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COUNTY OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY**

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 We the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission) have completed the review of Community Boundaries in the County Borough of the Isle of Anglesey as directed by the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services in her Direction to us dated 20 September 2006 (Appendix A).

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 We propose that:

- the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur be realigned to follow the boundary shown in green on the map at Appendix D;
- the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Penmynydd be realigned to follow the boundary shown in green on the map at Appendix E;
- the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth be realigned to follow the boundary shown in green on the map at Appendix F; and
- the boundary between the Communities of Pentraeth and the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf be realigned to follow the boundary shown in green on the map at Appendix G

3. SCOPE AND OBJECT OF THE REVIEW

3.1 The purpose of the review is to consider whether, in the interests of effective and convenient local government, the Commission should propose changes to the present community boundaries. The review is being conducted under the provisions of Section 56(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the Act).

Procedure

3.2 Section 60 of the Act lays down procedural guidelines, which are to be followed in carrying out a review. In line with that guidance we wrote on 7 November 2006 to The Community Councils of Cwm Cadnant, Penmynydd, Menai Bridge, Holyhead, Trearddur, Rhoscolyn, Pentraeth, Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf and Llanddyfnan, the Member of Parliament for the local constituency, the Assembly Members for the area under review and other interested parties to inform them of our intention to conduct the review and to request their preliminary views. Prior to the start of the review the Isle of Anglesey County Council received a number of suggestions for community boundary changes. A list of these was enclosed with this initial letter (Appendix B). We also publicised our intention to conduct the review in a local newspaper circulating in the area and asked the Councils to display public notices. Notification of the start of the review and the closing date for representations to be made (12 January 2007) was given on the web sites of both the Commission and the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

4. DRAFT PROPOSALS

4.1 In response to our initial invitation, we received representations from Holyhead Town Council, Rhoscolyn Community Council, Trearddur Community Council, Cwm

Cadnant Community Council, Menai Bridge Town Council, Penmynydd and Star Community Council, Pentraeth Community Council, Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf Community Council and Llanddyfnan Community Council, Ieuan Wyn Jones AM, Mark Isherwood AM, Councillor P J Dunning, Councillor W J Williams and a number of residents. In our Draft Proposals published on 9 July 2007, we considered the issues raised in the representations.

- 4.2 Suggested changes to community boundaries were proposed in the following areas: Holyhead, Trearddur, Rhoscolyn, Pentraeth, Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf, Llanddyfnan, Cwm Cadnant, Penmynydd and Menai Bridge.

Holyhead / Trearddur / Rhoscolyn

- 4.3 Holyhead Town Council suggested that the three communities making up Holy Island (Holyhead, Trearddur and Rhoscolyn) be combined together to form a single community area. The Town Council considered that they are well placed to take on the additional responsibilities of the other two areas. We noted however the objections to this suggestion made by Trearddur and Rhoscolyn Community Councils and a number of residents and also the concerns of the two Assembly Members who wrote to us. Having considered the points raised in the representations and having made a site visit to the area we were of the view that the three areas are different in nature and that the existing arrangement of three separate community councils best meets the interests of effective and convenient local government in the area.
- 4.4 Holyhead Town Council also suggested that their area should at least be increased to include the new retail park in Penrhos and the Tŷ Mawr development. In a further representation they also requested that consideration be given to transferring to them the aluminium works from the Trearddur Community as this would ensure that all major industrial sites currently bordering Holyhead Town would be within their Community. We noted that these areas formed part of the Holyhead development area as defined in the Ynys Môn Unitary Development Plan (2001). We considered that the Penrhos retail park, the forthcoming Tŷ Mawr development and the aluminium works are closely linked with the Community of Holyhead. We considered that a change to the community boundary in this area is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we therefore proposed a change to the boundary between the Community of Holyhead and the Community of Trearddur.

