (1,284), Seiont (2,158), Talysarn (1,294), Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygai (1,596), Waunfawr (1,223) and Y Felinheli (1,572) with a total of 40,707 electors which is 47% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 44% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.9 The existing **Dwyfor Meirionnydd** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Gwynedd of Aberdaron (737), Aberdovey (1,007), Abererch (1,013), Abermaw (1,664), Abersoch (548), Bala (1,378), Botwnnog (704), Bowydd and Rhiw (1,246), Brithdir and Llanfachreth/Ganllwyd/Llanelltyd (1,101), Bryn-crug/Llanfihangel (765), Clynnog (739), Corris/Mawddwy (951), Criccieth (1,371), Diffwys and Maenofferen (768), Dolbenmaen (932), Dolgellau North (912), Dolgellau South (1,089), Dyffryn Ardudwy (1,205), Efail-newydd/Buan (1,022), Harlech (1,488), Llanaelhaearn (1,184), Llanbedr (803), Llanbedrog (786), Llandderfel (1,147), Llanengan (824), Llangelynin (1,591), Llanuwchllyn (717), Llanystumdwy (1,503), Morfa Nefyn (929), Nefyn (970), Penrhyndeudraeth (1,807), Porthmadog East (1,135), Porthmadog West (1,372), Porthmadog-Tremadog (940), Pwllheli North (1,459), Pwllheli South (1,308), Teigl (1,379), Trawsfynydd (1,123), Tudweiliog (680) and Tywyn (2,499) with a total of 44,796 electors which is 42% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.10 The existing **Montgomeryshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Powys of Banwy (795), Berriew (1,103), Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Forden (1,107), Glantwymyn (1,624), Guilsfield (1,833), Kerry (1,610), Llanbryn-mair (761), Llandinam (1,120), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanidloes (2,222), Llanwddyn (834), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Machynlleth (1,654), Meifod (1,064), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742),

Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261), Rhiwcynon (1,708), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog (1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchdydol (1,653) with a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.11 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Dwyfor Meirionnydd CC;
2. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Betws-y-Coed (985), Crwst (1,623), Gower (908), Trefriw (1,035) and Uwch Conwy (1,294);
3. the County of Gwynedd electoral divisions of Bontnewydd (856), Cadnant (1,437), Cwm-y-Glo (723), Groeslon (1,297), Llanberis (1,474), Llanllyfni (851), Llanrug (1,308), Llanwnda (1,469), Menai (Caernarfon) (1,798), Peblig (Caernarfon) (1,445), Penygroes (1,284), Seiont (2,158), Talysarn (1,294) and Waunfawr (1,223); and,
4. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Glantwymyn (1,624), Llanbrynmair (761) and Machynlleth (1,654).

This constituency would have 73,297 electors which is 4.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Gwynedd**.

6.12 When considering the constituency immediately to the south of the proposed Menai ac Ynys Môn CC it seemed most appropriate for the remaining electoral divisions of the former Arfon constituency and the constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd to join to form a constituency as these areas are all part of the same Unitary Authority of Gwynedd. Unfortunately, even if these two areas were combined, there would not be sufficient electors to form a constituency in the statutory range. We therefore looked at adjoining areas which might appropriately be included in this constituency.

6.13 The Commission considers it appropriate to include within the proposed constituency the three electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth in County of Powys. The A470 provides a North/ South link traversing the constituency. To the north the Commission considers that it would be appropriate to add electoral divisions from the south of the existing Aberconwy constituency that are similar both in social links and in topography to other electoral divisions in the proposed constituency. Thus it is proposed to include the 5 southernmost electoral divisions of the existing Aberconwy constituency (Betws-y-Coed, Crwst, Gower, Trefriw and Uwch Conwy) in the constituency. During the process the Commission were very mindful of the size of the constituency. Even though at 3,160km², it is nowhere near the

13,000km² limit in the legislation it will still be larger than any of the existing constituencies in Wales.

3. Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire

- 6.14 The existing **Carmarthen East and Dinefwr** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Carmarthenshire of Abergwili (1,822), Ammanford (1,907), Betws (1,616), Cenarth (1,705), Cilycwm (1,155), Cynwyl Gaeo (1,306), Garnant (1,535), Glanamman (1,785), Gorslas (3,160), Llanddarog (1,565), Llandeilo (2,262), Llandovery (2,082), Llandybie (3,017), Llanegwad (1,949), Llanfihangel Aberbythych (1,435), Llanfihangel-ar-Arth (2,155), Llangadog (1,547), Llangeler (2,612), Llangunnor (1,895), Llangyndeyrn (2,401), Llanybydder (1,932), Manordeilo and Salem (1,765), Penygroes (2,134), Pontamman (DET)(2,123), Quarter Bach (2,156), St. Ishmael (2,168) and Saron (3,096) with a total of 54,285 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.15 The existing **Ceredigion** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Ceredigion of Aberaeron (1,117), Aberporth (1,808), Aberteifi/Cardigan-Mwldan (1,367), Aberteifi/Cardigan-Rhyd-y-Fuwch (854), Aberteifi/Cardigan-Teifi (674), Aberystwyth Bronglais (1,700), Aberystwyth Canol/Central (1,161), Aberystwyth Gogledd/North (1,986), Aberystwyth Penparcau (2,219), Aberystwyth Rheidol (1,623), Beulah (1,298), Borth (1,542), Capel Dewi (1,041), Ceulanamaesmawr (1,439), Ciliau Aeron (1,484), Faenor (2,116), Lampeter (2,117), Llanarth (1,154), Llanbadarn Fawr-Padarn (783), Llanbadarn Fawr-Sulien (1,720), Llandyfriog (1,373), Llandysilio-gogo (1,482), Llandysul Town (1,051), Llanfarian (1,112), Llanfihangel Ystrad (1,533), Llangeitho (1,137), Llanybi (1,134), Llanrhystyd (1,192), Llansantffraed (1,874), Llanwenog (1,329), Lledrod (1,669), Melindwr (1,500), New Quay (836), Penbryn (1,677), Pen-parc (1,841), Tirymynach (1,368), Trefeurig (1,297), Tregaron (908), Troedyrour (1,001) and Ystwyth (1,489) with a total of 56,006 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.16 The existing **Preseli Pembrokeshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Pembrokeshire of Burton (1,448), Camrose (2,081), Cilgerran (1,577), Clydau (1,170), Crymych (1,936), Dinas Cross (1,322), Fishguard North East (1,481), Fishguard North West (1,206), Goodwick (1,512), Haverfordwest: Castle (1,620), Haverfordwest: Garth (1,737), Haverfordwest: Portfield (1,723), Haverfordwest: Prendergast (1,315), Haverfordwest: Priory (1,935), Johnston (1,911), Letterston (1,741), Llangwm (1,746), Llanrhan (1,228), Maenclochog (2,408), Merlin's Bridge (1,611), Milford: Central (1,499), Milford: East (1,501), Milford: Hakin (1,813), Milford: Hubberston

(1,804), Milford: North (1,979), Milford: West (1,622), Newport (942), Neyland: East (1,801), Neyland: West (1,643), Rudbaxton (1,359), St. David's (1,503), St. Dogmaels (1,755), St. Ishmael's (1,127), Scloddau (1,153), Solva (1,155), The Havens (1,143) and Wiston (1,459) with a total of 57,966 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.17 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Ceredigion CC;
2. the County of Carmarthenshire electoral division of Cenarth (1,705); and,
3. the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Cilgerran (1,577), Clydau (1,170), Crymych (1,936), Dinas Cross (1,322), Fishguard North East (1,481), Fishguard North West (1,206), Goodwick (1,512), Maenclochog (2,408), Newport (942), Scloddau (1,153) and St. Dogmaels (1,755).

This constituency would have 74,173 electors which is 3.2% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire**.

6.18 The existing constituency of Ceredigion would require a significant number of additional electors to form a constituency within the statutory range. The Commission considered several options and decided that it was most appropriate to continue the constituency along the coast and the A487 into the Unitary Authority of Pembrokeshire to include parts of the existing constituency of Preseli Pembrokeshire. The proposed new constituency extends as far along the coast as Fishguard and the surrounding electoral divisions and inland as far as Llandysilio and surrounding electoral divisions.

6.19 Wherever possible the Commission has attempted to keep to a minimum the crossing of Unitary Authority boundaries or existing constituency boundaries. However, in this case, in order to fall within the statutory electorate range and in order to assist in creating suitable constituencies in the surrounding areas, the Commission has decided to include the electoral division of Cenarth in the proposed new constituency of Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire. This electoral division includes Newcastle Emlyn which has very close links with the settlement of Adpar in the adjoining electoral division of Llandyfriog.

4. South and West Pembrokeshire

6.20 The existing **Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

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1. the County of Carmarthenshire of Carmarthen Town North (3,800), Carmarthen Town South (2,791), Carmarthen Town West (3,681), Cynwyl Elfed (2,471), Laugharne Township (2,236), Llanboidy (1,606), Llansteffan (1,676), St. Clears (2,312), Trelech (1,700), and Whitland (1,696) and,
2. the County of Pembrokeshire of Amroth (995), Carew (1,193), East Williamston (1,888), Hundleton (1,464), Kilgetty/Begelly (1,748), Lampeter Velfrey (1,292), Lamphey (1,350), Manorbier (1,608), Martletwy (1,104), Narberth (1,546), Narberth Rural (1,237), Pembroke Dock: Central (1,087), Pembroke Dock: Llanion (2,039), Pembroke Dock: Market (1,263), Pembroke Dock: Pennar (2,387), Pembroke: Monkton (1,076), Pembroke: St. Mary North (1,410), Pembroke: St. Mary South (1,034), Pembroke: St. Michael (1,999), Penally (1,289), Saundersfoot (2,065), Tenby: North (1,659), and Tenby: South (1,802)

The constituency has a total of 58,504 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.21 The existing **Preseli Pembrokeshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Pembrokeshire of Burton (1,448), Camrose (2,081), Cilgerran (1,577), Clydau (1,170), Crymych (1,936), Dinas Cross (1,322), Fishguard North East (1,481), Fishguard North West (1,206), Goodwick (1,512), Haverfordwest: Castle (1,620), Haverfordwest: Garth (1,737), Haverfordwest: Portfield (1,723), Haverfordwest: Prendergast (1,315), Haverfordwest: Priors (1,935), Johnston (1,911), Letterston (1,741), Llangwm (1,746), Llanrhian (1,228), Maenclochog (2,408), Merlin's Bridge (1,611), Milford: Central (1,499), Milford: East (1,501), Milford: Hakin (1,813), Milford: Hubberston (1,804), Milford: North (1,979), Milford: West (1,622), Newport (942), Neyland: East (1,801), Neyland: West (1,643), Rudbaxton (1,359), St. David's (1,503), St. Dogmaels (1,755), St. Ishmael's (1,127), Scloddau (1,153), Solva (1,155), The Havens (1,143) and Wiston (1,459) with a total of 57,966 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.22 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from the County of Pembrokeshire electoral divisions of Amroth (995), Burton (1,448), Camrose (2,081), Carew (1,193), East Williamston (1,888), Haverfordwest: Castle (1,620), Haverfordwest: Garth (1,737), Haverfordwest: Portfield (1,723), Haverfordwest: Prendergast (1,315), Haverfordwest: Priors (1,935), Hundleton (1,464), Johnston (1,911), Kilgetty/Begelly (1,748), Lampeter Velfrey (1,292), Lamphey (1,350), Letterston (1,741), Llangwm (1,746), Llanrhian (1,228), Manorbier (1,608), Martletwy (1,104), Merlin's Bridge (1,611), Milford: Central (1,499), Milford: East (1,501), Milford: Hakin (1,813), Milford: Hubberston (1,804), Milford: North (1,979), Milford: West (1,622), Narberth (1,546),

Narberth Rural (1,237), Neyland: East (1,801), Neyland: West (1,643), Pembroke Dock: Central (1,087), Pembroke Dock: Llanion (2,039), Pembroke Dock: Market (1,263), Pembroke Dock: Pennar (2,387), Pembroke: Monkton (1,076), Pembroke: St. Mary North (1,410), Pembroke: St. Mary South (1,034), Pembroke: St. Michael (1,999), Penally (1,289), Rudbaxton (1,359), Saundersfoot (2,065), Solva (1,155), St. David's (1,503), St. Ishmael's (1,127), Tenby: North (1,659), Tenby: South (1,802), The Havens (1,143) and Wiston (1,459). This constituency would have 76,039 electors which is 0.8% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **South and West Pembrokeshire**.

- 6.23 The Commission considers that the electoral divisions of the existing constituency of Preseli Pembrokeshire which are not included in the proposed new constituency of Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire may suitably be combined with the other electoral divisions of the County of Pembrokeshire.
- 6.24 Although this proposal would split the two existing Pembrokeshire constituencies of Preseli Pembrokeshire and Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, it has the advantage of creating two new constituencies which contain areas which are exclusively within Unitary Authority areas: Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire (see 6.27 below).

5. Caerfyrddin

- 6.25 The existing **Carmarthen East and Dinefwr** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Carmarthenshire of Abergwili (1,822), Ammanford (1,907), Betws (1,616), Cenarth (1,705), Cilycwm (1,155), Cynwyl Gaeo (1,306), Garnant (1,535), Glanamman (1,785), Gorslas (3,160), Llanddarog (1,565), Llandeilo (2,262), Llandovery (2,082), Llandybie (3,017), Llanegwad (1,949), Llanfihangel Aberbythych (1,435), Llanfihangel-ar-Arth (2,155), Llangadog (1,547), Llangeler (2,612), Llangunnor (1,895), Llangyndeyrn (2,401), Llanybydder (1,932), Manordeilo and Salem (1,765), Penygroes (2,134), Pontamman (DET)(2,123), Quarter Bach (2,156), St. Ishmael (2,168) and Saron (3,096) with a total of 54,285 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.26 The existing **Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:
1. the County of Carmarthenshire of Carmarthen Town North (3,800), Carmarthen Town South (2,791), Carmarthen Town West (3,681), Cynwyl Elfed (2,471), Laugharne Township (2,236), Llanboidy (1,606), Llansteffan (1,676), St. Clears (2,312), Trelech (1,700), and Whitland (1,696) and,

2. the County of Pembrokeshire of Amroth (995), Carew (1,193), East Williamston (1,888), Hundleton (1,464), Kilgetty/Begelly (1,748), Lampeter Velfrey (1,292), Lamphey (1,350), Manorbier (1,608), Martletwy (1,104), Narberth (1,546), Narberth Rural (1,237), Pembroke Dock: Central (1,087), Pembroke Dock: Llanion (2,039), Pembroke Dock: Market (1,263), Pembroke Dock: Pennar (2,387), Pembroke: Monkton (1,076), Pembroke: St. Mary North (1,410), Pembroke: St. Mary South (1,034), Pembroke: St. Michael (1,999), Penally (1,289), Saundersfoot (2,065), Tenby: North (1,659), and Tenby: South (1,802).

The constituency has a total of 58,504 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.27 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from the County of Carmarthenshire electoral divisions of Abergwili (1,822), Ammanford (1,907), Betws (1,616), Carmarthen Town North (3,800), Carmarthen Town South (2,791), Carmarthen Town West (3,681), Cilycwm (1,155), Cynwyl Elfed (2,471), Cynwyl Gaeo (1,306), Garnant (1,535), Glanamman (1,785), Gorslas (3,160), Laugharne Township (2,236), Llanboidy (1,606), Llanddarog (1,565), Llandeilo (2,262), Llandovery (2,082), Llandybie (3,017), Llanegwad (1,949), Llanfihangel Aberbythych (1,435), Llanfihangel-ar-Arth (2,155), Llangadog (1,547), Llangeler (2,612), Llangunnor (1,895), Llangyndeyrn (2,401), Llansteffan (1,676), Llanybydder (1,932), Manordeilo and Salem (1,765), Penygroes (2,134), Pontamman (DET)(2,123), Quarter Bach (2,156), St. Clears (2,312), St. Ishmael (2,168), Saron (3,096), Trelech (1,700) and Whitland (1,696). This constituency would have 76,549 electors which is 0.1% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Caerfyrddin**.

- 6.28 The electoral divisions of the existing Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire constituency which are not included in the proposed constituency of South and West Pembrokeshire may suitably be combined with the immediately adjacent existing constituency of Carmarthen East and Dinefwr. This is considered a good match as the proposed constituency would consist exclusively of electoral divisions of the County of Carmarthenshire and has the appropriate number of electors to create a new constituency within the statutory range.

6. Llanelli

- 6.29 The existing **Gower** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bishopston (2,758), Clydach (5,850), Fairwood (2,319), Gorseinon (3,199), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Kingsbridge (3,275), Llangyfelach (3,865), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mawr (1,485), Newton (2,831),

Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Penllergaer (2,248), Pennard (2,247), Penyrheol (4,435), Pontardulais (4,776), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312) with a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.30 The existing **Llanelli** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Carmarthenshire of Bigyn (4,672), Burry Port (3,302), Bynea (2,810), Dafen (2,508), Elli (2,283), Felinfoel (1,391), Glanymor (3,723), Glyn (1,635), Hendy (2,442), Hengoed (2,858), Kidwelly (2,584), Llangennech (3,706), Llannon (3,877), Lliedi (3,798), Llwynhendy (3,095), Pembrey (3,254), Pontyberem (2,127), Swiss Valley (2,089), Trimsaran (1,931), Tycroes (1,833) and Tyisha (2,529) with a total of 58,447 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.31 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Llanelli CC and,
2. the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Gorseinon (3,199), Llangyfelach (3,865), Penllergaer (2,248), Penyrheol (4,435) and Pontardulais (4,776).

This constituency would have 76,970 electors which is 0.4% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Llanelli**.

