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Summary

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County of Monmouthshire

Summary of Final Recommendations

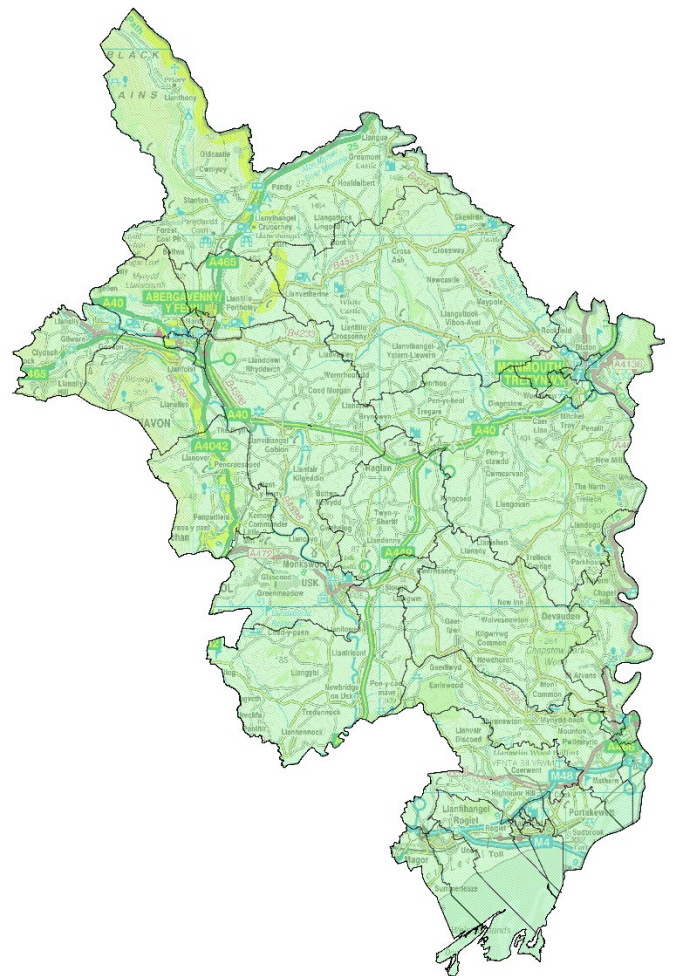
Who we are :

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales is an independent Welsh Government Sponsored Body.

It was established under the Local Democracy (Wales) Act 2013 with the main purpose of publishing a programme of work which keeps under review the electoral arrangements for the 22 principal councils.

The Commission makes electoral review recommendations, which it feels are in the interest of effective and convenient local government.

This review has been conducted as a result of the former Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government's Written Statement of 23 June 2016 as part of an all Wales review programme for the 2022 local government elections.



Summary of our Recommendations:

The Commission recommends a council of 46 members, an increase from 45.

The Commission recommends a change to the arrangement of electoral wards that will achieve a marked improvement in the level of electoral parity across the County of Monmouthshire.

The Commission recommends 39 electoral wards.

The largest under-representation (in terms of electoral variance) will be in **Bulwark and Thornwell** (21% above the recommended county average).