Cwm Cadnant / Penmynydd

- 4.5 Cwm Cadnant Community Council suggested a change to the boundary between their Community and the Community of Penmynydd as illustrated on the map at Appendix E to the Draft Proposals report. The Council considered that, as planning applications for the Penhesgyn Waste Site came under their jurisdiction, it would be beneficial, in terms of planning considerations, if the properties on the road leading to the site that are currently located in Penmynydd were also in Cwm Cadnant. Having studied detailed maps and made a visit to the area we were of the view that the area proposed for transfer by Cwm Cadnant Community Council has an affinity with the Community of Penmynydd. We were of the view that as the main access to the waste site is through the Community of Penmynydd, it would be of benefit, in terms of planning considerations, if the whole area of the waste site and its environs were included within the area of the Community of Penmynydd. We were of the view that the area of the Community of Cwm Cadnant that lies to the West of

Pentraeth Road (A5025) has an affinity with the Community of Penmynydd. We noted that the majority of the houses are in the south of the area, near to the B5420, the road from Menai Bridge to Penmynydd. As the most pronounced physical feature in the area was the A5025 we chose that as the proposed boundary. We considered that a change to the community boundary in this area is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we therefore proposed a change to the boundary between the Community of Cwm Cadnant and the Community of Penmynydd.

Cwm Cadnant / Menai Bridge

- 4.6 Cwm Cadnant Community Council also suggested a realignment of the boundary between their community and the Community of Menai Bridge. The Council considered that the suggested boundary would be clearer than the existing boundary and the change would alleviate confusion in respect of planning consultation. Following a site visit to the area we had concerns with the suggested boundary as it would divide properties on either side of the road between two community areas. We were of the view that the existing boundary is clear in that it follows identifiable geographically features. We were not satisfied that the suggested change would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we did not therefore propose any change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Menai Bridge.

Cwm Cadnant / Pentraeth

- 4.7 Cwm Cadnant Community Council also suggested a realignment of the boundary between their community and the Community of Pentraeth in the area of the junction of Black Horse Lane, Pen-y-garnedd and the A5025. The Council considered this would tidy the boundary as it would include properties in respect of which similar planning applications had been received by their Council. Following a site visit to the area we noted that the suggested boundary had the advantage of uniting a small group of dwellings within a single community area. We also noted that the suggestion solved an anomaly in the existing boundary which splits neighbouring houses between the two communities. We noted however that the boundary suggested by Cwm Cadnant Community Council was undefined for part of its length. We also noted that there was a more clearly defined and shorter alternative boundary that follows a stream and a road which would unite the properties in the area within Pentraeth rather than Cwm Cadnant. We were of the view that this group of properties have local ties with the Community of Pentraeth and that the alternative boundary is more clearly defined. We considered that a change to the community boundary in this area is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we therefore proposed a change to the boundary between the Community of Cwm Cadnant and the Community of Pentraeth.

Pentraeth / Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf

- 4.8 Pentraeth Community Council suggested that their northwestern boundary be extended to take in part of the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf in the vicinity of Rhôs y Gâd. They considered that their proposed realignment of the boundary would straighten the community boundary line and strengthen Pentraeth in terms of size and population. We noted however Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf Community Council's objections to the suggested change. Having made a site visit to the area we were of the view that the area suggested for transfer by Pentraeth Community

Council does have an affinity with the Community of Pentraeth. We noted that there had been a small amount of development in the area since the last review of community boundaries in 1978. We considered that the suggested boundary follows clearly identifiable geographical features and resolves the boundary anomaly at Bryn Farm. We were of the view that a change to the community boundary in this area is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we therefore propose a change to the boundary between the Community of Pentraeth and the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf.