6.32 There are insufficient electors within the existing Llanelli constituency to form a constituency under the new rules. As the other Carmarthenshire electoral divisions are included in the proposed Caerfyrddin constituency, the Unitary Authority boundary with Swansea will need to be crossed. The most appropriate point to do this is where the A48 connects the two Authorities at Pontardulais. Therefore the electoral division of Pontardulais and the electoral divisions immediately to its south (Gorseinon, Llangyfelach, Penllergaer and Penyrheol) have been included to form a constituency within the statutory range. These electoral divisions are all presently within the Gower constituency.

6.33 The Commission recognises that there has been a historic separation of Llanelli and Swansea. However the Commission considers this proposal to be preferable to alternative schemes.

7. Gower and Swansea West

- 6.34 The existing **Gower** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bishopston (2,758), Clydach (5,850), Fairwood (2,319), Gorseinon (3,199), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Kingsbridge (3,275), Llangyfelach (3,865), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mawr (1,485), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Penllergaer (2,248), Pennard (2,247), Penyrheol (4,435), Pontardulais (4,776), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312) with a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.35 The existing **Swansea West** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Castle (10,554), Cockett (10,435), Duvant (3,607), Killay North (3,317), Killay South (1,963), Mayals (2,199), Sketty (11,976), Townhill (6,083) and Uplands (12,018) with a total of 62,152 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.36 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bishopston (2,758), Duvant (3,607), Fairwood (2,319), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Killay North (3,317), Killay South (1,963), Kingsbridge (3,275), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mayals (2,199), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Pennard (2,247), Sketty (11,976), Townhill (6,083), Uplands (12,018), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312). This constituency would have 77,453 electors which is 1.1% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Gower and Swansea West**.
- 6.37 The Commission considers it appropriate to combine the electoral divisions of the existing Gower constituency which are not included in the proposed Llanelli constituency (with the exception of Mawr and Clydach to the north), with parts of the adjoining existing Swansea West constituency. However, if the whole of the existing Swansea West constituency were added the constituency would contain too many electors and fall outside the statutory electorate range. Thus the electoral divisions of Castle and Cockett have been excluded from the new constituency.
- 6.38 This new constituency has the advantage that it consists entirely of electoral divisions which are part of the City and County of Swansea. This eliminates an anomaly in the existing constituencies whereby the Community of Mumbles, which includes the electoral divisions of Mayals, Newtown, Oystermouth and West Cross, was divided between the constituencies of Gower and Swansea West with the electoral division of Mayals being in

Swansea West. This new constituency brings the Community of Mumbles together within one constituency.

8. Swansea East

- 6.39 The existing **Gower** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bishopston (2,758), Clydach (5,850), Fairwood (2,319), Gorseinon (3,199), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Kingsbridge (3,275), Llangyfelach (3,865), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mawr (1,485), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Penllergaer (2,248), Pennard (2,247), Penyrheol (4,435), Pontardulais (4,776), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312) with a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.40 The existing **Swansea East** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bonymaen (5,122), Cwmbwrla (6,095), Landore (4,599), Llansamlet (10,900), Morriston (13,160), Mynyddbach (7,085), Penderry (8,360) and St. Thomas (5,233) with a total of 60,554 electors which is 21% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 17% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.41 The existing **Swansea West** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Castle (10,554), Cockett (10,435), Dунvant (3,607), Killay North (3,317), Killay South (1,963), Mayals (2,199), Sketty (11,976), Townhill (6,083) and Uplands (12,018) with a total of 62,152 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.42 It is proposed that a borough constituency is created from the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Bonymaen (5,122), Castle (10,554), Cockett (10,435), Cwmbwrla (6,095), Landore (4,599), Llansamlet (without the Community of Birchgrove) (5,994), Morriston (13,160), Mynyddbach (7,085), Penderry (8,360) and St. Thomas (5,233). This constituency would have 76,637 electors which is 4 electors below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Swansea East**.
- 6.43 Castle and Cockett, two electoral divisions of the existing constituency of Swansea West, comprising areas of Swansea City Centre and its suburbs, fit well in combination with the existing Swansea East constituency. However, if the whole of the Swansea East constituency were amalgamated with the electoral divisions of Castle and Cockett the constituency would have 81,543 electors which is 1,070 electors above the maximum of the statutory range. If

the Commission removed the most north-easterly electoral division of the existing Swansea East constituency, Llansamlet, the constituency would have 70,643 electors which is 2,167 below the minimum of the statutory range. In order to meet this difficulty and form a constituency which would satisfy other criteria both in this proposed constituency and in surrounding areas there is a need to look below the level of electoral divisions.

- 6.44 The electoral division of Llansamlet is comprised of two Communities, Birchgrove and Llansamlet. The Commission proposes placing the Community of Llansamlet in the proposed Swansea East constituency, with the Community of Birchgrove forming part of another constituency (see paragraph 6.49 below). Although this breaks an electoral division it allows the Commission to adhere to Rule 2 of the legislation but also take into account the other considerations of Rule 5 both in this constituency and the surrounding areas.

9. Neath

- 6.45 The existing **Aberavon** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot of Aberavon (4,151), Baglan (5,541), Briton Ferry East (2,317), Briton Ferry West (2,172), Bryn and Cwmavon (5,137), Coedffranc Central (3,006), Coedffranc North (1,835), Coedffranc West (2,047), Cymmer (2,171), Glynccorrwg (870), Gwynfi (1,054), Margam (2,294), Port Talbot (4,368), Sandfields East (DET)(5,160), Sandfields West (5,079) and Tai-bach (3,832) with a total of 51,034 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 30% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.46 The existing **Gower** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bishopston (2,758), Clydach (5,850), Fairwood (2,319), Gorseinon (3,199), Gower (3,039), Gowerton (4,063), Kingsbridge (3,275), Llangyfelach (3,865), Lower Loughor (1,821), Mawr (1,485), Newton (2,831), Oystermouth (3,407), Penclawdd (3,024), Penllergaer (2,248), Pennard (2,247), Penyrheol (4,435), Pontardulais (4,776), Upper Loughor (2,194) and West Cross (5,312) with a total of 62,148 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.47 The existing **Neath** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough Neath Port Talbot of Aberdulais (1,745), Allt-Wen (1,838), Blaengwrach (1,567), Bryn-Coch North (1,874), Bryn-Coch South (4,529), Cadoxton (1,375), Cimla (3,259), Crynant (1,569), Cwmllynfell (938), Dyffryn (2,534), Glynneath (2,683), Godre'r Graig (1,246), Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen (2,284), Lower Brynamman (1,059), Neath East (4,886), Neath North (3,080), Neath South (3,649), Onllwyn (963), Pelenna (934), Pontardawe (4,135),

Resolven (2,480), Rhos (2,022), Seven Sisters (1,634), Tonna (1,909), Trebanos (1,101) and Ystalyfera (2,325) with a total of 57,618 electors which is 25% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 21% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.48 The existing **Swansea East** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Swansea of Bonymaen (5,122), Cwmbwrla (6,095), Landore (4,599), Llansamlet (10,900), Morriston (13,160), Mynyddbach (7,085), Penderry (8,360) and St. Thomas (5,233) with a total of 60,554 electors which is 21% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 17% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.49 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Neath CC;
2. the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Coedffranc Central, (3,006), Coedffranc North (1,835) and Coedffranc West (2,047); and,
3. the City and County of Swansea electoral divisions of Clydach (5,850), Mawr (1,485) and Llansamlet (without the Community of Llansamlet) (4,906).

This constituency would have 76,747 electors which is 0.1% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Neath**.

6.50 The Community of Birchgrove runs north-east up the Swansea Valley through the electoral division of Clydach and into the existing Neath constituency. The Commission considers this to be a good basis for adding these areas and the adjacent Mawr electoral division to the existing Neath constituency. However, this alone would not provide a suitable number of electors to meet the statutory range.

6.51 The Commission therefore considered several alternatives as to which electoral divisions and communities could be added to the proposed constituency. The Commission felt that the Community of Coedffranc was the most appropriate area to add to the constituency. The Commission also considered including in addition the Communities of Ystradgynlais and Briton Ferry but the former would cross Unitary Authority and existing constituency boundaries and, in any event, the addition of either would result in the constituency exceeding the statutory range.

10. Aberavon and Ogmore

6.52 The existing **Aberavon** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot of Aberavon (4,151), Baglan (5,541), Briton Ferry East (2,317), Briton Ferry West (2,172), Bryn and Cwmavon (5,137), Coedffranc Central (3,006), Coedffranc North (1,835), Coedffranc West (2,047), Cymmer (2,171), Glynccorwg (870), Gwynfi (1,054), Margam (2,294), Port Talbot (4,368), Sandfields East (DET)(5,160), Sandfields West (5,079) and Tai-bach (3,832) with a total of 51,034 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 30% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.53 The existing **Ogmore** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County Borough of Bridgend of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Caerau (5,115), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Penprysg (2,426), Pontycymmer (1,770), Sarn (1,849) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,
2. the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Brynna (2,956), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Llanharan (2,503) and Llanharry (2,689).

The constituency has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.54 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Caerau (5,115), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Pontycymmer (1,770) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,
2. the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot electoral divisions of Aberavon (4,151), Baglan (5,541), Briton Ferry East (2,317), Briton Ferry West (2,172), Bryn and Cwmavon (5,137), Cymmer (2,171), Glynccorwg (870), Gwynfi (1,054), Margam (2,294), Port Talbot (4,368), Sandfields East (DET)(5,160), Sandfields West (5,079) and Tai-bach (3,832).

This constituency would have 73,895 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Aberavon and Ogmore**.

6.55 While the existing constituencies of Aberavon and Ogmore have historically been separate, their proximity and community of interest would support the merger of the existing Aberavon constituency, less the Community of Coedffranc, with the Llynfi, Garw and Ogmore valleys of the Ogmore constituency. This seems preferable to encroaching on either the Town of Bridgend or County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

11. Bridgend

6.56 The existing **Bridgend** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Bridgend of Brackla (8,208), Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr (6,057), Cefn Glas (1,247), Coity (603), Cornelly (5,082), Coychurch Lower (1,134), Litchard (1,798), Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd (1,949), Morfa (3,278), Newcastle (4,221), Newton (2,921), Nottage (2,764), Oldcastle (3,589), Pendre (1,345), Pen-y-Fai (1,893), Porthcawl East Central (2,591), Porthcawl West Central (2,788), Pyle (5,510) and Rest Bay (1,958) with a total of 58,936 electors which is 23% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 19% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.57 The existing **Ogmore** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County Borough of Bridgend of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Caerau (5,115), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Penprysg (2,426), Pontycymmer (1,770), Sarn (1,849) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,
2. the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Brynna (2,956), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Llanharan (2,503) and Llanharry (2,689).

The constituency has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.58 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Bridgend CC and,
2. the County Borough of Bridgend electoral divisions of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Penprysg (2,426) and Sarn (1,849).

This constituency would have 73,596 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Bridgend**.

- 6.59 The existing Bridgend constituency contains the main Town area of Bridgend. The Commission considered it appropriate to increase the number of electors to attain the statutory range by adding the electoral divisions which are part of the County of Bridgend from the existing Ogmore constituency. This has the advantage of not crossing any Unitary Authority boundaries. Alternative proposals would do so.
- 6.60 The four remaining electoral divisions of the existing Ogmore constituency are dealt with at proposals below (paragraph 6.122).

12. The Vale of Glamorgan

- 6.61 The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth BC** consists of the electoral divisions of:
1. the City and County of Cardiff of Butetown (6,277), Grangetown (12,097), Llanrumney (7,788), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794) and,
 2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696), Stanwell (3,214) and Sully (3,561)

The constituency has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.62 The existing **Vale of Glamorgan CC** consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan of Baruc (4,815), Buttrills (4,164), Cadoc (7,022), Castleland (3,033), Court (3,198), Cowbridge (5,126), Dinas Powys (6,144), Dyfan (3,877), Gibbonsdown (3,878), Illtyd (6,146), Llandow/Ewenny (2,115), Llantwit Major (7,910), Peterston-super-Ely (1,779), Rhoose (5,107), St. Athan (2,434), St. Bride's Major (2,213) and Wenvoe (2,206) with a total of 71,171 electors which is 7% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 2% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.63 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Vale of Glamorgan CC and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan electoral division of Sully (3,561).

This constituency would have 74,728 electors which is 2.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **The Vale of Glamorgan**.

- 6.64 The existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency is only 2% below the minimum of the statutory electorate range. The Commission proposes to add to the existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency the electoral division of Sully. The Commission notes that prior to the last General Review of constituencies the existing Vale of Glamorgan constituency included the electoral division of Sully. The resulting constituency would comprise electoral divisions which are all part of the same Unitary Authority. The Commission considers that the advantages of the proposed constituency would outweigh the benefits of retaining the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency notwithstanding the fact that it is presently within the statutory electorate range.

13. Cardiff West

- 6.65 The existing **Cardiff North** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Gabalfa (6,699), Heath (9,714), Lisvane (2,839), Llandaff North (5,449), Llanishen (12,945), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672) with a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.66 The existing **Cardiff West** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Caerau (7,242), Canton (10,124), Creigiau/St. Fagans (3,947), Ely (9,172), Fairwater (9,251), Llandaff (7,216), Pentyrch (2,728), Radyr (4,845), and Riverside (8,835) with a total of 63,360 electors which is 17% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 13% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.67 The existing **Pontypridd** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Beddau (3,208), Church Village (3,530), Graig (1,757), Hawthorn (2,797), Llantrisant Town (3,770), Llantwit Fardre (4,738), Pont-y-Clun (6,035), Pontypridd Town (2,252), Rhondda (3,598), Rhydfelen Central/Ilan (3,199), Taffs Well (2,818), Talbot Green (2,029), Ton-Teg (3,383), Tonyrefail East (4,429), Tonyrefail West (4,641), Trallwng (2,842), Treforest (3,066) and Tyn-y-Nant (2,567) with a total of 60,016 electors which is 22% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 18% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.68 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Cardiff West BC;
2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral division of Llandaff North (5,449) and,
3. the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral division of Pont-y-Clun (6,035).

This constituency would have 74,844 electors which is 2.3% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Cardiff West**.

- 6.69 In order to obtain the required number of electors to satisfy the statutory electorate range, the Commission proposes the addition to the existing constituency of Cardiff West of two electoral divisions. The north-westerly part of the existing constituency is relatively rural in nature when compared to the other Cardiff constituencies. The Commission considers, therefore, that the electoral division of Pont-y-Clun, connected to Cardiff by the A4119 is an appropriate electoral division to add to the constituency. The Commission also gave consideration to what parts of Cardiff might be added to the constituency. Of the electoral divisions immediately adjacent to the existing constituency the electoral division of Llandaff North was considered most appropriate as this division is connected by the A4054 (Bridge Road) and roads leading off from the A48 (Western Avenue)

14. Cardiff Central and Penarth

- 6.70 The existing **Cardiff Central** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Adamsdown (5,730), Cathays (14,857), Cyncoed (8,660), Pentwyn (10,363), Penylan (9,801) and Plasnewydd (12,807) with a total of 62,218 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.71 The existing **Cardiff North** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Gabalfa (6,699), Heath (9,714), Lisvane (2,839), Llandaff North (5,449), Llanishen (12,945), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672) with a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.
- 6.72 The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth** BC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the City and County of Cardiff of Butetown (6,277), Grangetown (12,097), Llanrumney (7,788), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794) and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696), Stanwell (3,214) and Sully (3,561).

The constituency has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.73 It is proposed that a borough constituency is created from:

1. the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Adamsdown (5,730), Butetown (6,277), Cathays (14,857), Gabalfa (6,699), Grangetown (12,097) and Plasnewydd (12,807) and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan electoral divisions of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696) and Stanwell (3,214).

This constituency would have 76,346 electors which is 0.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Cardiff Central and Penarth**.

6.74 The Commission proposes to create a new constituency from part of the existing Cardiff South and Penarth constituency and further electoral divisions to the north. From the electoral division of Butetown the constituency would extend north into the City Centre and surrounding residential areas rather than east. Thus the electoral divisions of Adamsdown, Cathays and Plasnewydd have been added. In addition, the Commission has included the electoral division of Gabalfa which is on the southern side of the A48 (Western Avenue) which seems more appropriate than including it in a constituency on the northern side of the dual carriage-way. Although this is a significant departure from the existing constituencies the Commission believes that it provides an appropriate arrangement both for this constituency and those in the surrounding area.

15. Cardiff East

6.75 The existing **Cardiff Central** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Adamsdown (5,730), Cathays (14,857), Cyncoed (8,660), Pentwyn (10,363), Penylan (9,801) and Plasnewydd (12,807) with a total of 62,218 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.76 The existing **Cardiff North** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Gabalfa (6,699), Heath (9,714), Lisvane (2,839), Llandaff North (5,449), Llanishen (12,945), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672) with a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.77 The existing **Cardiff South and Penarth** BC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the City and County of Cardiff of Butetown (6,277), Grangetown (12,097), Llanrumney (7,788), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794) and,
2. the County Borough of The Vale of Glamorgan of Cornerswell (3,955), Llandough (1,488), Plymouth (4,526), St. Augustine's (4,696), Stanwell (3,214) and Sully (3,561).

The constituency has a total of 73,690 electors which is 4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and within the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.78 It is proposed that a borough constituency is created from the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Cyncoed (8,660), Heath (9,714), Llanrumney (7,788), Pentwyn (10,363), Penylan (9,801), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rumney (6,199), Splott (9,012) and Trowbridge (10,794). This constituency would have 79,287 electors which is 3.5% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Cardiff East**.