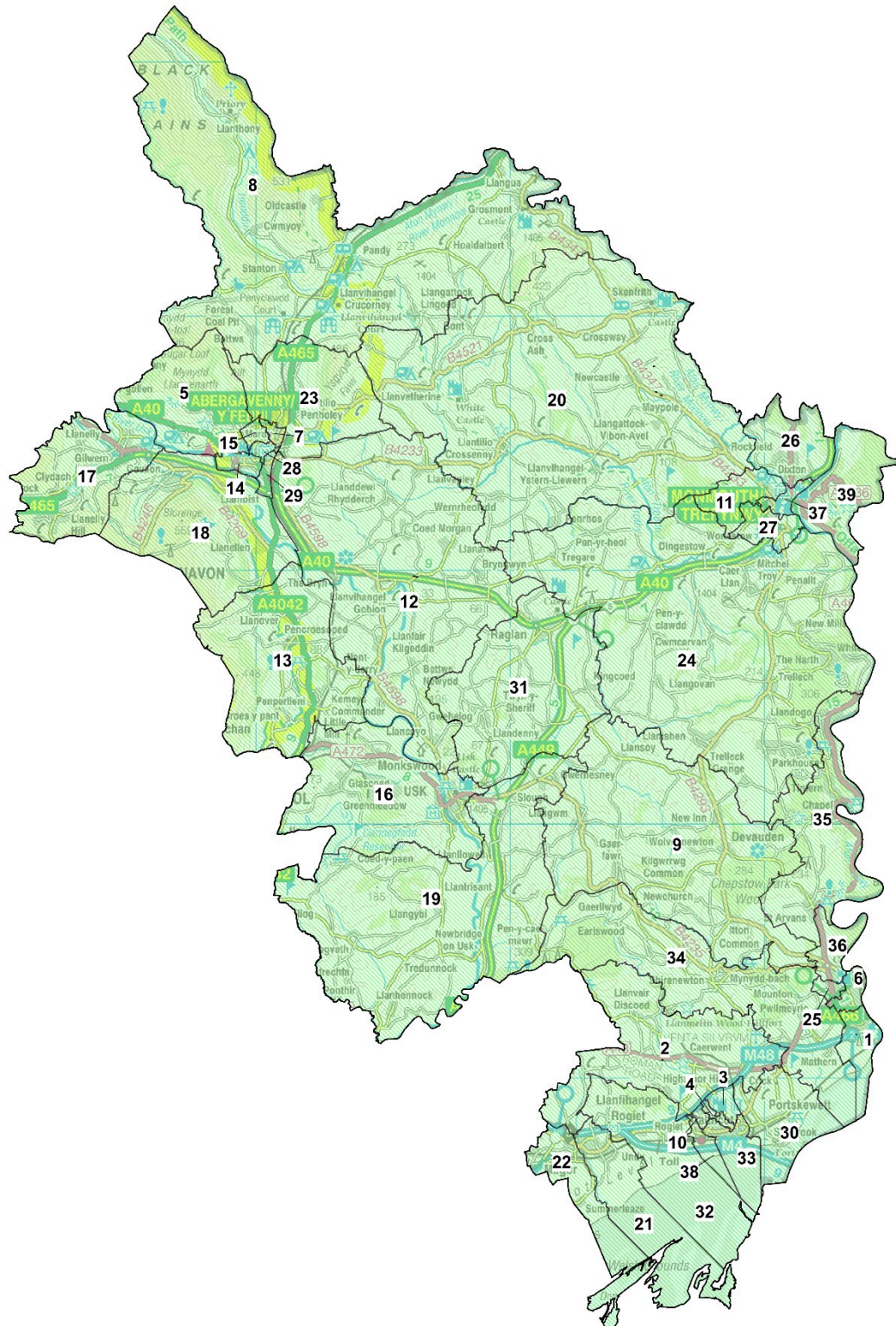
The largest over-representation (in terms of electoral variance) will be in **Chepstow Castle and Larkfield** (24% below the recommended county average).

The Commission is recommending 32 single-member wards and seven two-member wards in the county.

The Commission has recommended no changes to 31 electoral wards.

| Stage of Review | Description |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 01 July 2020 | The Commission wrote to Monmouthshire County Council and other interested parties |
| 07 July 2020 – 28 September 2020 | Initial Consultation Period |
| 10 December 2020 | Draft Proposals Published |
| 17 December 2020 – 10 March 2021 | Consultation Period on Draft Proposals |
| 08 June 2021 | Final Recommendations Published |

Overview of Final Recommendations for the County of Monmouthshire



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Key :

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|---|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Bulwark and Thornwell | 16. Llanbadoc and Usk | 31. Raglan |
| 2. Caerwent | 17. Llanelly | 32. Rogiet |
| 3. Caldicot Castle | 18. Llanfoist Fawr and Govilon | 33. Severn |
| 4. Caldicot Cross | 19. Llangybi Fawr | 34. Shirenewton |
| 5. Cantref | 20. Llantilio Crossenny | 35. St Arvans |
| 6. Chepstow Castle and Larkfield | 21. Magor East with Undy | 36. St Kingsmark |
| 7. Croesonen | 22. Magor West | 37. Town |
| 8. Crucorney | 23. Mardy | 38. West End |
| 9. Devauden | 24. Mitchel Troy and Trellech United | 39. Wyesham |
| 10. Dewstow | 25. Mount Pleasant | |
| 11. Drybridge | 26. Osbaston | |
| 12. Gobion Fawr | 27. Overmonnow | |
| 13. Goetre Fawr | 28. Park | |
| 14. Grofield | 29. Pen Y Fal | |
| 15. Lansdown | 30. Portskewett | |

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of electoral arrangements for the County of Monmouthshire.

It now falls to the Welsh Government, if it thinks fit, to give effect to these final recommendations either as submitted, or with modifications.

The Welsh Government may also direct us to conduct a further review.