Pentraeth / Llanddyfnan

- 4.9 Pentraeth Community Council also suggested that their north western boundary be extended to take in part of the Community of Llanddyfnan in the vicinity of Tyn-y-pwll. We noted, however, the objections to this proposal made by Llanddyfnan Community Council and Councillor W J Williams (Llanddyfnan Electoral Division). On making a visit to the area we noted that there did not appear to be any developments in this area since the last review in 1978 and that the suggested boundary did not appear to be an improvement on the existing boundary. We were not satisfied that the suggested change would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government. In our Draft Proposals report we did not therefore propose any change to the boundary between the Communities of Pentraeth and Llanddyfnan.

Llanddyfnan / Llangefni

- 4.10 We noted Llanddyfnan Community Council's suggestion that the boundary between their community and the Community of Llangefni should be altered to include the areas of Rhosmeirch and Marianglas. We noted, however, that as the Community of Llangefni is not included in the Directions for the Review (Appendix A), we are unable, in this review, to make any recommendations in respect of changes to the boundary of the Community of Llangefni. We therefore referred this suggested change to the Isle of Anglesey County Council who may consider undertaking a review under Section 55(2) of the Act.

5. REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE DRAFT PROPOSALS

- 5.1 In response to our Draft Proposals report we received representations from Holyhead Town Council, Trearddur Community Council, Cwm Cadnant Community Council, Penmynydd Community Council, Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf Community Council and Pentraeth Community Council. A summary of these representations can be found at Appendix C.

6. ASSESSMENT

Holyhead / Trearddur / Rhoscolyn

- 6.1 In our Draft Proposals report we considered that the existing arrangement of three separate community councils best meets the interests of effective and convenient local government in the area. We did however propose a change to the boundary between the Community of Holyhead and the Community of Trearddur.

- 6.2 We noted that, although disappointed at the Commission's decision not to extend the Community of Holyhead to include the whole of Holy Island, Holyhead Town Council supported the alternative boundary proposed by the Commission. The Commission noted Trearddur Community Council's objection to the proposed alteration of the boundary between Trearddur and Holyhead, on the grounds that the area covered and various features in it had been well looked after by the Council. The Commission had in mind, however, the points made by Holyhead Town Council at paragraph 4.4 above and for reasons set out in that paragraph the Commission remain of the view that the sites mentioned in that paragraph have clear and obvious links with Holyhead. In respect of the alternative proposal suggested by Trearddur Community Council to improve the boundary in the vicinity of the Penrhos retail park and transfer it into Holyhead, we considered that this alternative boundary did not appear to follow clearly defined features on the ground and we considered that this did not offer any significant improvement on the existing arrangements.
- 6.3 We consider that our draft proposals in respect of Holy Island offer a significant improvement on the existing boundary as they provide a more clearly defined division between the two communities. We consider this change to be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government. We therefore propose the change to the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur as illustrated on the map at Appendix D.

Cwm Cadnant / Penmynydd

- 6.4 In our Draft Proposals report we considered a suggested boundary change made by Cwm Cadnant Community Council but as we considered that the area in question had a greater affinity with the Community of Penmynydd we did not propose this suggested change. We did however consider that an area, currently within the Community of Cwm Cadnant, had a greater affinity with the Community of Penmynydd and so proposed that the boundary between these two communities be changed accordingly.
- 6.5 We noted the comments made by Cwm Cadnant Community Council strongly opposing the draft proposals on the grounds that they went beyond the 'tidy up' exercise, which the Council had originally intended when submitting their suggested changes at the initial stage of the review. We reviewed our Draft Proposals in light of these representations, but remain of the view that the area of Cwm Cadnant we proposed for transfer to Penmynydd in our draft proposals appeared to us to have the advantage, in terms of planning considerations, of incorporating the whole area of the waste site, its environs and access within the area of the Community of Penmynydd and that no evidence contraindicating this had been received during the representation period for the draft proposals. The Commission noted Cwm Cadnant Community Council's concerns that the waste site being in one community council area and the access to the site being in another community council area, meant that planning applications were submitted to different community councils. The proposed boundary would resolve this inconvenience. We also noted that Penmynydd Community Council supported the proposals. In addition the Commission noted that the area is sparsely populated and the change would therefore have a very small impact on the number of electors within each community.