6.79 The Commission considers that those electoral divisions to be included in this proposed constituency which are currently in the existing constituencies of Cardiff South and Penarth and Cardiff Central make an appropriate match. However, these divisions alone do not provide enough electors to form a constituency within the statutory electorate range so the Commission proposes to include two further Cardiff electoral divisions, namely Heath and Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons which are immediately adjacent to Cyncoed and Trowbridge respectively.

16. Caerphilly and Cardiff North

6.80 The existing **Caerphilly** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Caerphilly of Aber Valley (4,510), Bargoed (4,331), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (7,630), Gilfach (1,525), Hengoed (3,671),

Llanbradach (3,171), Morgan Jones (4,909), Nelson (3,482), Penyrheol (8,777), St. Cattwg (5,586), St. James (4,153), St. Martins (6,335) and Ystrad Mynach (3,553) with a total of 61,633 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.81 The existing **Cardiff North** BC consists of the electoral divisions of the City and County of Cardiff of Gabalfa (6,699), Heath (9,714), Lisvane (2,839), Llandaff North (5,449), Llanishen (12,945), Pontprennau/Old St. Mellons (6,956), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672) with a total of 66,290 electors which is 14% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 9% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.82 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Aber Valley (4,510), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (7,630), Morgan Jones (4,909), Penyrheol (8,777), St. James (4,153) and St. Martins (6,335) and,
2. the City and County of Cardiff electoral divisions of Lisvane (2,839), Llanishen (12,945), Rhiwbina (9,103) and, Whitchurch and Tongwynlais (12,672).

This constituency would have 73,873 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Caerphilly and Cardiff North**.

6.83 Under the proposed scheme it has been necessary to combine certain electoral divisions currently in the existing Cardiff North constituency with electoral divisions outside the Unitary Authority of Cardiff. There are road and rail links between Caerphilly and Cardiff. By including the electoral divisions of the town of Caerphilly, St. James (which includes the Castle Park, Lansbury Park and Mornington Meadows areas) and Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (which includes the areas of Penyrheol, Trecenydd and Energlyn) a new constituency is formed that is within the statutory electoral range.

6.84 The Commission recognises that there has been a historic separation of Caerphilly and Cardiff. However the Commission considers this proposal to be preferable to alternative schemes.

17. Newport West and Sirhowy Valley

6.85 The existing **Caerphilly** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Caerphilly of Aber Valley (4,510), Bargoed (4,331), Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen (7,630), Gilfach (1,525), Hengoed (3,671),

Llanbradach (3,171), Morgan Jones (4,909), Nelson (3,482), Penyrheol (8,777), St. Cattwg (5,586), St. James (4,153), St. Martins (6,335) and Ystrad Mynach (3,553) with a total of 61,633 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.86 The existing **Islwyn** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Caerphilly of Aberbargoed (2,509), Abercarn (3,881), Argoed (1,912), Blackwood (6,168), Cefn Fforest (2,742), Crosskeys (2,445), Crumlin (4,334), Maesycwmmmer (1,707), Newbridge (4,685), Pengam (2,681), Penmaen (3,946), Pontllanfraith (6,159), Risca East (4,643), Risca West (3,988) and Ynysddu (2,811) with a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.87 The existing **Newport West** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City of Newport of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Bettws (5,452), Caerleon (6,889), Gaer (6,304), Graig (4,620), Malpas (6,041), Marshfield (4,611), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Rogerstone (7,843), Shaftesbury (3,767), Stow Hill (3,079) and Tredegar Park (2,922) with a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.88 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Aberbargoed (2,509), Abercarn (3,881), Bargoed (4,331), Crosskeys (2,445), Gilfach (1,525), Hengoed (3,671), Llanbradach (3,171), Maesycwmmmer (1,707), Nelson (3,482), Pengam (2,681), Pontllanfraith (6,159), Risca East (4,643), Risca West (3,988), St. Cattwg (5,586), Ynysddu (2,811) and Ystrad Mynach (3,553) and,
2. the City of Newport electoral divisions of Graig (4,620), Marshfield (4,611) and Rogerstone (7,843).

This constituency would have 73,217 electors which is 4.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Newport West and Sirhowy**.

6.89 The Commission proposes to join those parts of the existing Caerphilly constituency not included in the proposed Caerphilly and Cardiff North constituency with areas to the east. The Commission wishes to avoid crossing Unitary Authority and existing constituency boundaries where possible and as a result it has looked further into the County Borough of Caerphilly as opposed to northwest or north to other Unitary Authority areas to form this constituency. The proposed constituency follows the road network south from

the Community of Bargoed and down the Sirhowy valley into the City of Newport electoral divisions of Rogerstone and Graig. These Newport electoral divisions are those that are separated wholly from the northwest of the City by the M4. The road network then continues south along the A4072 and the A48 into Marshfield which is also included.

- 6.90 This proposed constituency has the advantage that it eliminates an anomaly in the existing arrangements. Currently the Community of Bargoed, which consists of the electoral divisions of Aberbargoed, Bargoed and Gilfach, is divided between the existing constituencies of Caerphilly and Islwyn with the electoral division of Aberbargoed being in Islwyn. This proposal would bring the Community of Bargoed together in one constituency.
- 6.91 The remaining electoral divisions of the existing Islwyn constituency are included in the proposed constituency of Blaenau Gwent at paragraph 6.108.

18. Newport Central

- 6.92 The existing **Newport East** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the City of Newport of Alway (5,664), Beechwood (5,601), Langstone (3,442), Liswerry (7,671), Llanwern (2,264), Ringland (6,160), St. Julians (6,144) and Victoria (4,455) and,
2. the County of Monmouthshire of Caldicot Castle (1,536), Dewstow (1,485), Green Lane (1,523), Mill (2,180), Rogiet (1,335), Severn (1,395), The Elms (2,435) and West End (1,536).

This constituency has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.93 The existing **Newport West** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City of Newport of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Bettws (5,452), Caerleon (6,889), Gaer (6,304), Graig (4,620), Malpas (6,041), Marshfield (4,611), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Rogerstone (7,843), Shaftesbury (3,767), Stow Hill (3,079) and Tredegar Park (2,922) with a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.94 It is proposed that a borough constituency is created from the City of Newport electoral divisions of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Alway (5,664), Beechwood (5,601), Bettws (5,452), Gaer (6,304), Liswerry (7,671), Llanwern (2,264), Malpas (6,041), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Ringland (6,160), Shaftesbury (3,767), St. Julians (6,144), Stow Hill (3,079), Tredegar Park (2,922) and Victoria (4,455). This constituency would have 76,461 electors which is 0.2% below the UKEQ of

76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Newport Central**.

- 6.95 This proposed constituency comprises predominantly electoral divisions of the City of Newport south of the M4. This amalgamation produces a constituency within the statutory electorate range and allows the formation of constituencies in the surrounding areas.

19. Monmouthshire

- 6.96 The existing **Monmouth** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Monmouthshire of Caerwent (1,434), Cantref (1,693), Castle (1,616), Croesonen (1,635), Crucorney (1,702), Devauden (1,175), Dixon with Osbaston (1,875), Drybridge (2,535), Goetre Fawr (1,862), Grofield (1,382), Lansdown (1,711), Larkfield (1,532), Llanbadoc (1,038), Llanelly Hill (3,157), Llanfoist Fawr (DET)(1,409), Llangybi Fawr (1,483), Llanover (1,841), Llantilio Crossenny (1,414), Llanwenarth Ultra (1,126), Mardy (1,414), Mitchel Troy (977), Overmonnow (1,779), Portskewett (1,702), Priory (1,508), Raglan (1,552), St. Arvans (1,260), St. Christopher's (1,872), St. Kingsmark (2,275), St. Mary's (1,449), Shirenewton (1,778), Thornwell (2,038), Trellech United (2,155), Usk (1,943) and Wyesham (1,673) and,
2. the County Borough of Torfaen of Croesyceiliog North (2,762), Croesyceiliog South (1,487), Llanyrafon North (1,621), and Llanyrafon South (2,236).

The constituency has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.97 The existing **Newport East** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the City of Newport of Alway (5,664), Beechwood (5,601), Langstone (3,442), Liswerry (7,671), Llanwern (2,264), Ringland (6,160), St. Julians (6,144) and Victoria (4,455) and,
2. the County of Monmouthshire of Caldicot Castle (1,536), Dewstow (1,485), Green Lane (1,523), Mill (2,180), Rogiet (1,335), Severn (1,395), The Elms (2,435) and West End (1,536).

This constituency has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.98 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Monmouthshire of Caerwent (1,434), Caldicot Castle (1,536), Cantref (1,693), Castle (1,616), Croesonen (1,635), Crucorney (1,702), Devauden (1,175), Dewstow (1,485), Dixton with Osbaston (1,875), Drybridge (2,535), Goetre Fawr (1,862), Green Lane (1,523), Grofield (1,382), Lansdown (1,711), Larkfield (1,532), Llanbadoc (1,038), Llanelly Hill (3,157), Llanfoist Fawr (DET)(1,409), Llangybi Fawr (1,483), Llanover (1,841), Llantilio Crossenny (1,414), Llanwenarth Ultra (1,126), Mardy (1,414), Mill (2,180), Mitchel Troy (977), Overmonnow (1,779), Portskewett (1,702), Priory (1,508), Raglan (1,552), Rogiet (1,335), Severn (1,395), Shirenewton (1,778), St. Arvans (1,260), St. Christopher's (1,872), St. Kingsmark (2,275), St. Mary's (1,449), The Elms (2,435) Thornwell (2,038), Trellech United (2,155), Usk (1,943), West End (1,536) and Wyesham (1,673) and,
2. the City of Newport of Langstone (3,442).

This constituency would have 73,862 electors which is 3.6% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Monmouthshire**.

6.99 The Commission proposes to include the whole of the Unitary Authority of Monmouthshire in the new constituency. This would also retain much of the existing Monmouth constituency and would include the electoral divisions of south Monmouthshire that are in the existing Newport East constituency.

6.100 However, if the Unitary Authority boundary with Torfaen is respected, there will be insufficient electors in Monmouthshire to create a constituency within the statutory electorate range. The Commission therefore proposes to include within this constituency Langstone, an electoral division of the City of Newport currently in the existing Newport East constituency. This electoral division is connected to the Unitary Authority of Monmouthshire by the M4 and the A48. Its inclusion permits the proposed constituency to be formed and also allows the creation of appropriate constituencies in surrounding areas.

20. Torfaen

6.101 The existing **Monmouth** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Monmouthshire of Caerwent (1,434), Cantref (1,693), Castle (1,616), Croesonen (1,635), Crucorney (1,702), Devauden (1,175), Dixton with Osbaston (1,875), Drybridge (2,535), Goetre Fawr (1,862), Grofield (1,382), Lansdown (1,711), Larkfield (1,532), Llanbadoc (1,038), Llanelly Hill (3,157), Llanfoist Fawr (DET)(1,409), Llangybi Fawr (1,483), Llanover

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- (1,841), Llantilio Crossenny (1,414), Llanwenarth Ultra (1,126), Mardy (1,414), Mitchel Troy (977), Overmonnow (1,779), Portskewett (1,702), Priory (1,508), Raglan (1,552), St. Arvans (1,260), St. Christopher's (1,872), St. Kingsmark (2,275), St. Mary's (1,449), Shirenewton (1,778), Thornwell (2,038), Trellech United (2,155), Usk (1,943) and Wyesham (1,673) and,
2. the County Borough of Torfaen of Croesyceiliog North (2,762), Croesyceiliog South (1,487), Llanyrafon North (1,621), and Llanyrafon South (2,236).

The constituency has a total of 65,101 electors which is 15% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 11% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.102 The existing **Newport West** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the City of Newport of Allt-yr-Yn (6,555), Bettws (5,452), Caerleon (6,889), Gaer (6,304), Graig (4,620), Malpas (6,041), Marshfield (4,611), Pillgwenlly (4,382), Rogerstone (7,843), Shaftesbury (3,767), Stow Hill (3,079) and Tredegar Park (2,922) with a total of 62,465 electors which is 18% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 14% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.103 The existing **Torfaen** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Torfaen of Abersychan (5,286), Blaenavon (4,479), Brynwnern (1,368), Coed Eva (1,695), Cwmyniscoy (1,064), Fairwater (4,051), Greenmeadow (2,925), Llantarnam (4,088), New Inn (4,881), Panteg (5,663), Pontnewydd (4,818), Pontnewynydd (1,163), Pontypool (1,449), St. Cadocs and Penygarn (1,129), St. Dials (2,777), Snatchwood (1,581), Trevethin (2,518), Two Locks (4,729), Upper Cwmbran (4,077) and Wainfelin (1,903) with a total of 61,644 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.104 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Torfaen CC;
2. the City of Newport electoral division of Caerleon (6,889); and,
3. the County Borough of Torfaen electoral divisions of Croesyceiliog North (2,762), Croesyceiliog South (1,487), Llanyrafon North (1,621) and Llanyrafon South (2,236).

This constituency would have 76,639 electors which is 2 electors below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Torfaen**.

6.105 The Commission proposes to create a constituency which includes all of the electoral divisions of the Unitary Authority of Torfaen. However, these divisions are insufficient in themselves to create a constituency within the statutory electorate range. The Commission considers that the most appropriate course is for the electoral division of Caerleon to be included in this constituency.

21. Blaenau Gwent

6.106 The existing **Blaenau Gwent** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent of Abertillery (3,421), Badminton (2,544), Beaufort (2,976), Blaina (3,605), Brynmawr (4,212), Cwm (3,419), Cwmtillery (3,667), Ebbw Vale North (3,467), Ebbw Vale South (3,021), Georgetown (2,668), Llanhilleth (3,686), Nantyglo (3,491), Rassau (2,494), Sirhowy (4,387), Six Bells (1,878) and Tredegar Central and West (4,581) with a total of 53,517 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 27% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.107 The existing **Islwyn** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Caerphilly of Aberbargoed (2,509), Abercarn (3,881), Argoed (1,912), Blackwood (6,168), Cefn Fforest (2,742), Crosskeys (2,445), Crumlin (4,334), Maesycwmmmer (1,707), Newbridge (4,685), Pengam (2,681), Penmaen (3,946), Pontllanfraith (6,159), Risca East (4,643), Risca West (3,988) and Ynysddu (2,811) with a total of 54,611 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.108 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Blaenau Gwent CC and,
2. the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral divisions of Argoed (1,912), Blackwood (6,168), Cefn Fforest (2,742), Crumlin (4,334), Newbridge (4,685) and Penmaen (3,946).

This constituency would have 77,304 electors which is 0.9% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Blaenau Gwent**.

6.109 The Commission proposes to include that part of the existing Islwyn constituency that is not included in the proposed Newport West and Sirhowy constituency in a new constituency. However, further electoral divisions would have to be added to bring this proposed constituency within the statutory electorate range. It appeared to the Commission that it would be appropriate to consider areas to the north in Blaenau Gwent. By adding the whole of the

existing Blaenau Gwent constituency and Unitary Authority to the remainder of the existing Islwyn constituency, a constituency is formed that is within the statutory electorate range. There are road links between these areas via the A467 and A4048.

22. Heads of the Valleys

6.110 The existing **Cynon Valley** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Abercynon (4,740), Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Cilfynydd (2,116), Cwmbach (3,268), Glyncoch (2,119), Hirwaun (3,176), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159), Penrhiwceiber (4,447), Pen-y-Waun (2,122), Rhigos (1,414) and Ynysybwl (3,540) with a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.111 The existing **Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney** CC consists of:

1. the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Caerphilly of Darran Valley (1,808), Moriah (3,164), New Tredegar (3,361), Pontlottyn (1,410) and Twyn Carno (1,670) and,
2. the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil of Bedlinog (2,547), Cyfarthfa (5,065), Dowlais (5,041), Gurnos (3,386), Merthyr Vale (2,830), Park (3,289), Penydarren (3,780), Plymouth (3,991), Town (5,700), Treharris (4,928) and Vaynor (2,787).

The constituency has a total of 54,757 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 25% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.112 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney CC and,
2. the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Hirwaun (3,176), Pen-y-Waun (2,122) and Rhigos (1,414).

This constituency would have 74,029 electors which is 3.4% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Heads of the Valleys**.

6.113 The existing Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney constituency falls substantially below the statutory electorate range. The Commission considers that this area has more in common with the areas to the west following the Heads of

the Valleys road (A465) to the Cynon Valley and the valley communities of Aberdare, Aberaman and Mountain Ash to the south of the A465 than with the predominantly rural areas of Brecknockshire to the north. The Commission proposes a constituency which would extend into the northernmost divisions of the existing Cynon Valley constituency as far south as Aberdare.

23. Rhondda

6.114 The existing **Cynon Valley** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Abercynon (4,740), Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Cilfynydd (2,116), Cwmbach (3,268), Glyncoch (2,119), Hirwaun (3,176), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159), Penrhiwceiber (4,447), Pen-y-Waun (2,122), Rhigos (1,414) and Ynysybwl (3,540) with a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.115 The existing **Rhondda** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Cwm Clydach (2,198), Cymmer (4,237), Ferndale (3,228), Llwyn-y-Pia (1,698), Maerdy (2,373), Pentre (3,989), Pen-y-Graig (4,112), Porth (4,480), Tonypany (2,727), Trealaw (2,936), Treherbert (4,477), Treorchy (6,032), Tylorstown (3,327), Ynyshir (2,478) and Ystrad (4,473) with a total of 52,765 electors which is 31% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.116 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Rhondda CC and,
2. the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Cwmbach (3,268), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159) and Penrhiwceiber (4,447).

This constituency would have 73,194 electors which is 4.5% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Rhondda**.

6.117 The existing Rhondda constituency falls far below the statutory electorate range. As a result the Commission has given consideration to creating a new constituency out of the existing Rhondda constituency with the addition of certain electoral divisions in the existing Cynon Valley constituency.