Our Final Recommendations:

The table lists all the wards we are proposing along with the number of voters in each ward. The table also shows the electoral variances for each of the proposed wards, which tells you how we have delivered electoral equality. Finally, the table includes electorate projections for 2025, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

| WARD NAME | No. OF COUNCILLORS | ELECTORATE 2020 | 2020 RATIO | % variance from average | ELECTORATE 2025 | 2025 RATIO | % variance from average |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|
| Bulwark and Thornwell | 2 | 3,854 | 1,927 | 21% | 3,854 | 1,927 | 12% |
| Caerwent | 1 | 1,798 | 1,798 | 12% | 1,798 | 1,798 | 5% |
| Caldicot Castle | 1 | 1,349 | 1,349 | -16% | 1,609 | 1,609 | -6% |
| Caldicot Cross | 1 | 1,567 | 1,567 | -2% | 1,599 | 1,599 | -7% |
| Cantref | 1 | 1,688 | 1,688 | 6% | 1,688 | 1,688 | -2% |
| Chepstow Castle and Larkfield | 2 | 2,435 | 1,218 | -24% | 3,593 | 1,797 | 4% |
| Croesonen | 1 | 1,551 | 1,551 | -3% | 1,551 | 1,551 | -10% |
| Crucorney | 1 | 1,652 | 1,652 | 3% | 1,712 | 1,712 | 0% |
| Devauden | 1 | 1,312 | 1,312 | -18% | 1,342 | 1,342 | -22% |
| Dewstow | 1 | 1,459 | 1,459 | -9% | 1,459 | 1,459 | -15% |
| Drybridge | 1 | 1,772 | 1,772 | 11% | 1,912 | 1,912 | 11% |
| Gobion Fawr | 1 | 1,674 | 1,674 | 5% | 1,694 | 1,694 | -2% |
| Goetre Fawr | 1 | 1,857 | 1,857 | 16% | 1,857 | 1,857 | 8% |
| Grofield | 1 | 1,823 | 1,823 | 14% | 1,917 | 1,917 | 11% |
| Lansdown | 1 | 1,740 | 1,740 | 9% | 1,790 | 1,790 | 4% |

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|----------------------------------|----|--------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|
| Llanbadoc and Usk | 2 | 3,078 | 1,539 | -4% | 3,148 | 1,574 | -9% |
| Llanelly | 2 | 3,315 | 1,658 | 4% | 3,315 | 1,658 | -4% |
| Llanfoist Fawr and Govilon | 2 | 2,983 | 1,492 | -7% | 3,299 | 1,650 | -4% |
| Llangybi Fawr | 1 | 1,502 | 1,502 | -6% | 1,522 | 1,522 | -12% |
| Llantilio Crossenny | 1 | 1,683 | 1,683 | 5% | 1,713 | 1,713 | 0% |
| Magor East with Undy | 2 | 3,110 | 1,555 | -3% | 4,092 | 2,046 | 19% |
| Magor West | 1 | 1,643 | 1,643 | 3% | 1,643 | 1,643 | -4% |
| Mardy | 1 | 1,258 | 1,258 | -21% | 1,694 | 1,694 | -2% |
| Mitchel Troy and Trellech United | 2 | 3,091 | 1,546 | -3% | 3,167 | 1,584 | -8% |
| Mount Pleasant | 1 | 1,572 | 1,572 | -2% | 1,572 | 1,572 | -9% |
| Osbaston | 1 | 1,714 | 1,714 | 7% | 1,714 | 1,714 | 0% |
| Overmonnow | 1 | 1,470 | 1,470 | -8% | 1,862 | 1,862 | 8% |
| Park | 1 | 1,546 | 1,546 | -3% | 1,582 | 1,582 | -8% |
| Pen Y Fal | 1 | 1,538 | 1,538 | -4% | 1,640 | 1,640 | -5% |
| Portskewett | 1 | 1,900 | 1,900 | 19% | 2,924 | 2,924 | 70% |
| Raglan | 1 | 1,745 | 1,745 | 9% | 1,835 | 1,835 | 7% |
| Rogiet | 1 | 1,400 | 1,400 | -12% | 1,422 | 1,422 | -17% |
| Severn | 1 | 1,752 | 1,752 | 10% | 1,752 | 1,752 | 2% |
| Shirenewton | 1 | 1,782 | 1,782 | 11% | 1,816 | 1,816 | 6% |
| St Arvans | 1 | 1,540 | 1,540 | -4% | 1,562 | 1,562 | -9% |
| St Kingsmark | 1 | 1,535 | 1,535 | -4% | 1,535 | 1,535 | -11% |
| Town | 1 | 1,750 | 1,750 | 9% | 1,750 | 1,750 | 2% |
| West End | 1 | 1,382 | 1,382 | -14% | 1,382 | 1,382 | -20% |
| Wyesham | 1 | 1,725 | 1,725 | 8% | 1,817 | 1,817 | 6% |
| Total | 46 | 73,545 | 1,599 | | 79,133 | 1,720 | |