- 6.6 We remain therefore of the view that the change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth proposed in our draft proposals report will be desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government and therefore propose the change illustrated on the map at Appendix E.

Cwm Cadnant / Pentraeth

- 6.7 As at 6.5 above we noted Cwm Cadnant Community Council's objection that also encompassed the proposed change to the boundary between Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth. We also noted that Pentraeth Community Council supported our draft proposals. We remain of the view that the minor change we proposed to the boundary between Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We therefore propose the change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth as illustrated on the map at Appendix F.

Cwm Cadnant / Menai Bridge

- 6.8 In our Draft Proposals report we considered a suggested boundary change made by Cwm Cadnant Community Council. As indicated at 4.6 above we were not satisfied that the suggested change would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government. Having received no further representations in respect of this suggested change we remain of the view that no change should be made to the boundary between Cwm Cadnant and Menai Bridge.

Pentraeth / Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf

- 6.9 In respect of the proposed changes to the boundary between the Communities of Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf and Pentraeth the Commission noted that Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf Community Council had no observations to make on their draft proposals whilst Pentraeth Community Council supported them. In view of the lack of objections to our draft proposals for this area we are of the view that the change proposed is desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government. We therefore propose the change to the boundary between the Communities of Pentraeth and Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf as illustrated on the map at Appendix G.

7. PROPOSALS

- 7.1 Having considered all of the evidence available to us we propose that the boundaries of the Communities of Cwm Cadnant, Holyhead, Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf, Penmynydd, Pentraeth and Trearddur should be realigned in the area under review to follow the boundaries shown in green on the maps at Appendices D, E, F & G.
- 7.2 Detailed maps to a larger scale showing the proposed new boundaries can be inspected at the offices of the Isle of Anglesey County Council and at the office of the Commission in Cardiff.

8. CONSEQUENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 8.1 In considering the various changes to the community boundaries it was also necessary for us to take account of the effects on the electoral arrangements for community councils and the principal authority, which would result from these changes. This section of our report details our proposals for consequential changes

to the electoral arrangements. The existing electoral statistics used in the report were provided by the Isle of Anglesey County Council. The Commission wished in accordance with statutory requirements to have regard to any change in the number or distribution of the local government electors of the communities concerned which is likely to take place within five years, and sought information in connection with this requirement from the County Council. No such information has been provided by the County Council. The Commission has considered such information as has come into its possession in the course of the review (contained for example in representations) and is not aware of any relevant changes likely to take place within the next five years to which regard should be had for the purpose of consequential arrangements.

Community Council Electoral Arrangements

8.2 The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur would mean the transfer of 13 electors from the Community of Trearddur to the London Road Ward of the Community of Holyhead and an area with no electors from the Community of Trearddur to the Kingsland Ward of the Community of Holyhead. The existing electoral arrangements for the Community of Holyhead are as follows:

Community	Ward	Electors	Councillors	E/C*
Holyhead	Kingsland	959	3	320
	London Road	991	3	330
	Maeshyfyrd	1,505	3	502
	Morawelon	936	3	312
	Parc a'r Mynydd	905	2	453
	Porthyfelin	1,537	5	307
	Town	706	2	353
	Total:	7,539	21	359

* Electors per councillor

8.3 In our Draft Proposals report we considered Holyhead Town Council's suggestion that their existing number of members should be reduced from 21 to 14, leaving two members for each of the seven electoral wards within their community. We considered the level of representation for the Maeshyfyrd and Porthyfelin Wards and the increased number of electors in the London Road and Kingsland as a result of the proposed change and we proposed revised electoral arrangements for the Community of Holyhead.