6.118 Here, the Commission has paid particular attention to road links between the Rhondda and Cynon valleys. The main link is via the A4233 at the northern

extremity of the proposed constituency. With this in mind, the Commission proposes that the electoral divisions of the existing Cynon Valley constituency south of Aberdare (with the exception of Abercynon, Cilfynydd, Glyncoch and Ynysybwl) should be included within the proposed constituency but that Abercynon, Cilfynydd, Glyncoch and Ynysybwl should be part of the proposed Pontypridd constituency.

24. Pontypridd

6.119 The existing **Cynon Valley** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Aberaman North (3,873), Aberaman South (3,476), Abercynon (4,740), Aberdare East (5,236), Aberdare West/Llwydcoed (7,324), Cilfynydd (2,116), Cwmbach (3,268), Glyncoch (2,119), Hirwaun (3,176), Mountain Ash East (2,206), Mountain Ash West (3,159), Penrhiwceiber (4,447), Pen-y-Waun (2,122), Rhigos (1,414) and Ynysybwl (3,540) with a total of 52,216 electors which is 32% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 28% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.120 The existing **Ogmore** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County Borough of Bridgend of Aberkenfig (1,485), Bettws (1,603), Blackmill (1,883), Blaengarw (1,314), Bryncethin (994), Bryncoch (1,495), Caerau (5,115), Cefn Cribwr (1,194), Felindre (2,153), Hendre (3,064), Llangeinor (924), Llangynwyd (2,329), Maesteg East (3,833), Maesteg West (4,342), Nant-y-Moel (1,747), Ogmore Vale (2,335), Penprysg (2,426), Pontycymmer (1,770), Sarn (1,849) and Ynysawdre (2,554) and,
2. the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Brynna (2,956), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Llanharan (2,503) and Llanharry (2,689).

The constituency has a total of 55,699 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 24% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.121 The existing **Pontypridd** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf of Beddau (3,208), Church Village (3,530), Graig (1,757), Hawthorn (2,797), Llantrisant Town (3,770), Llantwit Fardre (4,738), Pont-y-Clun (6,035), Pontypridd Town (2,252), Rhondda (3,598), Rhydfelen Central/Ilan (3,199), Taffs Well (2,818), Talbot Green (2,029), Ton-Teg (3,383), Tonyrefail East (4,429), Tonyrefail West (4,641), Trallwng (2,842), Treforest (3,066) and Tyn-y-Nant (2,567) with a total of 60,016 electors which is 22% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 18% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.122 It is proposed that a borough constituency is created from the County of Rhondda Cynon Taf electoral divisions of Abercynon (4,740), Beddau (3,208), Brynna (2,956), Church Village (3,530), Cilfynydd (2,116), Gilfach Goch (2,499), Glyncoch (2,119), Graig (1,757), Hawthorn (2,797), Llanharan (2,503), Llanharry (2,689), Llantrisant Town (3,770), Llantwit Fardre (4,738), Pontypridd Town (2,252), Rhondda (3,598), Rhydfelen Central/Ilan (3,199), Taffs Well (2,818), Talbot Green (2,029), Ton-Teg (3,383), Tonyrefail East (4,429), Tonyrefail West (4,641), Trallwng (2,842), Treforest (3,066), Tyn-y-Nant (2,567) and Ynysybwl (3,540). This constituency would have 77,786 electors which is 1.5% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Pontypridd**.

6.123 The existing constituency of Pontypridd falls below the statutory electorate range. This short-fall is increased if, as the Commission proposes, the electoral division of Pont-y-Clun is transferred to the proposed Cardiff West constituency. The Commission proposes to include in the proposed Pontypridd constituency those electoral divisions of Rhondda Cynon Taf which are currently in the existing Ogmere constituency (Brynna, Gilfach Goch, Llanharan and Llanharry) and the electoral divisions in the south of the existing Cynon Valley constituency (Abercynon, Cilfynydd, Glyncoch and Ynysybwl). In this way a constituency is formed which has good communications and social links and is within the statutory electorate range.

6.124 This proposed constituency has the advantage that it removes an existing anomaly. Currently the Community of Pontypridd which consists of the electoral divisions of Cilfynydd, Glyncoch, Graig, Hawthorn, Pontypridd Town, Rhondda, Rhydfelen Central/Ilan, Trallwng and Treforest is divided between the existing constituencies of Cynon Valley and Pontypridd because the electoral divisions of Cilfynydd and Glyncoch are in the Cynon Valley constituency. This proposal will bring the Community of Pontypridd together within one constituency.

25. South Powys

6.125 The existing **Brecon and Radnorshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Powys of Aber-Craf (1,140), Beguildy (1,106), Bronllys (967), Builth (1,904), Bwlch (739), Crickhowell (2,243), Cwm-Twrch (1,610), Dissersh and Trecoed (1,001), Felin-Fach (1,097), Glasbury (1,761), Gwernyfed (1,188), Hay (1,243), Knighton (2,295), Llanafanfawr (1,134), Llanbadarn Fawr (861), Llandrindod East/Llandrindod West (940), Llandrindod North (1,469), Llandrindod South (1,563), Llanelwedd (959), Llangattock (799), Llangors (879), Llangunllo (1,021), Llangynidr (829) Llanwrtyd Wells (1,463), Llanyre (915), Maescar/Llywel (1,367), Nantmel (1,197), Old Radnor (1,311), Presteigne (2,177), Rhayader (1,607), St. David Within (1,162), St. John (2,605), St. Mary (1,872), Talgarth (1,308), Talybont-on-Usk (1,552) Tawe-

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Uchaf (1,726), Ynyscedwyn (1,746), Yscir (876) and Ystradgynlais (2,001) with a total of 53,633 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.126 The existing **Montgomeryshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Powys of Banwy (795), Berriew (1,103), Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Forden (1,107), Glantwymyn (1,624), Guilsfield (1,833), Kerry (1,610), Llanbrynmair (761), Llandinam (1,120), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanidloes (2,222), Llanwddyn (834), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Machynlleth (1,654), Meifod (1,064), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261), Rhiwcynon (1,708), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog (1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchydol (1,653) with a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.127 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Brecon and Radnorshire CC and,
2. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Berriew (1,103), Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Forden (1,107), Kerry (1,610), Llandinam (1,120), Llanidloes (2,222), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261) and Rhiwcynon (1,708).

This constituency would have 78,136 electors which is 2% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **South Powys**.

6.128 Neither of the existing constituencies of Brecon and Radnorshire and of Montgomeryshire has the electorate to meet the statutory range. The Commission considers that the most appropriate solution would be to merge the southern electoral divisions of Montgomeryshire up to but not including Welshpool with the existing constituency of Brecon and Radnorshire to create the new constituency. It will be the largest of the Welsh constituencies at 3,898km² but well below the statutory size limit of 13,000km².

26. Glyndwr and North Powys

6.129 The existing **Clwyd South** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Denbighshire of Corwen (1,864), Llandrillo (935) and Llangollen (3,349) and,
2. the County Borough of Wrexham of Bronington (2,495), Brymbo (2,951), Bryn Cefn (1,562), Cefn (3,874), Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley (1,705), Chirk North (1,883), Chirk South (1,580), Coedpoeth (3,602), Esclusham (2,026), Gwenfro (1,221), Johnstown (2,466), Llangollen Rural (1,577), Marchwiell (1,860), Minera (1,939), New Broughton (2,704), Overton (2,534), Pant (1,634), Penycae (1,549), Penycae and Ruabon South (1,943), Plas Madoc (1,219), Ponciau (3,616) and Ruabon (2,155).

The constituency has a total of 54,243 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.130 The existing **Clwyd West** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Conwy of Abergele Pensarn (2,059), Betws yn Rhos (1,680), Colwyn (3,553), Eirias (2,763), Gele (3,901), Glyn (3,087), Kinmel Bay (4,623), Llanddulas (1,270), Llandrillo yn Rhos (6,313), Llangernyw (1,176), Llansannan (1,532), Llysfaen (1,945), Mochdre (1,449), Pentre Mawr (2,829), Rhiw (4,955), Towyn (1,923) and Uwchaled (1,153) and,
2. the County of Denbighshire of Efenechtyd (1,271), Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla (1,923), Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal (1,215), Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern (1,855), Llanrhaeadr-Yng-Nghinmeirch (1,505) and Ruthin (4,235).

The constituency has a total of 58,215 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.131 The existing **Montgomeryshire** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Powys of Banwy (795), Berriew (1,103), Blaen Hafren (1,880), Caersws (1,835), Churchstoke (1,260), Dolforwyn (1,590), Forden (1,107), Glantwymyn (1,624), Guilsfield (1,833), Kerry (1,610), Llanbryn-mair (761), Llandinam (1,120), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanidloes (2,222), Llanwddyn (834), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Machynlleth (1,654), Meifod (1,064), Montgomery (1,078), Newtown Central (2,177), Newtown East (1,449), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North (1,742), Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West (1,361), Newtown South (1,261), Rhiwcynon (1,708), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog

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(1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchydol (1,653) with a total of 48,563 electors which is 37% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 33% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.132 The existing **Vale of Clwyd** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Denbighshire of Bodelwyddan (1,639), Denbigh Central (1,423), Denbigh Lower (3,574), Denbigh Upper/Henllan (2,481), Dyserth (1,883), Llandyrnog (1,740), Prestatyn Central (2,806), Prestatyn East (3,145), Prestatyn Meliden (1,545), Prestatyn North (4,682), Prestatyn South West (2,803), Rhuddlan (2,940), Rhyl East (3,769), Rhyl South (3,035), Rhyl South East (5,972), Rhyl South West (3,722), Rhyl West (3,481), St. Asaph East (1,376), St. Asaph West (1,318), Trefnant (1,601) and Tremeirchion (1,329) with a total of 56,264 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.133 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Llangernyw (1,176), Llansannan (1,532) and Uwchaed (1,153);
2. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Corwen (1,864), Denbigh Central (1,423), Denbigh Lower (3,574), Denbigh Upper/Henllan (2,481), Efenechtyd (1,271), Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla (1,923), Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal (1,215), Llandrillo (935), Llandyrnog (1,740), Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern (1,855), Llangollen (3,349), Llanrhaeadr-Yng-Nghinmeirch (1,505), Ruthin (4,235) and Trefnant (1,601) and the Community of Bodfari (290);
3. the County of Powys electoral divisions of Banwy (795), Guilsfield (1,833), Llandrinio (1,687), Llandysilio (1,387), Llanfair Caereinion (1,354), Llanfihangel (891), Llanfyllin (1,187), Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant/Llansilin (1,758), Llansantffraid (1,526), Llanwddyn (834), Meifod (1,064), Trewern (1,069), Welshpool Castle (1,029), Welshpool Gungrog (1,954) and Welshpool Llanerchydol (1,653); and,
4. the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Cefn (3,874), Chirk North (1,883), Chirk South (1,580), Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley (1,705), Johnstown (2,466), Llangollen Rural (1,577), Pant (1,634), Penycae (1,549) and Plas Madoc (1,219) and the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae (899) and the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog (3,025).

This constituency would have 74,554 electors which is 2.7% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Glyndwr and North Powys**.

- 6.134 It is proposed to join the northern electoral divisions of Montgomery (excluding the north west electoral divisions of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth which are more appropriately joined to the proposed Gwynedd constituency) to the south westerly electoral divisions of the existing Clwyd South constituency and the southern divisions of the existing Clwyd West and Vale of Clwyd constituencies up to but not including St Asaph. The proposed constituency is geographically large (2,227 km²) and covers parts of four Unitary Authorities. This reflects the sparse population and rural nature of the area.
- 6.135 The electoral division of Penycae and Ruabon South is comprised of the Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon and the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae. The Commission proposes placing the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae in the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency with the Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon forming part of another constituency (see paragraph 6.141 below). Although this breaks an electoral division it allows the Commission to adhere to Rule 2 of the legislation but also to take into account the considerations of Rule 5 both in this constituency and the surrounding areas.
- 6.136 The electoral division of Ponciau is comprised of the Aberoer and Pentrebychan wards of the Community of Esclusham and the Ponciau North, Ponciau South and Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog. The Commission proposes placing the Ponciau North, Ponciau South and Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog into the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency with the Aberoer and Pentrebychan wards of the Community of Esclusham forming part of another constituency (see paragraph 6.141 below). Although this breaks an electoral division it allows the Commission to adhere to Rule 2 of the legislation but also to take into account the considerations of Rule 5 both in this constituency and the surrounding areas.
- 6.137 The electoral division of Tremeirchion is comprised of four Communities, Bodfari, Cwm, Tremeirchion and Waen. The Commission proposes placing the Community of Bodfari into the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency with the Communities of Cwm, Tremeirchion and Waen forming part of another constituency (see paragraph 6.149 below). Although this breaks an electoral division it allows the Commission to adhere to Rule 2 of the legislation but also to take into account the considerations of Rule 5 both in this constituency and the surrounding areas.
- 6.138 The remainder of the electoral divisions of the existing Clwyd South, Clwyd West and Vale of Clwyd can be found at 6.141, 6.153 and 6.149 below, respectively.

27. Wrexham Maelor

6.139 The existing **Clwyd South** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

1. the County of Denbighshire of Corwen (1,864), Llandrillo (935) and Llangollen (3,349) and,
2. the County Borough of Wrexham of Bronington (2,495), Brymbo (2,951), Bryn Cefn (1,562), Cefn (3,874), Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley (1,705), Chirk North (1,883), Chirk South (1,580), Coedpoeth (3,602), Esclusham (2,026), Gwenfro (1,221), Johnstown (2,466), Llangollen Rural (1,577), Marchwiell (1,860), Minera (1,939), New Broughton (2,704), Overton (2,534), Pant (1,634), Penycae (1,549), Penycae and Ruabon South (1,943), Plas Madoc (1,219), Ponciau (3,616) and Ruabon (2,155).

The constituency has a total of 54,243 electors which is 29% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.140 The existing **Wrexham** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County Borough of Wrexham of Acton (2,314), Borrass Park (1,965), Brynyffynnon (2,387), Cartrefle (1,679), Erddig (1,590), Garden Village (1,635), Gresford East and West (2,243), Grosvenor (1,934), Gwersyllt East and South (3,565), Gwersyllt North (2,032), Gwersyllt West (2,304), Hermitage (1,545), Holt (2,521), Little Acton (1,837), Llay (3,646), Maesydre (1,506), Marford and Hoseley (1,839), Offa (1,627), Queensway (1,563), Rhosnesni (2,923), Rossett (2,535), Smithfield (1,567), Stansty (1,696), Whitegate (1,834) and Wynnstay (1,382) with a total of 51,669 electors which is 33% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 29% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.141 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Wrexham CC and,
2. the County Borough of Wrexham electoral divisions of Bronington (2,495), Brymbo (2,951), Bryn Cefn (1,562), Coedpoeth (3,602), Esclusham (2,026), Gwenfro (1,221), Marchwiell (1,860), Minera (1,939), New Broughton (2,704), Overton (2,534), Penycae and Ruabon South (without the Groes ward of the Community of Penycae) (1,044), Ponciau (without the Ponciau North and South and the Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog) (591) and Ruabon (2,155).

This constituency would have 78,353 electors which is 2.2% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Wrexham Maelor**.

6.142 The electorate in the existing Wrexham constituency when combined with the electoral divisions of the existing Clwyd South constituency not allocated to the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency, falls within the required statutory range. Those electoral divisions from the existing Clwyd South constituency are all within the County Borough of Wrexham. Thus all of the electoral divisions proposed for this constituency fall within the County Borough of Wrexham and cover a similar area to the old district of Wrexham Maelor.

28. Alyn and Deeside

6.143 The existing **Alyn and Deeside** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Flintshire of Aston (2,456), Broughton North East (1,702), Broughton South (2,807), Buckley Bistre East (2,775), Buckley Bistre West (3,337), Buckley Mountain (2,216), Buckley Pentrobin (3,529), Caergwrle (1,274), Connah's Quay Central (2,411), Connah's Quay Golftyn (3,924), Connah's Quay South (4,366), Connah's Quay Wepre (1,662), Ewloe (4,092), Hawarden (1,503), Higher Kinnerton (1,279), Hope (1,972), Llanfynydd (1,462), Mancot (2,639), Penyffordd (3,002), Queensferry (1,410), Saltney Mold Junction (937), Saltney Stonebridge (2,665), Sealand (2,120), Shotton East (1,416), Shotton Higher (1,739), Shotton West (1,499) and Treuddyn (1,291) with a total of 61,485 electors which is 20% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 16% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.144 The existing **Delyn** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Flintshire of Argoed (2,201), Bagillt East (1,444), Bagillt West (1,610), Brynford (1,766), Caerwys (2,043), Cilcain (1,559), Ffynnongroyw (1,495), Flint Castle (1,570), Flint Coleshill (3,034), Flint Oakenholt (2,101), Flint Trelawny (2,767), Greenfield (2,088), Gronant (1,241), Gwernaffield (1,600), Gwernymynydd (1,355), Halkyn (1,417), Holywell Central (1,423), Holywell East (1,392), Holywell West (1,785), Leeswood (1,590), Mold Broncoed (1,982), Mold East (1,536), Mold South (2,101), Mold West (1,908), Mostyn (1,440), New Brighton (2,415), Northop (2,424), Northop Hall (1,271), Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor (1,486) and Whitford (1,862) with a total of 53,906 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.145 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the existing Alyn and Deeside CC and,
2. the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Argoed (2,201), Gwernymynydd (1,355), Leeswood (1,590), Mold Broncoed (1,982), Mold

East (1,536), Mold South (2,101), Mold West (1,908), New Brighton (2,415), Northop (2,424) and Northop Hall (1,271).