Community	Ward	Electors	Councillors	E/C
Holyhead	Kingsland	959	2	480
	London Road	1,004	2	502
	Maeshyfyrd	1,505	3	502
	Morawelon	936	2	468
	Parc a'r Mynydd	905	2	453
	Porthyfelin	1,537	3	512
	Town	706	2	353
	Total:	7,552	16	472

8.4 In their representation Holyhead Town Council supported the proposed change to the electoral arrangements. We therefore confirm our draft proposals and propose

a change to the electoral arrangements for the Community of Holyhead as detailed in the table above.

- 8.5 The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur would mean a reduction of 13 electors to 1,358 electors for the Community of Trearddur. The Community of Trearddur is un-warded with currently 1,371 electors being represented by 12 councillors. In our Draft Proposals report we noted that although the proposed reduction represented only a small change to the number of electors, we were concerned that this would increase what is already a high level of representation. We considered that there may be merit in reducing the number of councillors representing the Community of Trearddur and welcomed the views of interested parties.
- 8.6 We have noted that Trearddur Community Council objected to a decrease in their council membership. They asked the Commission to consider the large increase in the population during the Summer months. We have considered the views of the Community Council and are of the view that in this particular circumstance it would not be appropriate to reduce the number of councillors representing the Community. We therefore propose no change to the existing electoral arrangements for the Community of Trearddur.
- 8.7 The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Penmynydd would see the transfer of 29 electors from the Llansadwrn Ward of the Community of Cwm Cadnant to the Community of Penmynydd. In addition, the proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth would see the transfer of 3 electors from the Llansadwrn Ward of the Community of Cwm Cadnant to the Community of Pentraeth. The existing electoral arrangements for the Community of Cwm Cadnant are as follows:

Community	Ward	Electors	Councillors	E/C
Cwm Cadnant	Llandegfan	1,503	11	137
	Llansadwrn	284	3	95
	Total:	1,787	14	128

- 8.8 In our Draft Proposals we considered that with the reduction in the number of electors from 284 to 252 it would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government to remove the warding arrangement for the Community of Cwm Cadnant and for the remaining 1,755 electors to be represented by 12 councillors as we considered that this would be an appropriate level of representation for the area.
- 8.9 In their representation the Community of Cwm Cadnant were opposed to any changes to their Community. We remain of the view however that as a consequence of the change to the community boundary considered at 6.4 to 6.6 above it would be of benefit in terms of effective and convenient local government to remove the warding arrangement for the Community of Cwm Cadnant and to reduce the number of councillors. We therefore propose that the Community of Cwm Cadnant is not warded and is represented by 12 councillors.
- 8.10 The existing Community of Penmynydd has 294 electors represented by 8 councillors. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Penmynydd would see the number of electors in the Community of Penmynydd increase to 323. In our Draft Proposals we were of the view that the

current electoral arrangements provided a proportionally high level of representation; we did not therefore propose a corresponding increase in the number of councillors for the Community of Penmynydd. As the representation from Penmynydd Community Council gave no indication that 8 councillors would not be an appropriate level of representation for the expanded community area. We therefore propose no change to the number of community councillors representing the Penmynydd Community.

- 8.11 The proposed change to the boundary between the Community of Pentraeth and the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf would see the transfer of 33 electors from the Llanbedrgoch Ward of the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf to the Community of Pentraeth. The existing electoral arrangements for the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf are as follows:

Community	Ward	Electors	Councillors	E/C
Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf	Benllech 'A'	815	4	204
	Benllech 'B'	1,182	6	197
	Brynteg	313	2	157
	Llanbedrgoch	429	3	143
	Total:	2,739	15	183

- 8.12 In our Draft Proposals, with the decrease in the number of electors in the Llanbedrgoch Ward from 429 to 396, we considered an appropriate level of representation for this Ward to be 2 councillors. We therefore proposed revised electoral arrangements for the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf.