This constituency would have 80,268 electors which is 4.7% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Alyn and Deeside**.

6.146 The Commission proposes to create a constituency from the existing Alyn and Deeside constituency and certain further electoral divisions from the County of Flintshire. Previously Mold had been in the former Alyn and Deeside district and including Mold and the communities and electoral divisions to the south and east of Mold would create a constituency which would be within the statutory electorate range. It would contain electoral divisions which are all within the County of Flintshire and would cover a similar area to that of the old district of Alyn and Deeside.

29. Dee Estuary

6.147 The existing **Delyn** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Flintshire of Argoed (2,201), Bagillt East (1,444), Bagillt West (1,610), Brynford (1,766), Caerwys (2,043), Cilcain (1,559), Ffynnongroyw (1,495), Flint Castle (1,570), Flint Coleshill (3,034), Flint Oakenholt (2,101), Flint Trelawny (2,767), Greenfield (2,088), Gronant (1,241), Gwernaffield (1,600), Gwernymynydd (1,355), Halkyn (1,417), Holywell Central (1,423), Holywell East (1,392), Holywell West (1,785), Leeswood (1,590), Mold Broncoed (1,982), Mold East (1,536), Mold South (2,101), Mold West (1,908), Mostyn (1,440), New Brighton (2,415), Northop (2,424), Northop Hall (1,271), Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor (1,486) and Whitford (1,862) with a total of 53,906 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.148 The existing **Vale of Clwyd** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Denbighshire of Bodelwyddan (1,639), Denbigh Central (1,423), Denbigh Lower (3,574), Denbigh Upper/Henllan (2,481), Dyserth (1,883), Llandyrnog (1,740), Prestatyn Central (2,806), Prestatyn East (3,145), Prestatyn Meliden (1,545), Prestatyn North (4,682), Prestatyn South West (2,803), Rhuddlan (2,940), Rhyl East (3,769), Rhyl South (3,035), Rhyl South East (5,972), Rhyl South West (3,722), Rhyl West (3,481), St. Asaph East (1,376), St. Asaph West (1,318), Trefnant (1,601) and Tremeirchion (1,329) with a total of 56,264 electors which is 27% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 23% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.149 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from:

1. the County of Denbighshire electoral divisions of Bodelwyddan (1,639), Dyserth (1,883), Prestatyn Central (2,806), Prestatyn East (3,145), Prestatyn Meliden (1,545), Prestatyn North (4,682), Prestatyn South West (2,803), Rhuddlan (2,940), Rhyl East (3,769), Rhyl South (3,035), Rhyl South East (5,972), Rhyl South West (3,722), Rhyl West (3,481), St. Asaph East (1,376), St. Asaph West (1,318) and Tremeirchion (without the Community of Bodferi (1,039) and,
2. the County of Flintshire electoral divisions of Bagillt East (1,444), Bagillt West (1,610), Brynford (1,766), Caerwys (2,043), Cilcain (1,559), Ffynnonogroyw (1,495), Flint Castle (1,570), Flint Coleshill (3,034), Flint Oakenholt (2,101), Flint Trelawny (2,767), Greenfield (2,088), Gronant (1,241), Gwernaffield (1,600), Halkyn (1,417), Holywell Central (1,423), Holywell East (1,392), Holywell West (1,785), Mostyn (1,440), Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor (1,486) and Whitford (1,862).

This constituency would have 80,278 electors which is 4.8% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **Dee Estuary**.

- 6.150 The Commission proposes to create a constituency running alongside the Dee Estuary and the North Wales coast, comprising electoral divisions from the Unitary Authorities of Denbighshire and Flintshire. The proposed constituency would extend along the A55 corridor from Flintshire into Denbighshire. It would include those electoral divisions in the existing Vale of Clwyd constituency which are not included in the proposed Glyndwr and North Powys constituency. In this way the statutory electorate range can be met and a constituency can be created with broadly similar characteristics along the Dee Estuary and inland.

30. North Wales Coast

- 6.151 The existing **Aberconwy** CC consists of the electoral divisions of the County of Conwy of Betws-y-Coed (985), Bryn (1,347), Caerhun (1,686), Capelulo (1,238), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Crwst (1,623), Deganwy (3,344), Eglwysbach (1,206), Gogarth (3,001), Gower (908), Llansanffraid (1,831), Marl (3,069), Mostyn (2,809), Pandy (1,492), Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan (2,201), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Trefriw (1,035), Tudno (3,703) and Uwch Conwy (1,294) with a total of 44,962 electors which is 41% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 38% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

- 6.152 The existing **Clwyd West** CC consists of the electoral divisions of:

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1. the County of Conwy of Abergele Pensarn (2,059), Betws yn Rhos (1,680), Colwyn (3,553), Eirias (2,763), Gele (3,901), Glyn (3,087), Kinmel Bay (4,623), Llanddulas (1,270), Llandrillo yn Rhos (6,313), Llangernyw (1,176), Llansannan (1,532), Llysfaen (1,945), Mochdre (1,449), Pentre Mawr (2,829), Rhiw (4,955), Towyn (1,923) and Uwchaled (1,153) and,
2. the County of Denbighshire of Efenechtyd (1,271), Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla (1,923), Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal (1,215), Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern (1,855), Llanrhaeadr-Yng-Nghinmeirch (1,505) and Ruthin (4,235).

The constituency has a total of 58,215 electors which is 24% below the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency and 20% below the minimum of the statutory electoral range of 72,810 electors per constituency.

6.153 It is proposed that a county constituency is created from the County of Conwy electoral divisions of Abergele Pensarn (2,059), Betws yn Rhos (1,680), Caerhun (1,686), Capelulo (1,238), Colwyn (3,553), Conwy (3,386), Craig-y-Don (2,797), Deganwy (3,344), Eglwysbach (1,206), Eirias (2,763), Gele (3,901), Glyn (3,087), Gogarth (3,001), Kinmel Bay (4,623), Llanddulas (1,270), Llandrillo yn Rhos (6,313), Llansanffraid (1,831), Llysfaen (1,945), Marl (3,069), Mochdre (1,449), Mostyn (2,809), Pant-yr-Afon/Penmaenan (2,201), Penrhyn (3,911), Pensarn (2,096), Pentre Mawr (2,829), Rhiw (4,955), Towyn (1,923) and Tudno (3,703). This constituency would have 78,628 electors which is 2.6% above the UKEQ of 76,641 electors per constituency. The suggested name for the constituency is **North Wales Coast**.

6.154 The electoral divisions from the northern part of the existing Aberconwy constituency and the northern part of the existing Clwyd West constituency would form a constituency with an electorate in the statutory range. It would embrace the north coast resorts of Abergele, Colwyn Bay, Conwy, Llandudno, Penrhyn Bay and Rhos on Sea. These areas are all part of the same Unitary Authority, similar in demography and share the tourism industry as the mainstay of the economy. It would make for a cohesive constituency.

Chapter 7 Publication details

Publication of Initial Proposals

- 7.1 Notification of the publication of the Commission's initial proposals, where they can be seen and the dates and locations of public hearings will be published formally in a notice appearing in newspapers in Wales on 11 January 2012. Unitary Authorities, MPs, AMs, the Political Parties' Welsh and UK Headquarters, and others will be sent a copy of the proposals.
- 7.2 The notice, proposals, maps and details of the public hearings will also be published on the Commission's web site at www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk

Places of Inspection

- 7.3 The notice in national and local newspapers will also give the addresses within the existing parliamentary constituencies where a copy of the proposals and a more detailed map illustrating them have been made available for inspection by the public. Those addresses can be found at Appendix 3.

Welsh language

- 7.4 The Commission is committed to equal use of both the Welsh and English languages and welcomes correspondence in either language.
- 7.5 Section 7 of the Welsh Language Act 1993 requires public bodies, which provide services to the public in Wales, to have a Welsh language scheme. A copy of the Commission's Welsh Language Scheme is on the website or available on request.
- 7.6 Simultaneous translation facilities will be provided at the public hearings (See Chapter 8).

Chapter 8 The initial consultation period: 11 January 2012 to 4 April 2012

- 8.1 The Commission is required to consider representations about their initial proposals for the Review within 12 weeks of their publication on 11 January 2012. Representations should be addressed to the Boundary Commission for Wales, Caradog House, 1-6 St Andrews Place, Cardiff, CF10 3BE, faxed to 02920 395250, or e-mailed to bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk. The Commission requests that all representations make it clear which area or areas they concern. All representations received by the Commission will be acknowledged. The period for submitting representations will end on 4 April 2012.
- 8.2 Please note that the Commission will not consider any representations received before or after this designated consultation period. The Commission therefore asks that all representations be made within the 12 week period.
- 8.3 Those who wish to make representations are requested to say whether they approve of, or object to, the Commission's proposals and to give their reasons for their approval or objection. In particular, objectors are advised to say what they would propose as an alternative to the Commission's proposals and should note that an objection accompanied by a counter-proposal is likely to carry more weight than a simple statement of objection. In this respect – and particularly in light of the importance of Rule 2 (statutory electorate range) – a counter-proposal setting out the composition of each constituency will generally be viewed as more persuasive than a proposal for the composition of only one constituency which does not address any likely consequential effects on the electorate figures of other constituencies.
- 8.4 The Commission wishes to stress that these proposals relate solely to the parliamentary constituencies and do not affect National Assembly for Wales constituencies, Unitary Authority, electoral division or community boundaries, taxes or services. The Commission will therefore not take account of any representation made about those issues. The Commission also wishes to stress that it will not consider the parts of representations where comment is made on the number of parliamentary seats allocated to Wales or on the statutory electorate range. These have been set by Parliament and cannot be changed by the Commission.

Public Hearings

- 8.5 The Commission is required to conduct at least two and no more than five public hearings in Wales. The public hearings in Wales shall be concerned with proposals for Wales, and shall between them cover the whole of Wales.

- 8.6 A public hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for people to make representations about any of the Commission's initial proposals and to present any counter-proposals. Unlike the local inquiries of the past, a public hearing under the new statutory scheme is not intended to focus to any significant degree on comments about any counter-proposals that may be put forward by others, as this can be done in the secondary consultation period (see paragraph 8.15 below).
- 8.7 Representations at each public hearing are likely to focus on proposals for the area closest to the location of the hearing, but this does not preclude making representations that relate to any part or the whole of Wales.
- 8.8 Each hearing is chaired by an independent Assistant Commissioner selected by the Commission, who controls proceedings and may ask – or allow to be asked – questions of an individual making representations. Questions should be asked through the Chair and should ordinarily be seeking clarification rather than trying to 'cross-examine' the speaker on his or her view.
- 8.9 The dates and locations of the public hearings have been published at Appendix 4 and in the public notices. Further public notices will also be issued to local newspapers shortly before the hearings.
- 8.10 Individuals wishing to make an oral representation at one of the hearings are encouraged to book in advance with the Commission. Details of how to book a speaking slot at a public hearing will be published alongside the initial proposals.
- 8.11 The Commission should make it clear that the duration of speaking slots is likely to be very limited, so representations will need to be clear, concise and focused. Those intending to speak at a public hearing will also need to be reasonably flexible about when exactly they are asked to start and finish their representation.
- 8.12 It will be for the Assistant Commissioner chairing the public hearing to decide when to call on speakers and the amount of time to be allocated to them. To aid the Assistant Commissioner in this task, it will be helpful if a synopsis or outline of the points the speaker wishes to make can be provided in advance. Guidance on how and when to do this will be published alongside the initial proposals.
- 8.13 The Commission encourages the use of visual aids during the making of oral representations at public hearings. The Commission will have a laptop and projector available at each hearing to provide for an electronic presentation using Microsoft Office™ software (for example, PowerPoint™). The

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Commission will also seek to facilitate the use of other visual aids as far as reasonably practical, where sufficient notice is given.

- 8.14 A verbatim transcript taken at each public hearing of all the representations made, and any visual aids used at a presentation will be attached to the transcript of that hearing.

Secondary consultation period

- 8.15 As soon as possible after the initial 12-week consultation on the Commission's initial proposals, the Commission will publish on its website all of the representations that it has received (including transcripts of the public hearings) in both Welsh and English. The Commission will redact information from representations in adherence to its Privacy Policy which can be found below and on the Commission's website. A hard copy will also be deposited at the same time in at least one location within each proposed constituency.
- 8.16 Once the representations have been published there will be a further statutory four-week period during which people can submit to the Commission written comments on those representations it received during the initial consultation period, for example challenging or supporting assertions made in a representation. There are no public hearings at this stage.
- 8.17 Once translated and redacted the Commission will publish all the written representations received during the four-week secondary consultation period.

Redaction and Privacy Policy

- 8.18 The Commission wishes to publish as much of the representations and other correspondence that it receives. However, the need for transparency needs to be balanced against the protection of an individual's right to privacy and the statutory requirement for the Commission to protect an individual's personal data.

8.19 The Commission has therefore created a redaction policy which it will apply to all representations that it receives and places in the public domain. These are as follows:

Representations made at Public Hearings:

- No redaction of names of those making a representation.
- If a paper/speaking note is submitted as part of their presentation which includes the person's address the Commission will redact the address but not the geographical location, i.e. the village, town or city where that person(s) resides.

Written (including electronic) Representations:

Public Persons/Officials (i.e. MPs/AMs/Councillors - writing in an official capacity):

- The Commission intends to publish the name, address and contact details of any public person/official writing in an official capacity.
- Signatures, however, will be redacted.

Members of the public and Public Persons/Officials writing in a personal capacity:

- The Commission intends to publish the name of everyone who submits a representation but will redact addresses with the exception of the geographical location, i.e. the village, town or city where that person(s) resides. If a member of the public wishes his or her name to be redacted the Commission will do so on request.
- All email addresses will be redacted.
- All telephone numbers will be redacted.
- All signatures will be redacted.

In addition, the Commission will also redact anything in a representation which would be illegal and/or libellous.

Chapter 9 Additional Information

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APPENDIX 1

PROPOSED PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES AND ELECTORATES IN WALES

Aberavon and Ogmore CC – 73,895 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bettws	Bridgend	1,603	Ogmore
Blackmill	Bridgend	1,883	Ogmore
Blaengarw	Bridgend	1,314	Ogmore
Caerau	Bridgend	5,115	Ogmore
Llangeinor	Bridgend	924	Ogmore
Llangynwyd	Bridgend	2,329	Ogmore
Maesteg East	Bridgend	3,833	Ogmore
Maesteg West	Bridgend	4,342	Ogmore
Nant-y-moel	Bridgend	1,747	Ogmore
Ogmore Vale	Bridgend	2,335	Ogmore
Pontycymmer	Bridgend	1,770	Ogmore
Ynysawdre	Bridgend	2,554	Ogmore
Aberavon	Neath Port Talbot	4,151	Aberavon
Baglan	Neath Port Talbot	5,541	Aberavon
Briton Ferry East	Neath Port Talbot	2,317	Aberavon
Briton Ferry West	Neath Port Talbot	2,172	Aberavon
Bryn and Cwmavon	Neath Port Talbot	5,137	Aberavon
Cymmer	Neath Port Talbot	2,171	Aberavon
Glyncorwg	Neath Port Talbot	870	Aberavon
Gwynfi	Neath Port Talbot	1,054	Aberavon
Margam	Neath Port Talbot	2,294	Aberavon
Port Talbot	Neath Port Talbot	4,368	Aberavon
Sandfields East	Neath Port Talbot	5,160	Aberavon
Sandfields West	Neath Port Talbot	5,079	Aberavon
Tai Bach	Neath Port Talbot	3,832	Aberavon

Alyn and Deeside CC – 80,268 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Aston	Flintshire	2,456	Alyn and Deeside
Broughton North East	Flintshire	1,702	Alyn and Deeside
Broughton South	Flintshire	2,807	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Bistre East	Flintshire	2,775	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Bistre West	Flintshire	3,337	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Mountain	Flintshire	2,216	Alyn and Deeside
Buckley Pentrobin	Flintshire	3,529	Alyn and Deeside
Caergwrle	Flintshire	1,274	Alyn and Deeside

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Connah's Quay Central	Flintshire	2,411	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay Golftyn	Flintshire	3,924	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay South	Flintshire	4,366	Alyn and Deeside
Connah's Quay Wepre	Flintshire	1,662	Alyn and Deeside
Ewloe	Flintshire	4,092	Alyn and Deeside
Hawarden	Flintshire	1,503	Alyn and Deeside
Higher Kinnerton	Flintshire	1,279	Alyn and Deeside
Hope	Flintshire	1,972	Alyn and Deeside
Llanfynydd	Flintshire	1,462	Alyn and Deeside
Mancot	Flintshire	2,639	Alyn and Deeside
Penyffordd	Flintshire	3,002	Alyn and Deeside
Queensferry	Flintshire	1,410	Alyn and Deeside
Saltney Mold Junction	Flintshire	937	Alyn and Deeside
Saltney Stonebridge	Flintshire	2,665	Alyn and Deeside
Sealand	Flintshire	2,120	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton East	Flintshire	1,416	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton Higher	Flintshire	1,739	Alyn and Deeside
Shotton West	Flintshire	1,499	Alyn and Deeside
Treuddyn	Flintshire	1,291	Alyn and Deeside
Argoed	Flintshire	2,201	Delyn
Gwernymynydd	Flintshire	1,355	Delyn
Leeswood	Flintshire	1,590	Delyn
Mold Broncoed	Flintshire	1,982	Delyn
Mold East	Flintshire	1,536	Delyn
Mold South	Flintshire	2,101	Delyn
Mold West	Flintshire	1,908	Delyn
New Brighton	Flintshire	2,415	Delyn
Northop	Flintshire	2,424	Delyn
Northop Hall	Flintshire	1,271	Delyn

Blaenau Gwent CC – 77,304 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Abertillery	Blaenau Gwent	3,421	Blaenau Gwent
Badminton	Blaenau Gwent	2,544	Blaenau Gwent
Beaufort	Blaenau Gwent	2,976	Blaenau Gwent
Blaina	Blaenau Gwent	3,605	Blaenau Gwent
Brynmawr	Blaenau Gwent	4,212	Blaenau Gwent
Cwm	Blaenau Gwent	3,419	Blaenau Gwent
Cwmtillery	Blaenau Gwent	3,667	Blaenau Gwent
Ebbw Vale North	Blaenau Gwent	3,467	Blaenau Gwent
Ebbw Vale South	Blaenau Gwent	3,021	Blaenau Gwent
Georgetown	Blaenau Gwent	2,668	Blaenau Gwent
Llanhilleth	Blaenau Gwent	3,686	Blaenau Gwent
Nantyglo	Blaenau Gwent	3,491	Blaenau Gwent
Rassau	Blaenau Gwent	2,494	Blaenau Gwent
Sirhowy	Blaenau Gwent	4,387	Blaenau Gwent
Six Bells	Blaenau Gwent	1,878	Blaenau Gwent
Tredegar Central & West	Blaenau Gwent	4,581	Blaenau Gwent
Argoed	Caerphilly	1,912	Islwyn

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Blackwood	Caerphilly	6,168	Islwyn
Cefn Fforest	Caerphilly	2,742	Islwyn
Crumlin	Caerphilly	4,334	Islwyn
Newbridge	Caerphilly	4,685	Islwyn
Penmaen	Caerphilly	3,946	Islwyn

Bridgend CC – 73,596 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Brackla	Bridgend	8,208	Bridgend
Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr	Bridgend	6,057	Bridgend
Cefn Glas	Bridgend	1,247	Bridgend
Coity	Bridgend	603	Bridgend
Cornelly	Bridgend	5,082	Bridgend
Coychurch Lower	Bridgend	1,134	Bridgend
Litchard	Bridgend	1,798	Bridgend
Llangewydd and Brynhyfryd	Bridgend	1,949	Bridgend
Morfa	Bridgend	3,278	Bridgend
Newcastle	Bridgend	4,221	Bridgend
Newton	Bridgend	2,921	Bridgend
Nottage	Bridgend	2,764	Bridgend
Oldcastle	Bridgend	3,589	Bridgend
Pendre	Bridgend	1,345	Bridgend
Pen-y-fai	Bridgend	1,893	Bridgend
Porthcawl East Central	Bridgend	2,591	Bridgend
Porthcawl West Central	Bridgend	2,788	Bridgend
Pyle	Bridgend	5,510	Bridgend
Rest Bay	Bridgend	1,958	Bridgend
Aberkenfig	Bridgend	1,485	Ogmore
Bryncethin	Bridgend	994	Ogmore
Bryncoch	Bridgend	1,495	Ogmore
Cefn Cribwr	Bridgend	1,194	Ogmore
Felindre	Bridgend	2,153	Ogmore
Hendre	Bridgend	3,064	Ogmore
Penprysg	Bridgend	2,426	Ogmore
Sarn	Bridgend	1,849	Ogmore

Caerfyrddin CC – 76,549 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Abergwili	Caerarthenshire	1,822	Caerarthenshire East and Dinefwr
Ammanford	Caerarthenshire	1,907	Caerarthenshire East and Dinefwr
Betws	Caerarthenshire	1,616	Caerarthenshire East and Dinefwr
Cilycwm	Caerarthenshire	1,155	Caerarthenshire East and Dinefwr
Cynwyl Gaeo	Caerarthenshire	1,306	Caerarthenshire East and Dinefwr

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Garnant	Carmarthenshire	1,535	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Glanamman	Carmarthenshire	1,785	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Gorslas	Carmarthenshire	3,160	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanddarog	Carmarthenshire	1,565	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandeilo	Carmarthenshire	2,262	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandovery	Carmarthenshire	2,082	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llandybie	Carmarthenshire	3,017	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanegwad	Carmarthenshire	1,949	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanfihangel Aberbythych	Carmarthenshire	1,435	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	Carmarthenshire	2,155	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangadog	Carmarthenshire	1,547	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangeler	Carmarthenshire	2,612	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangunnor	Carmarthenshire	1,895	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llangyndeyrn	Carmarthenshire	2,401	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Llanybydder	Carmarthenshire	1,932	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Manordeilo and Salem	Carmarthenshire	1,765	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Penygroes	Carmarthenshire	2,134	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Pontamman	Carmarthenshire	2,123	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Quarter Bach	Carmarthenshire	2,156	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Saron	Carmarthenshire	3,096	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
St. Ishmael	Carmarthenshire	2,168	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Carmarthen Town North	Carmarthenshire	3,800	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carmarthen Town South	Carmarthenshire	2,791	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carmarthen Town West	Carmarthenshire	3,681	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Cynwyl Elfed	Carmarthenshire	2,471	Carmarthen West and South

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			Pembrokeshire
Laugharne Township	Carmarthenshire	2,236	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Llanboidy	Carmarthenshire	1,606	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Llansteffan	Carmarthenshire	1,676	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
St. Clears	Carmarthenshire	2,312	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Trelech	Carmarthenshire	1,700	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Whitland	Carmarthenshire	1,696	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire

Caerphilly and Cardiff North CC – 73,873 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Aber Valley	Caerphilly	4,510	Caerphilly
Bedwas, Trethomas and Machen	Caerphilly	7,630	Caerphilly
Morgan Jones	Caerphilly	4,909	Caerphilly
Penyrheol	Caerphilly	8,777	Caerphilly
St. James	Caerphilly	4,153	Caerphilly
St. Martins	Caerphilly	6,335	Caerphilly
Lisvane	Cardiff	2,839	Cardiff North
Llanishen	Cardiff	12,945	Cardiff North
Rhiwbina	Cardiff	9,103	Cardiff North
Whitchurch and Tongwynlais	Cardiff	12,672	Cardiff North

Cardiff Central and Penarth BC – 76,346 electors (VoG – The Vale of Glamorgan)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Adamsdown	Cardiff	5,730	Cardiff Central
Cathays	Cardiff	14,857	Cardiff Central
Plasnewydd	Cardiff	12,807	Cardiff Central
Gabalfa	Cardiff	6,699	Cardiff North
Butetown	Cardiff	6,277	Cardiff South and Penarth
Grangetown	Cardiff	12,097	Cardiff South and Penarth
Cornerswell	VoG	3,955	Cardiff South and Penarth
Llandough	VoG	1,488	Cardiff South and Penarth
Plymouth	VoG	4,526	Cardiff South and Penarth

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St. Augustine's	VoG	4,696	Cardiff South and Penarth
Stanwell	VoG	3,214	Cardiff South and Penarth

Cardiff East BC – 79,287 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Cyncoed	Cardiff	8,660	Cardiff Central
Pentwyn	Cardiff	10,363	Cardiff Central
Penylan	Cardiff	9,801	Cardiff Central
Heath	Cardiff	9,714	Cardiff North
Pontprennau/ Old St. Mellons	Cardiff	6,956	Cardiff North
Llanrumney	Cardiff	7,788	Cardiff South and Penarth
Rumney	Cardiff	6,199	Cardiff South and Penarth
Splott	Cardiff	9,012	Cardiff South and Penarth
Trowbridge	Cardiff	10,794	Cardiff South and Penarth

Cardiff West BC – 74,844 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Llandaff North	Cardiff	5,449	Cardiff North
Caerau	Cardiff	7,242	Cardiff West
Canton	Cardiff	10,124	Cardiff West
Creigau/St. Fagans	Cardiff	3,947	Cardiff West
Ely	Cardiff	9,172	Cardiff West
Fairwater	Cardiff	9,251	Cardiff West
Llandaff	Cardiff	7,216	Cardiff West
Pentyrch	Cardiff	2,728	Cardiff West
Radyr	Cardiff	4,845	Cardiff West
Riverside	Cardiff	8,835	Cardiff West
Pont-y-clun	RCT	6,035	Pontypridd

Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire CC – 74,173 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Cenarth	Carmarthenshire	1,705	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
Aberaeron	Ceredigion	1,117	Ceredigion
Aberporth	Ceredigion	1,808	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Mwldan	Ceredigion	1,367	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Rhyd-y-Fuwch	Ceredigion	854	Ceredigion
Aberteifi/Cardigan - Teifi	Ceredigion	674	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Bronglais	Ceredigion	1,700	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Canol/Central	Ceredigion	1,161	Ceredigion
Aberystwyth Gogledd/North	Ceredigion	1,986	Ceredigion

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Aberystwyth Rheidol	Ceredigion	1,623	Ceredigion
Beulah	Ceredigion	1,298	Ceredigion
Borth	Ceredigion	1,542	Ceredigion
Capel Dewi	Ceredigion	1,041	Ceredigion
Ceulanamaesmawr	Ceredigion	1,439	Ceredigion
Ciliau Aeron	Ceredigion	1,484	Ceredigion
Faenor	Ceredigion	2,116	Ceredigion
Lampeter	Ceredigion	2,117	Ceredigion
Llanarth	Ceredigion	1,154	Ceredigion
Llanbadarn Fawr - Padarn	Ceredigion	783	Ceredigion
Llanbadarn Fawr - Sulien	Ceredigion	1,720	Ceredigion
Llandyfriog	Ceredigion	1,373	Ceredigion
Llandysilio-gogo	Ceredigion	1,482	Ceredigion
Llandysul Town	Ceredigion	1,051	Ceredigion
Llanfarian	Ceredigion	1,112	Ceredigion
Llanfihangel Ystrad	Ceredigion	1,533	Ceredigion
Llangeitho	Ceredigion	1,137	Ceredigion
Llangybi	Ceredigion	1,134	Ceredigion
Llanrhystyd	Ceredigion	1,192	Ceredigion
Llansantffraed	Ceredigion	1,874	Ceredigion
Llanwenog	Ceredigion	1,329	Ceredigion
Lledrod	Ceredigion	1,669	Ceredigion
Melindwr	Ceredigion	1,500	Ceredigion
New Quay	Ceredigion	836	Ceredigion
Penbryn	Ceredigion	1,677	Ceredigion
Pen-parc	Ceredigion	1,841	Ceredigion
Tirymynach	Ceredigion	1,368	Ceredigion
Trefeurig	Ceredigion	1,297	Ceredigion
Tregaron	Ceredigion	908	Ceredigion
Troedraur	Ceredigion	1,001	Ceredigion
Ystwyth	Ceredigion	1,489	Ceredigion
Cilgerran	Pembrokeshire	1,577	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Clydau	Pembrokeshire	1,170	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Crymych	Pembrokeshire	1,936	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Dinas Cross	Pembrokeshire	1,322	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Fishguard North East	Pembrokeshire	1,481	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Fishguard North West	Pembrokeshire	1,206	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Goodwick	Pembrokeshire	1,512	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Maenclochog	Pembrokeshire	2,408	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Newport	Pembrokeshire	942	Preseli Pembrokeshire

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Scleddau	Pembrokeshire	1,153	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. Dogmaels	Pembrokeshire	1,755	Preseli Pembrokeshire

Dee Estuary CC – 80,278 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bodelwyddan	Denbighshire	1,639	Vale of Clwyd
Dyserth	Denbighshire	1,883	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn Central	Denbighshire	2,806	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn East	Denbighshire	3,145	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn Meliden	Denbighshire	1,545	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn North	Denbighshire	4,682	Vale of Clwyd
Prestatyn South West	Denbighshire	2,803	Vale of Clwyd
Rhuddlan	Denbighshire	2,940	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl East	Denbighshire	3,769	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South	Denbighshire	3,035	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South East	Denbighshire	5,972	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl South West	Denbighshire	3,722	Vale of Clwyd
Rhyl West	Denbighshire	3,481	Vale of Clwyd
St. Asaph East	Denbighshire	1,376	Vale of Clwyd
St. Asaph West	Denbighshire	1,318	Vale of Clwyd
The Communities of Cwm, Tremeirchion and Waen (Tremeirchion)	Denbighshire	1,039	Vale of Clwyd
Bagillt East	Flintshire	1,444	Delyn
Bagillt West	Flintshire	1,610	Delyn
Brynford	Flintshire	1,766	Delyn
Caerwys	Flintshire	2,043	Delyn
Cilcain	Flintshire	1,559	Delyn
Ffynnongroyw	Flintshire	1,495	Delyn
Flint Castle	Flintshire	1,570	Delyn
Flint Coleshill	Flintshire	3,034	Delyn
Flint Oakenholt	Flintshire	2,101	Delyn
Flint Trelawny	Flintshire	2,767	Delyn
Greenfield	Flintshire	2,088	Delyn
Gronant	Flintshire	1,241	Delyn
Gwernaffield	Flintshire	1,600	Delyn
Halkyn	Flintshire	1,417	Delyn
Holywell Central	Flintshire	1,423	Delyn
Holywell East	Flintshire	1,392	Delyn
Holywell West	Flintshire	1,785	Delyn
Mostyn	Flintshire	1,440	Delyn
Trelawnyd & Gwaenysgor	Flintshire	1,486	Delyn
Whitford	Flintshire	1,862	Delyn

Glyndwr and North Powys CC – 74,554 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Llangernyw	Conwy	1,176	Clwyd West

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Llansannan	Conwy	1,532	Clwyd West
Uwchaled	Conwy	1,153	Clwyd West
Corwen	Denbighshire	1,864	Clwyd South
Llandrillo	Denbighshire	935	Clwyd South
Llangollen	Denbighshire	3,349	Clwyd South
Efenechtyd	Denbighshire	1,271	Clwyd West
Llanarmon-yn-Ial/Llandegla	Denbighshire	1,923	Clwyd West
Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd/Llangynhafal	Denbighshire	1,215	Clwyd West
Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd/Gwyddelwern	Denbighshire	1,855	Clwyd West
Llanrhaedr-yng-Nghinmeirch	Denbighshire	1,505	Clwyd West
Ruthin	Denbighshire	4,235	Clwyd West
Denbigh Central	Denbighshire	1,423	Vale of Clwyd
Denbigh Lower	Denbighshire	3,574	Vale of Clwyd
Denbigh Upper/Henllan	Denbighshire	2,481	Vale of Clwyd
Llandyrnog	Denbighshire	1,740	Vale of Clwyd
Trefnant	Denbighshire	1,601	Vale of Clwyd
The Community of Bodfari (Tremeirchion)	Denbighshire	290	Vale of Clwyd
Banwy	Powys	795	Montgomeryshire
Guilsfield	Powys	1,833	Montgomeryshire
Llandrinio	Powys	1,687	Montgomeryshire
Llandysilio	Powys	1,387	Montgomeryshire
Llanfair Caereinion	Powys	1,354	Montgomeryshire
Llanfihangel	Powys	891	Montgomeryshire
Llanfyllin	Powys	1,187	Montgomeryshire
Llanrhaedr-ym-Mochnant/ Llansilin	Powys	1,758	Montgomeryshire
Llansantffraid	Powys	1,526	Montgomeryshire
Llanwddyn	Powys	834	Montgomeryshire
Meifod	Powys	1,064	Montgomeryshire
Trewern	Powys	1,069	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Castle	Powys	1,029	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Gungrog	Powys	1,954	Montgomeryshire
Welshpool Llanerchuddol	Powys	1,653	Montgomeryshire
Cefn	Wrexham	3,874	Clwyd South
Chirk North	Wrexham	1,883	Clwyd South
Chirk South	Wrexham	1,580	Clwyd South
Dyffryn Ceiriog/Ceiriog Valley	Wrexham	1,705	Clwyd South
Johnstown	Wrexham	2,466	Clwyd South
Llangollen Rural	Wrexham	1,577	Clwyd South
Pant	Wrexham	1,634	Clwyd South
Penycae	Wrexham	1,549	Clwyd South
The Groes ward of the Community of Penycae (Penycae and Ruabon South)	Wrexham	899	Clwyd South
Plas Madoc	Wrexham	1,219	Clwyd South
Ponciau North, Ponciau South and Rhos wards of the Community of Rhosllanerchrugog (Ponciau)	Wrexham	3,025	Clwyd South

Gower and Swansea West CC – 77,453 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bishopston	Swansea	2,758	Gower

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Fairwood	Swansea	2,319	Gower
Gower	Swansea	3,039	Gower
Gowerton	Swansea	4,063	Gower
Kingsbridge	Swansea	3,275	Gower
Lower Loughor	Swansea	1,821	Gower
Newton	Swansea	2,831	Gower
Oystermouth	Swansea	3,407	Gower
Penclawdd	Swansea	3,024	Gower
Pennard	Swansea	2,247	Gower
Upper Loughor	Swansea	2,194	Gower
West Cross	Swansea	5,312	Gower
Dunvant	Swansea	3,607	Swansea West
Killay North	Swansea	3,317	Swansea West
Killay South	Swansea	1,963	Swansea West
Mayals	Swansea	2,199	Swansea West
Sketty	Swansea	11,976	Swansea West
Townhill	Swansea	6,083	Swansea West
Uplands	Swansea	12,018	Swansea West