- 8.13 We noted that in their representation Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf had no observations to make regarding our Draft Proposals. In respect of the electoral arrangements for the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf we therefore confirm our proposed revised electoral arrangements as follows:

Community	Ward	Electors	Councillors	E/C
Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf	Benllech 'A'	815	4	204
	Benllech 'B'	1,182	6	197
	Brynteg	313	2	157
	Llanbedrgoch	396	2	198
	Total:	2,706	14	193

- 8.14 The existing Community of Pentraeth has 849 electors represented by 11 councillors. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Pentraeth and the proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf and Pentraeth would see the number of electors in the Community of Pentraeth increase to 885. In our Draft Proposals we considered that 11 councillors remains an appropriate level of representation for this area and therefore made no proposals for changes to the electoral arrangements of the Community of Pentraeth.

- 8.15 We noted that Pentraeth Community Council in their representation accepted and approved our draft proposals. We therefore confirm our draft proposals and make no proposals for changes to the electoral arrangements of the Community of Pentraeth.

County Borough Council Electoral Arrangements

- 8.16 The Kingsland Electoral Division consists of the Kingsland Ward of the Community of Holyhead and currently has 959 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur would mean no change to the number of electors in the Kingsland Electoral Division.
- 8.17 The London Road Electoral Division consists of the London Road Ward of the Community of Holyhead and currently has 991 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Holyhead and Trearddur would mean the number of electors in the London Road Electoral Division would increase to 1,004.
- 8.18 The Cwm Cadnant Electoral Division consists of the Community of Cwm Cadnant and currently has 1,787 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Penmynydd would mean the number of electors in the Cwm Cadnant Electoral Division would decrease to 1,755.
- 8.18 The Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog Electoral Division consists of the Communities of Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog and Penmynydd and currently has 1,428 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Communities of Cwm Cadnant and Penmynydd would mean the number of electors in the Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog Electoral Division would increase to 1,457.
- 8.19 The Llanbedrgoch Electoral Division consists of the Benllech 'A' and Llanbedrgoch Wards of the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf and currently has 1,244 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Community of Pentraeth and the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf would mean the number of electors in the Llanbedrgoch Electoral Division would decrease to 1,211.
- 8.20 The Pentraeth Electoral Division consists of the Communities of Llanddona and Pentraeth and currently has 1,348 electors represented by 1 councillor. The proposed change to the boundary between the Community of Pentraeth and the Community of Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf would mean the number of electors in the Pentraeth Electoral Division would increase to 1,381.
- 8.21 In our Draft Proposals we stated the view that for all of the above electoral divisions the changes to the number of electors as a consequence of the proposed boundary changes are not so significant as, at this time, to require either an increase or a decrease in the number of councillors representing each electoral division. We noted that within the next few years we are due to conduct a review of the electoral arrangements for all of principal councils in Wales and at that time we will look in detail at the electoral arrangements for the Isle of Anglesey County Council and will take into account any changes that arise from these proposed changes to community boundaries.

9. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- 9.1 We wish to express our gratitude to the Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Community Councils for their assistance and to all persons and bodies who made representations to us.

10. THE NEXT STEPS

- 10.1 Having completed our consideration of the review of Community Boundaries in the County of the Isle of Anglesey and submitted our recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government, we have fulfilled our statutory obligation under the Act.
- 10.2 It now falls to the Welsh Assembly Government, if it thinks fit, to accept them or to direct the Commission to conduct a further review.
- 10.3 Any further representations concerning the matters in the report should be addressed to the Welsh Assembly Government. They should be made as soon as possible, and in any event not later than six weeks from the date that the Commission's recommendations are submitted to the Welsh Assembly Government. Representations should be addressed to:

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April 2008

THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 PART IV

DIRECTION TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION
FOR WALES TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES IN
THE COUNTY OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY

1. In this Direction

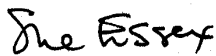
"the Act" ("y Ddeddf") means the Local Government Act 1972;

"the Assembly" ("y Cynulliad") means the National Assembly for Wales;

"the Commission" ("y Comisiwn") means the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

2. By virtue of the National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999/672) the powers conferred on the Secretary of State by sections 54 and 56 of the Act¹ are vested in the Assembly so far as exercisable in Wales. The functions under the Act have been delegated to the Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services.
3. Pursuant to section 56(1) of the Act the Assembly directs that the Commission conduct a review of the community boundaries in the areas of Cwm Cadnant, Penmynydd, Menai Bridge, Holyhead, Traerddur, Rhoscolyn, Pentraeth, Llanfair-Mathafarn-Eithaf, Llanddyfnan in the County of the Isle of Anglesey for the purpose of considering whether or not to make such proposals in relation to the areas reviewed as are authorised by section 54 and what proposals, if any, to make, and the Commission must, if they think fit, formulate such proposals accordingly.

Sue Essex



Minister for Finance, Local Government and Public Services.

Date 20.9.06

¹ As amended by the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994.

The following suggested changes were received by Isle of Anglesey County Council prior to the start of the review:

Holyhead – Holyhead Town Council suggested that their boundary be expanded to cover the whole of Holy Island and that the Communities of Treaddur and Rhoscolyn be amalgamated with the Community of Holyhead.

Cwm Cadnant – Cwm Cadnant Community Council suggested that the boundary of their Community be extended westwards to include all the properties opposite the turning to Llandegfan along the B5420 Penmynydd Road and eastwards to include all the properties at the Black Horse Lane junction on the A5025 and along the single track road to Llansadwrn.

Pentraeth – Pentraeth Community Council suggested that their north western boundary be extended to take in part of the Community of Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf in the vicinity of Rhôs y Gâd and part of the Community of Llanddyfnan in the vicinity of Tyn-y-pwll.

Summary of Representations Received in Response to the Draft Proposals

HOLYHEAD / TREARDDUR / RHOSCOLYN

Holyhead Town Council expressed disappointment that their community boundary had not been increased to include Trearddur and Rhoscolyn. The Council welcomed the Commission's proposal to realign their boundary to include all of the Retail Park, Anglesey Aluminium, Penrhos and the Ty Mawr development site within the community of Holyhead. The Council supported the proposal to change the representation in each ward and to reduce the number of councillors representing the Community from 21 to 16.

Trearddur Community Council supported the Commission's decision not to merge the three communities of Holyhead, Trearddur and Rhoscolyn. They did not support the Commission's proposed alteration to the boundary between Trearddur and Holyhead as they considered that the nature reserve had been well looked after by their Council and they had a good relationship with Anglesey Aluminium. They considered that the Ty Mawr development had been well looked after by their Council and they had been very active in insuring that the historical and archaeological features were preserved. They proposed an alternative realignment of the boundary to tidy up the area of the Penrhos retail park. With regard to the suggestion that the council membership be reduced the Council asked the Commission to consider that Trearddur is large in area with a population well in excess of the number of electors due to the large number of second, holiday and mobile homes. They considered that during the Summer months the population increases to well over four times the quoted population.

CWM CADNANT / PENMYNYDD

Cwm Cadnant Community Council strongly opposed the suggested recommendations as they were not consistent with other proposed changes affecting other Communities on Anglesey. The Council had initially suggested changes to the boundary as a tidy up exercise for means of convenience and common sense and in particular to assist with planning applications in an attempt to avoid confusion. They considered that this has escalated into a huge local political issue with several oppositions to their original proposal. They now considered that it was in the best interests of voters in Cwm Cadnant that the boundaries remained unchanged.

Penmynydd Community Council supported the draft proposals. They considered that as Penmynydd Community Council is the smallest council on the island they would not support any change that would reduce the size of their area.

PENTRAETH / LLANFAIR-MATHAFARN-EITHAF

Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf Community Council had no observations to make on the draft report.

Pentraeth Community Council accepted and approved the draft proposals.