Gwynedd CC – 73,297 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Betws-y-Coed	Conwy	985	Aberconwy
Crwst	Conwy	1,623	Aberconwy
Gower	Conwy	908	Aberconwy
Trefriw	Conwy	1,035	Aberconwy
Uwch Conwy	Conwy	1,294	Aberconwy
Bontnewydd	Gwynedd	856	Arfon
Cadnant	Gwynedd	1,437	Arfon
Cwm-y-Glo	Gwynedd	723	Arfon
Groeslon	Gwynedd	1,297	Arfon
Llanberis	Gwynedd	1,474	Arfon
Llanllyfni	Gwynedd	851	Arfon
Llanrug	Gwynedd	1,308	Arfon
Llanwnda	Gwynedd	1,469	Arfon
Menai (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,798	Arfon
Peblig (Caernarfon)	Gwynedd	1,445	Arfon
Penygroes	Gwynedd	1,284	Arfon
Seiont	Gwynedd	2,158	Arfon
Talysarn	Gwynedd	1,294	Arfon
Waunfawr	Gwynedd	1,223	Arfon
Aberdaron	Gwynedd	737	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Aberdovey	Gwynedd	1,007	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Abererch	Gwynedd	1,013	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Abermaw	Gwynedd	1,664	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Abersoch	Gwynedd	548	Dwyfor Meirionnydd

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Bala	Gwynedd	1,378	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Botwnnog	Gwynedd	704	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Bowydd and Rhiw	Gwynedd	1,246	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Brithdir & Llanfachreth / Ganllwyd / Llanelltyd	Gwynedd	1,101	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Bryn-crug / Llanfihangel	Gwynedd	765	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Clynnog	Gwynedd	739	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Corris/Mawddwy	Gwynedd	951	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Criccieth	Gwynedd	1,371	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Diffwys and Maenofferen	Gwynedd	768	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolbenmaen	Gwynedd	932	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolgellau North	Gwynedd	912	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dolgellau South	Gwynedd	1,089	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Dyffryn Ardudwy	Gwynedd	1,205	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Efail-newydd/Buan	Gwynedd	1,022	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Harlech	Gwynedd	1,488	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanaelhaearn	Gwynedd	1,184	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanbedr	Gwynedd	803	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanbedrog	Gwynedd	786	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llandderfel	Gwynedd	1,147	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanengan	Gwynedd	824	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llangelynin	Gwynedd	1,591	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanuwchllyn	Gwynedd	717	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Llanystumdwy	Gwynedd	1,503	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Morfa Nefyn	Gwynedd	929	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Nefyn	Gwynedd	970	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Penrhyndeudraeth	Gwynedd	1,807	Dwyfor Meirionnydd

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Porthmadog East	Gwynedd	1,135	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Porthmadog West	Gwynedd	1,372	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Porthmadog-Tremadog	Gwynedd	940	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Pwllheli North	Gwynedd	1,459	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Pwllheli South	Gwynedd	1,308	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Teigl	Gwynedd	1,379	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Trawsfynydd	Gwynedd	1,123	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Tudweiliog	Gwynedd	680	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Tywyn	Gwynedd	2,499	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
Glantwymyn	Powys	1,624	Montgomeryshire
Llanbryn-mair	Powys	761	Montgomeryshire
Machynlleth	Powys	1,654	Montgomeryshire

Heads of the Valleys CC – 74,029 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Darran Valley	Caerphilly	1,808	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Moriah	Caerphilly	3,164	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
New Tredegar	Caerphilly	3,361	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Pontlottyn	Caerphilly	1,410	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Twyn Carno	Caerphilly	1,670	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Bedlinog	Merthyr Tydfil	2,547	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Cyfartha	Merthyr Tydfil	5,065	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Dowlais	Merthyr Tydfil	5,041	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Gurnos	Merthyr Tydfil	3,386	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Merthyr Vale	Merthyr Tydfil	2,830	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Park	Merthyr Tydfil	3,289	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Penydarren	Merthyr Tydfil	3,780	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Plymouth	Merthyr Tydfil	3,991	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Town	Merthyr Tydfil	5,700	Merthyr Tydfil and

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			Rhymney
Treharris	Merthyr Tydfil	4,928	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Vaynor	Merthyr Tydfil	2,787	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
Aberdare East	RCT	5,236	Cynon Valley
Aberdare West/Llwydcoed	RCT	7,324	Cynon Valley
Hirwaun	RCT	3,176	Cynon Valley
Pen-y-waun	RCT	2,122	Cynon Valley
Rhigos	RCT	1,414	Cynon Valley

Llanelli CC – 76,970 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bigyn	Carmarthenshire	4,672	Llanelli
Burry Port	Carmarthenshire	3,302	Llanelli
Bynea	Carmarthenshire	2,810	Llanelli
Dafen	Carmarthenshire	2,508	Llanelli
Elli	Carmarthenshire	2,283	Llanelli
Felinfoel	Carmarthenshire	1,391	Llanelli
Glanymor	Carmarthenshire	3,723	Llanelli
Glyn	Carmarthenshire	1,635	Llanelli
Hendy	Carmarthenshire	2,442	Llanelli
Hengoed	Carmarthenshire	2,858	Llanelli
Kidwelly	Carmarthenshire	2,584	Llanelli
Llangennech	Carmarthenshire	3,706	Llanelli
Llannon	Carmarthenshire	3,877	Llanelli
Lliedi	Carmarthenshire	3,798	Llanelli
Llwynhendy	Carmarthenshire	3,095	Llanelli
Pembrey	Carmarthenshire	3,254	Llanelli
Pontyberem	Carmarthenshire	2,127	Llanelli
Swiss Valley	Carmarthenshire	2,089	Llanelli
Trimsaran	Carmarthenshire	1,931	Llanelli
Tycroes	Carmarthenshire	1,833	Llanelli
Tyisha	Carmarthenshire	2,529	Llanelli
Gorseinon	Swansea	3,199	Gower
Llangyfelach	Swansea	3,865	Gower
Penllergaer	Swansea	2,248	Gower
Penyrheol	Swansea	4,435	Gower
Pontardulais	Swansea	4,776	Gower

Menai ac Ynys Môn CC – 74,453 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bryn	Conwy	1,347	Aberconwy
Pandy	Conwy	1,492	Aberconwy
Arllechwedd	Gwynedd	993	Arfon
Bethel	Gwynedd	1,025	Arfon
Deiniol	Gwynedd	569	Arfon
Deiniolen	Gwynedd	1,204	Arfon

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Dewi	Gwynedd	1,229	Arfon
Garth	Gwynedd	702	Arfon
Gerlan	Gwynedd	1,592	Arfon
Glyder	Gwynedd	1,288	Arfon
Hendre	Gwynedd	904	Arfon
Hirael	Gwynedd	921	Arfon
Marchog	Gwynedd	1,442	Arfon
Menai (Bangor)	Gwynedd	2,483	Arfon
Ogwen	Gwynedd	1,605	Arfon
Penisarwaun	Gwynedd	1,287	Arfon
Pentir	Gwynedd	1,678	Arfon
Tregarth & Mynydd Llandygái	Gwynedd	1,596	Arfon
Y Felinheli	Gwynedd	1,572	Arfon
Aberffraw	Isle of Anglesey	1,079	Ynys Môn
Amlwch Port	Isle of Anglesey	1,643	Ynys Môn
Amlwch Rural	Isle of Anglesey	923	Ynys Môn
Beaumaris	Isle of Anglesey	1,365	Ynys Môn
Bodffordd	Isle of Anglesey	1,180	Ynys Môn
Bodorgan	Isle of Anglesey	1,268	Ynys Môn
Braint	Isle of Anglesey	1,139	Ynys Môn
Bryngwran	Isle of Anglesey	1,290	Ynys Môn
Brynteg	Isle of Anglesey	1,513	Ynys Môn
Cadnant	Isle of Anglesey	825	Ynys Môn
Cefni	Isle of Anglesey	1,145	Ynys Môn
Cwm Cadnant	Isle of Anglesey	1,693	Ynys Môn
Cyngar	Isle of Anglesey	1,471	Ynys Môn
Gwyngyll	Isle of Anglesey	1,258	Ynys Môn
Holyhead Town	Isle of Anglesey	651	Ynys Môn
Kingsland	Isle of Anglesey	972	Ynys Môn
Llanbadrig	Isle of Anglesey	992	Ynys Môn
Llanbedrgoch	Isle of Anglesey	1,148	Ynys Môn
Llanddyfnan	Isle of Anglesey	1,027	Ynys Môn
Llaneilian	Isle of Anglesey	1,739	Ynys Môn
Llanfaethlu	Isle of Anglesey	1,220	Ynys Môn
Llanfair-yn-Neubwll	Isle of Anglesey	1,717	Ynys Môn
Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog	Isle of Anglesey	1,470	Ynys Môn
Llangoed	Isle of Anglesey	990	Ynys Môn
Llanidan	Isle of Anglesey	1,337	Ynys Môn
Llannerch-y-medd	Isle of Anglesey	1,376	Ynys Môn
London Road	Isle of Anglesey	913	Ynys Môn
Maeshyfryd	Isle of Anglesey	1,397	Ynys Môn
Mechell	Isle of Anglesey	1,150	Ynys Môn
Moelfre	Isle of Anglesey	778	Ynys Môn
Morawelon	Isle of Anglesey	917	Ynys Môn
Parc a'r Mynydd	Isle of Anglesey	902	Ynys Môn
Pentraeth	Isle of Anglesey	1,422	Ynys Môn
Porthyfelin	Isle of Anglesey	1,465	Ynys Môn
Rhosneigr	Isle of Anglesey	702	Ynys Môn
Rhosyr	Isle of Anglesey	1,645	Ynys Môn
Trearddur	Isle of Anglesey	1,712	Ynys Môn
Tudur	Isle of Anglesey	885	Ynys Môn

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Tysilio	Isle of Anglesey	1,474	Ynys Môn
Valley	Isle of Anglesey	1,731	Ynys Môn

Monmouthshire CC – 73,862 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Caerwent	Monmouthshire	1,434	Monmouth
Cantref	Monmouthshire	1,693	Monmouth
Castle	Monmouthshire	1,616	Monmouth
Croesonen	Monmouthshire	1,635	Monmouth
Crucorney	Monmouthshire	1,702	Monmouth
Devauden	Monmouthshire	1,175	Monmouth
Dixton with Osbaston	Monmouthshire	1,875	Monmouth
Drybridge	Monmouthshire	2,535	Monmouth
Goetre Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,862	Monmouth
Grofield	Monmouthshire	1,382	Monmouth
Lansdown	Monmouthshire	1,711	Monmouth
Larkfield	Monmouthshire	1,532	Monmouth
Llanbadoc	Monmouthshire	1,038	Monmouth
Llanelly Hill	Monmouthshire	3,157	Monmouth
Llanfoist Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,409	Monmouth
Llangybi Fawr	Monmouthshire	1,483	Monmouth
Llanover	Monmouthshire	1,841	Monmouth
Llantilio Crosenny	Monmouthshire	1,414	Monmouth
Llanwenarth Ultra	Monmouthshire	1,126	Monmouth
Mardy	Monmouthshire	1,414	Monmouth
Mitchel Troy	Monmouthshire	977	Monmouth
Overmonnow	Monmouthshire	1,779	Monmouth
Portskewett	Monmouthshire	1,702	Monmouth
Priory	Monmouthshire	1,508	Monmouth
Raglan	Monmouthshire	1,552	Monmouth
Shirenewton	Monmouthshire	1,778	Monmouth
St. Arvans	Monmouthshire	1,260	Monmouth
St. Christopher's	Monmouthshire	1,872	Monmouth
St. Kingsmark	Monmouthshire	2,275	Monmouth
St. Mary's	Monmouthshire	1,449	Monmouth
Thornwell	Monmouthshire	2,038	Monmouth
Trellech United	Monmouthshire	2,155	Monmouth
Usk	Monmouthshire	1,943	Monmouth
Wyesham	Monmouthshire	1,673	Monmouth
Caldicot Castle	Monmouthshire	1,536	Newport East
Dewstow	Monmouthshire	1,485	Newport East
Green Lane	Monmouthshire	1,523	Newport East
Mill	Monmouthshire	2,180	Newport East
Rogiet	Monmouthshire	1,335	Newport East
Severn	Monmouthshire	1,395	Newport East
The Elms	Monmouthshire	2,435	Newport East
West End	Monmouthshire	1,536	Newport East
Langstone	Newport	3,442	Newport East

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Neath CC – 76,747 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Coedffranc Central	Neath Port Talbot	3,006	Aberavon
Coedffranc North	Neath Port Talbot	1,835	Aberavon
Coedffranc West	Neath Port Talbot	2,047	Aberavon
Aberdulais	Neath Port Talbot	1,745	Neath
Allt-wen	Neath Port Talbot	1,838	Neath
Blaengwrach	Neath Port Talbot	1,567	Neath
Bryn-coch North	Neath Port Talbot	1,874	Neath
Bryn-coch South	Neath Port Talbot	4,529	Neath
Cadoxton	Neath Port Talbot	1,375	Neath
Cimla	Neath Port Talbot	3,259	Neath
Crynant	Neath Port Talbot	1,569	Neath
Cwmllynfell	Neath Port Talbot	938	Neath
Dyffryn	Neath Port Talbot	2,534	Neath
Glynneath	Neath Port Talbot	2,683	Neath
Godre'r graig	Neath Port Talbot	1,246	Neath
Gwaun-Cae-Gurwen	Neath Port Talbot	2,284	Neath
Lower Brynamman	Neath Port Talbot	1,059	Neath
Neath East	Neath Port Talbot	4,886	Neath
Neath North	Neath Port Talbot	3,080	Neath
Neath South	Neath Port Talbot	3,649	Neath
Onllwyn	Neath Port Talbot	963	Neath
Pelenna	Neath Port Talbot	934	Neath
Pontardawe	Neath Port Talbot	4,135	Neath
Resolven	Neath Port Talbot	2,480	Neath
Rhos	Neath Port Talbot	2,022	Neath
Seven Sisters	Neath Port Talbot	1,634	Neath
Tonna	Neath Port Talbot	1,909	Neath
Trebanos	Neath Port Talbot	1,101	Neath
Ystalyfera	Neath Port Talbot	2,325	Neath
Clydach	Swansea	5,850	Gower
Mawr	Swansea	1,485	Gower
The Community of Birchgrove (Llansamlet)	Swansea	4,906	Swansea East

Newport Central BC – 76,461 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Alway	Newport	5,664	Newport East
Beechwood	Newport	5,601	Newport East
Liswerry	Newport	7,671	Newport East
Llanwern	Newport	2,264	Newport East
Ringland	Newport	6,160	Newport East
St. Julians	Newport	6,144	Newport East
Victoria	Newport	4,455	Newport East
Allt-yr-yn	Newport	6,555	Newport West
Bettws	Newport	5,452	Newport West
Gaer	Newport	6,304	Newport West
Malpas	Newport	6,041	Newport West

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Pillgwenlly	Newport	4,382	Newport West
Shaftesbury	Newport	3,767	Newport West
Stow Hill	Newport	3,079	Newport West
Tredegar Park	Newport	2,922	Newport West

Newport West and Sirhowy Valley CC – 73,217 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bargoed	Caerphilly	4,331	Caerphilly
Gilfach	Caerphilly	1,525	Caerphilly
Hengoed	Caerphilly	3,671	Caerphilly
Llanbradach	Caerphilly	3,171	Caerphilly
Nelson	Caerphilly	3,482	Caerphilly
St. Cattwg	Caerphilly	5,586	Caerphilly
Ystrad Mynach	Caerphilly	3,553	Caerphilly
Aberbargoed	Caerphilly	2,509	Islwyn
Abercarn	Caerphilly	3,881	Islwyn
Crosskeys	Caerphilly	2,445	Islwyn
Maesycwmmwr	Caerphilly	1,707	Islwyn
Pengam	Caerphilly	2,681	Islwyn
Pontllanfraith	Caerphilly	6,159	Islwyn
Risca East	Caerphilly	4,643	Islwyn
Risca West	Caerphilly	3,988	Islwyn
Ynysddu	Caerphilly	2,811	Islwyn
Graig	Newport	4,620	Newport West
Marshfield	Newport	4,611	Newport West
Rogerstone	Newport	7,843	Newport West

North Wales Coast CC – 78,628 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Caerhun	Conwy	1,686	Aberconwy
Capelulo	Conwy	1,238	Aberconwy
Conwy	Conwy	3,386	Aberconwy
Craig-y-Don	Conwy	2,797	Aberconwy
Deganwy	Conwy	3,344	Aberconwy
Eglwysbach	Conwy	1,206	Aberconwy
Gogarth	Conwy	3,001	Aberconwy
Llansanffraid	Conwy	1,831	Aberconwy
Marl	Conwy	3,069	Aberconwy
Mostyn	Conwy	2,809	Aberconwy
Pant-yr-afon/Penmaenan	Conwy	2,201	Aberconwy
Penrhyn	Conwy	3,911	Aberconwy
Pensarn	Conwy	2,096	Aberconwy
Tudno	Conwy	3,703	Aberconwy
Abergele Pensarn	Conwy	2,059	Clwyd West
Betws yn Rhos	Conwy	1,680	Clwyd West
Colwyn	Conwy	3,553	Clwyd West
Eirias	Conwy	2,763	Clwyd West
Gele	Conwy	3,901	Clwyd West

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Glyn	Conwy	3,087	Clwyd West
Kinmel Bay	Conwy	4,623	Clwyd West
Llanddulas	Conwy	1,270	Clwyd West
Llandrillo yn Rhos	Conwy	6,313	Clwyd West
Llysfaen	Conwy	1,945	Clwyd West
Mochdre	Conwy	1,449	Clwyd West
Pentre Mawr	Conwy	2,829	Clwyd West
Rhiw	Conwy	4,955	Clwyd West
Towyn	Conwy	1,923	Clwyd West

Pontypridd CC – 77,786 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Abercynon	RCT	4,740	Cynon Valley
Cilfynydd	RCT	2,116	Cynon Valley
Glyncoch	RCT	2,119	Cynon Valley
Ynysybwl	RCT	3,540	Cynon Valley
Brynna	RCT	2,956	Ogmore
Gilfach Goch	RCT	2,499	Ogmore
Llanharan	RCT	2,503	Ogmore
Llanharry	RCT	2,689	Ogmore
Beddau	RCT	3,208	Pontypridd
Church Village	RCT	3,530	Pontypridd
Graig	RCT	1,757	Pontypridd
Hawthorn	RCT	2,797	Pontypridd
Llantrisant Town	RCT	3,770	Pontypridd
Llantwit Fardre	RCT	4,738	Pontypridd
Pontypridd Town	RCT	2,252	Pontypridd
Rhondda	RCT	3,598	Pontypridd
Rhydfelen Central/Ilan	RCT	3,199	Pontypridd
Taffs Well	RCT	2,818	Pontypridd
Talbot Green	RCT	2,029	Pontypridd
Ton-teg	RCT	3,383	Pontypridd
Tonyrefail East	RCT	4,429	Pontypridd
Tonyrefail West	RCT	4,641	Pontypridd
Trallwng	RCT	2,842	Pontypridd
Treforest	RCT	3,066	Pontypridd
Tyn-y-nant	RCT	2,567	Pontypridd

Rhondda CC – 73,194 electors (RCT – Rhondda Cynon Taf)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Aberaman North	RCT	3,873	Cynon Valley
Aberaman South	RCT	3,476	Cynon Valley
Cwmbach	RCT	3,268	Cynon Valley
Mountain Ash East	RCT	2,206	Cynon Valley
Mountain Ash West	RCT	3,159	Cynon Valley
Penrhiwceiber	RCT	4,447	Cynon Valley
Cwm Clydach	RCT	2,198	Rhondda
Cymmer	RCT	4,237	Rhondda

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Ferndale	RCT	3,228	Rhondda
Llwyn-y-pia	RCT	1,698	Rhondda
Maerdy	RCT	2,373	Rhondda
Pentre	RCT	3,989	Rhondda
Pen-y-graig	RCT	4,112	Rhondda
Porth	RCT	4,480	Rhondda
Tonypandy	RCT	2,727	Rhondda
Trealaw	RCT	2,936	Rhondda
Treherbert	RCT	4,477	Rhondda
Treorchy	RCT	6,032	Rhondda
Tylorstown	RCT	3,327	Rhondda
Ynyshir	RCT	2,478	Rhondda
Ystrad	RCT	4,473	Rhondda

South and West Pembrokeshire CC – 76,039 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Amroth	Pembrokeshire	995	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Carew	Pembrokeshire	1,193	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
East Williamston	Pembrokeshire	1,888	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Hundleton	Pembrokeshire	1,464	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Kilgetty/Begelly	Pembrokeshire	1,748	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Lampeter Velfrey	Pembrokeshire	1,292	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Lamphey	Pembrokeshire	1,350	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Manorbier	Pembrokeshire	1,608	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Martletwy	Pembrokeshire	1,104	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Narberth	Pembrokeshire	1,546	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Narberth Rural	Pembrokeshire	1,237	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire

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Pembroke Dock: Central	Pembrokeshire	1,087	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Llanion	Pembrokeshire	2,039	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Market	Pembrokeshire	1,263	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke Dock: Pennar	Pembrokeshire	2,387	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: Monkton	Pembrokeshire	1,076	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Mary North	Pembrokeshire	1,410	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Mary South	Pembrokeshire	1,034	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Pembroke: St. Michael	Pembrokeshire	1,999	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Penally	Pembrokeshire	1,289	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Saundersfoot	Pembrokeshire	2,065	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Tenby: North	Pembrokeshire	1,659	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Tenby: South	Pembrokeshire	1,802	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
Burton	Pembrokeshire	1,448	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Camrose	Pembrokeshire	2,081	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Castle	Pembrokeshire	1,620	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Garth	Pembrokeshire	1,737	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Portfield	Pembrokeshire	1,723	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Prendergast	Pembrokeshire	1,315	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Haverfordwest: Priory	Pembrokeshire	1,935	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Johnston	Pembrokeshire	1,911	Preseli Pembrokeshire

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Letterston	Pembrokeshire	1,741	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Llangwm	Pembrokeshire	1,746	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Llanrhian	Pembrokeshire	1,228	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Merlin's Bridge	Pembrokeshire	1,611	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Central	Pembrokeshire	1,499	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: East	Pembrokeshire	1,501	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Hakin	Pembrokeshire	1,813	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: Hubberston	Pembrokeshire	1,804	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: North	Pembrokeshire	1,979	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Milford: West	Pembrokeshire	1,622	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Neyland: East	Pembrokeshire	1,801	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Neyland: West	Pembrokeshire	1,643	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Rudbaxton	Pembrokeshire	1,359	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Solva	Pembrokeshire	1,155	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. David's	Pembrokeshire	1,503	Preseli Pembrokeshire
St. Ishmael's	Pembrokeshire	1,127	Preseli Pembrokeshire
The Havens	Pembrokeshire	1,143	Preseli Pembrokeshire
Wiston	Pembrokeshire	1,459	Preseli Pembrokeshire

South Powys CC – 78,136 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Aber-craf	Powys	1,140	Brecon and Radnorshire
Beguildy	Powys	1,106	Brecon and Radnorshire
Bronllys	Powys	967	Brecon and Radnorshire
Builth	Powys	1,904	Brecon and Radnorshire
Bwlch	Powys	739	Brecon and Radnorshire
Crickhowell	Powys	2,243	Brecon and Radnorshire

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Cwm-twrch	Powys	1,610	Brecon and Radnorshire
Disserth and Trecoed	Powys	1,001	Brecon and Radnorshire
Felin-fach	Powys	1,097	Brecon and Radnorshire
Glasbury	Powys	1,761	Brecon and Radnorshire
Gwernyfed	Powys	1,188	Brecon and Radnorshire
Hay	Powys	1,243	Brecon and Radnorshire
Knighton	Powys	2,295	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanafanfawr	Powys	1,134	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanbadarn Fawr	Powys	861	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod East / West	Powys	940	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod North	Powys	1,469	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llandrindod South	Powys	1,563	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanelwedd	Powys	959	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangattock	Powys	799	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangors	Powys	879	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangunllo	Powys	1,021	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llangynidr	Powys	829	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanwrtyd Wells	Powys	1,463	Brecon and Radnorshire
Llanyre	Powys	915	Brecon and Radnorshire
Maescar/Llywel	Powys	1,367	Brecon and Radnorshire
Nantmel	Powys	1,197	Brecon and Radnorshire
Old Radnor	Powys	1,311	Brecon and Radnorshire
Presteigne	Powys	2,177	Brecon and Radnorshire
Rhayader	Powys	1,607	Brecon and Radnorshire
St. David Within	Powys	1,162	Brecon and Radnorshire
St. John	Powys	2,605	Brecon and Radnorshire

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St. Mary	Powys	1,872	Brecon and Radnorshire
Talgarth	Powys	1,308	Brecon and Radnorshire
Talybont-on-Usk	Powys	1,552	Brecon and Radnorshire
Tawe-Uchaf	Powys	1,726	Brecon and Radnorshire
Ynyscedwyn	Powys	1,746	Brecon and Radnorshire
Yscir	Powys	876	Brecon and Radnorshire
Ystradgynlais	Powys	2,001	Brecon and Radnorshire
Berriew	Powys	1,103	Montgomeryshire
Blaen Hafren	Powys	1,880	Montgomeryshire
Caersws	Powys	1,835	Montgomeryshire
Churchstoke	Powys	1,260	Montgomeryshire
Dolforwyn	Powys	1,590	Montgomeryshire
Fordeu	Powys	1,107	Montgomeryshire
Kerry	Powys	1,610	Montgomeryshire
Llandinam	Powys	1,120	Montgomeryshire
Llanidloes	Powys	2,222	Montgomeryshire
Montgomery	Powys	1,078	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Central	Powys	2,177	Montgomeryshire
Newtown East	Powys	1,449	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North	Powys	1,742	Montgomeryshire
Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West	Powys	1,361	Montgomeryshire
Newtown South	Powys	1,261	Montgomeryshire
Rhiwcyonon	Powys	1,708	Montgomeryshire

Swansea East BC – 76,637 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Bonymaen	Swansea	5,122	Swansea East
Cwmbwrla	Swansea	6,095	Swansea East
Landore	Swansea	4,599	Swansea East
The Community of Llansamlet (Llansamlet)	Swansea	5,994	Swansea East
Morrison	Swansea	13,160	Swansea East
Mynyddbach	Swansea	7,085	Swansea East
Penderry	Swansea	8,360	Swansea East
St. Thomas	Swansea	5,233	Swansea East
Castle	Swansea	10,554	Swansea West
Cockett	Swansea	10,435	Swansea West

The Vale of Glamorgan CC – 74,728 electors (VoG – The Vale of Glamorgan)

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Sully	VoG	3,561	Cardiff South and Penarth
Baruc	VoG	4,815	Vale of Glamorgan

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Buttrills	VoG	4,164	Vale of Glamorgan
Cadoc	VoG	7,022	Vale of Glamorgan
Castleland	VoG	3,033	Vale of Glamorgan
Court	VoG	3,198	Vale of Glamorgan
Cowbridge	VoG	5,126	Vale of Glamorgan
Dinas Powys	VoG	6,144	Vale of Glamorgan
Dyfan	VoG	3,877	Vale of Glamorgan
Gibbonsdown	VoG	3,878	Vale of Glamorgan
Illtyd	VoG	6,146	Vale of Glamorgan
Llandow/Ewenny	VoG	2,115	Vale of Glamorgan
Llantwit Major	VoG	7,910	Vale of Glamorgan
Peterston-super-Ely	VoG	1,779	Vale of Glamorgan
Rhose	VoG	5,107	Vale of Glamorgan
St. Athan	VoG	2,434	Vale of Glamorgan
St. Bride's Major	VoG	2,213	Vale of Glamorgan
Wenvoe	VoG	2,206	Vale of Glamorgan

Torfaen CC – 76,639 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Caerleon	Newport	6,889	Newport West
Croesyceiliog North	Torfaen	2,762	Monmouth
Croesyceiliog South	Torfaen	1,487	Monmouth
Llanyrafon North	Torfaen	1,621	Monmouth
Llanyrafon South	Torfaen	2,236	Monmouth
Abersychan	Torfaen	5,286	Torfaen
Blaenavon	Torfaen	4,479	Torfaen
Brynwern	Torfaen	1,368	Torfaen
Coed Eva	Torfaen	1,695	Torfaen
Cwmyniscoy	Torfaen	1,064	Torfaen
Fairwater	Torfaen	4,051	Torfaen
Greenmeadow	Torfaen	2,925	Torfaen
Llantarnam	Torfaen	4,088	Torfaen
New Inn	Torfaen	4,881	Torfaen
Panteg	Torfaen	5,663	Torfaen
Pontnewydd	Torfaen	4,818	Torfaen
Pontnewynydd	Torfaen	1,163	Torfaen
Pontypool	Torfaen	1,449	Torfaen
Snatchwood	Torfaen	1,581	Torfaen
St. Cadocs and Penygarn	Torfaen	1,129	Torfaen
St. Dials	Torfaen	2,777	Torfaen
Trevethin	Torfaen	2,518	Torfaen
Two Locks	Torfaen	4,729	Torfaen
Upper Cwmbran	Torfaen	4,077	Torfaen
Wainfelin	Torfaen	1,903	Torfaen

Wrexham Maelor CC – 78,353 electors

Electoral Division	Unitary Authority	Electorate	Existing Constituency
Acton	Wrexham	2,314	Wrexham

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Borras Park	Wrexham	1,965	Wrexham
Brynyffynnon	Wrexham	2,387	Wrexham
Cartrefle	Wrexham	1,679	Wrexham
Erddig	Wrexham	1,590	Wrexham
Garden Village	Wrexham	1,635	Wrexham
Gresford East and West	Wrexham	2,243	Wrexham
Grosvenor	Wrexham	1,934	Wrexham
Gwersyllt East and South	Wrexham	3,565	Wrexham
Gwersyllt North	Wrexham	2,032	Wrexham
Gwersyllt West	Wrexham	2,304	Wrexham
Hermitage	Wrexham	1,545	Wrexham
Holt	Wrexham	2,521	Wrexham
Little Acton	Wrexham	1,837	Wrexham
Llay	Wrexham	3,646	Wrexham
Maesydre	Wrexham	1,506	Wrexham
Marford and Hosely	Wrexham	1,839	Wrexham
Offa	Wrexham	1,627	Wrexham
Queensway	Wrexham	1,563	Wrexham
Rhosnesni	Wrexham	2,923	Wrexham
Rossett	Wrexham	2,535	Wrexham
Smithfield	Wrexham	1,567	Wrexham
Stansty	Wrexham	1,696	Wrexham
Whitegate	Wrexham	1,834	Wrexham
Wynnstay	Wrexham	1,382	Wrexham
Bronington	Wrexham	2,495	Clwyd South
Brymbo	Wrexham	2,951	Clwyd South
Bryn Cefn	Wrexham	1,562	Clwyd South
Coedpoeth	Wrexham	3,602	Clwyd South
Esclusham	Wrexham	2,026	Clwyd South
Gwenfro	Wrexham	1,221	Clwyd South
Marchwiell	Wrexham	1,860	Clwyd South
Minera	Wrexham	1,939	Clwyd South
New Broughton	Wrexham	2,704	Clwyd South
Overton	Wrexham	2,534	Clwyd South
The Ruabon South ward of the Community of Ruabon (Penycae and Ruabon South)	Wrexham	1,044	Clwyd South
The Aberoer and Pentrebychan wards of the Community of Esclusham (Ponciau)	Wrexham	591	Clwyd South
Ruabon	Wrexham	2,155	Clwyd South

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PLACES OF DEPOSIT

Existing Constituency	Deposit Address
Aberavon	Council Offices, Civic Centre, Port Talbot SA13 1JP
Aberconwy	Council Offices, Bodlondeb, Conwy LL32 8DU
Alyn and Deeside	Public Library, Wepre Drive, Connah's Quay CH5 4HA
Arfon	County Offices, Caernarfon LL55 1SH
Blaenau Gwent	Municipal Offices, Civic Centre, Ebbw Vale NP23 6XB
Brecon and Radnorshire	Council Offices, Cambrian Way, Brecon LD3 7HR County Hall, Llandrindod Wells LD1 5LG Knighton Area Office, The Library, Knighton LD7 1EN
Bridgend	Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend CF31 4WB
Caerphilly	Penallta House, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach, Hengoed CF82 7PG
Cardiff Central	City Hall, Cardiff CF10 4UW
Cardiff North	Whitchurch Library, Park Road, Whitchurch CF14 7XA
Cardiff South and Penarth	Grangetown Library, Redlaver Street, Grangetown CF11 7LY Penarth Library, Stanwell Road, Penarth CF64 2YT
Cardiff West	Canton Library, Library Street, Canton CF5 1QD
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	Municipal Offices, Crescent Road, Llandeilo SA19 6HW
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Statutory Services, 1 Spilman Street, Carmarthen SA31 1LE
Ceredigion	Council Offices, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron, SA46 0PA
Clwyd South	Llangollen Library, Y Capel, Castle Street, Llangollen LL20 8NY
Clwyd West	County Hall, Wynnstay Road, Ruthin LL15 1YN Civic Offices, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8AR
Cynon Valley	Central Library, High Street, Aberdare CF44 7AG
Delyn	County Hall, Mold CH7 6NB
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	Council Offices, Ffordd y Cob, Pwllheli LL53 5AA Council Offices, Cae Penarlag, Dolgellau LL40 2YB

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Gower	Gorseinon Library, 15 West Street, Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4AA
Islwyn	Pontllanfraith House, Pontllanfraith, Blackwood NP12 2YW
Llanelli	Llanelli Library, Llanelli SA15 3AS
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Civic Centre, Castle Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AN
Monmouth	One Stop Shop, Cross Street, Abergavenny NP7 5HD One Stop Shop, The Market Hall, Priory Street, Monmouth NP25 3XA
Montgomeryshire	Welshpool Area Office, Severn Road, Welshpool SY21 7AS Area Office, The Park Offices, Newtown SY16 2NZ
Neath	Council Offices, Civic Centre, Neath SA11 3QZ
Newport East	Maindee Library, Chepstow Road, Newport NP19 8BY One Stop Shop, Woodstock Way, Caldicot NP26 5DB
Newport West	Civic Centre, Newport NP20 4UR
Ogmore	Maesteg Library, North Lane, Maesteg CF34 9AA Nantymoel Library with Pencoed Library, Pen-y-bont Road, Pencoed CF35 5RA
Pontypridd	Unit 2, Maritime Business Park, Maritime Industrial Estate, Pontypridd CF37 1NY
Preseli Pembrokeshire	Electoral Services, 8 High Street, Haverfordwest SA61 2EP
Rhondda	Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale CF40 2XX
Swansea East	Morrison Library, Treharne Road, Swansea SA6 7AA
Swansea West	Civic Centre, Oystermouth Road, Swansea, SA1 3SN
Torfaen	Civic Centre, Pontypool NP4 6YB
Vale of Clwyd	Rhyl Library, Church Street, Rhyl LL18 3AA
Vale of Glamorgan	Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry CF63 4RU
Wrexham	The Guildhall, Wrexham LL11 1WF
Ynys Môn	Election Services, Anglesey Business Centre, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Bryn Cefni Business Park, Llangefni, LL77 7XA

APPENDIX 4

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Date	Location	Venue
15 – 16 February 2012	Swansea	The Liberty Stadium
22 – 23 February 2012	Cardiff	The Millennium Stadium
29 February – 1 March 2012	Wrexham	Glyndwr University
7 – 8 March 2012	Caernarfon	Celtic Royal Hotel
20 – 21 March 2012	Llandrindod	The Pavilion