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For Wales

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Summary

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County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf

Summary of Final Recommendations

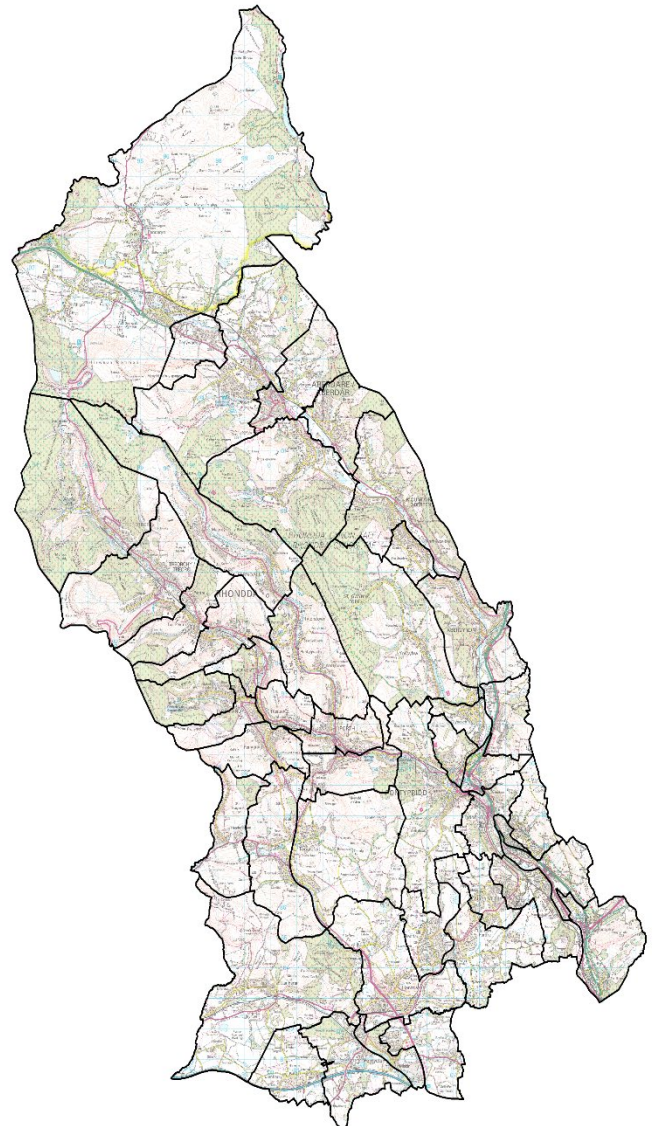
Who we are :

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 75 members, unchanged from 75.

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 Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

The Commission recommends 46 electoral wards, a reduction from 52 existing wards.

The largest under-representation is recommended to be 26% above the proposed county average in **Treforest**

The largest over-representation is recommended to be 25% below the proposed county average in **Ynysybwl**.

The Commission is recommending 26 multi-member wards in the county: consisting of 23 two-member electoral wards and three three-member electoral wards.

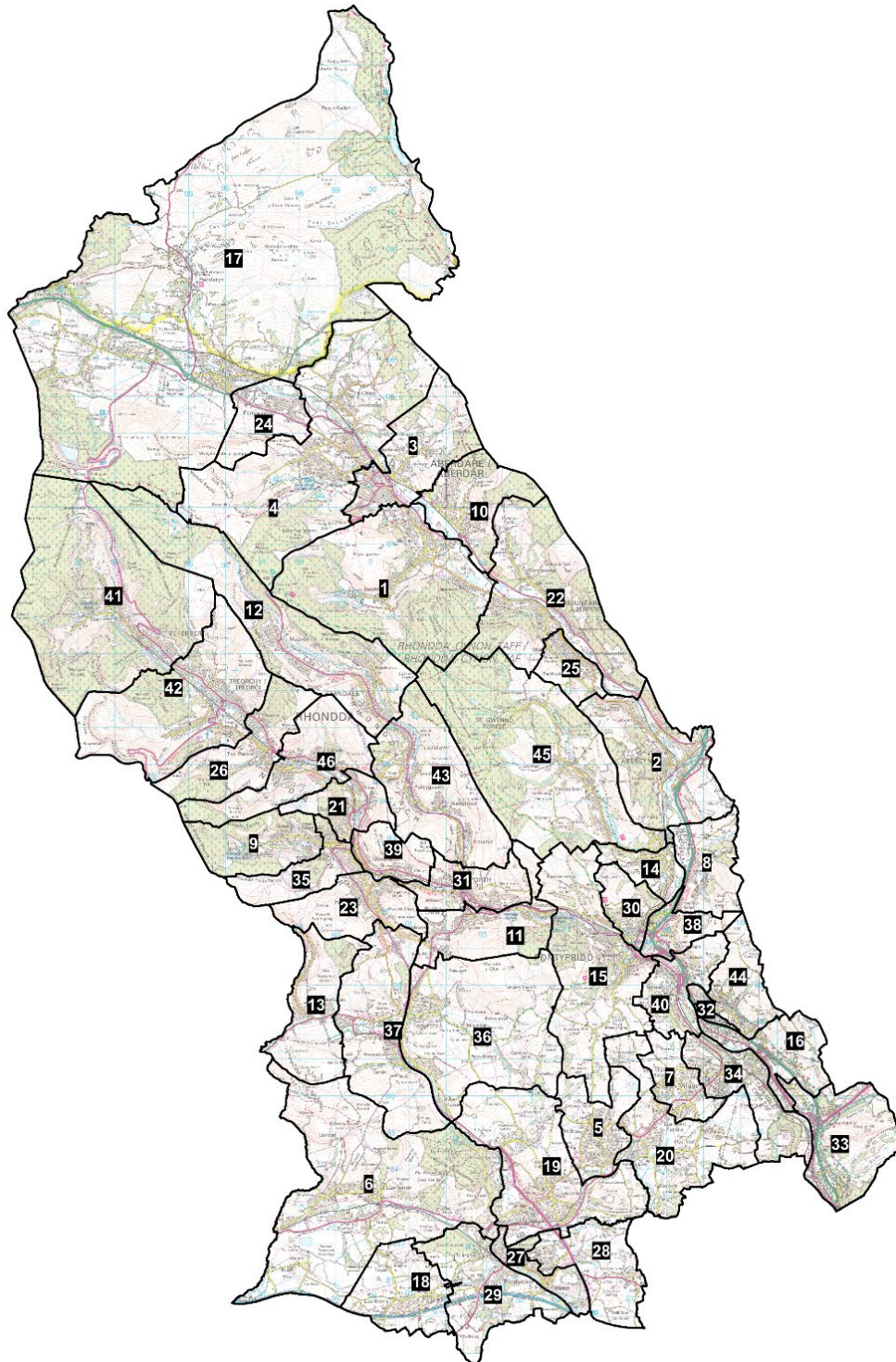
The Commission recommends no change to 20 electoral wards.

The Commission recommends having one electoral ward within the county which combine a part of a warded community, along with its neighbouring community. This community split is present within the Community of **Llanharry**.

The Commission recommends making a number of boundary changes in the Town of Pontypridd and the Communities of Llantwit Fardre, Pont-y-clun and Trehafod. The Commission has recommended consequential changes to Pontypridd Town Council, Pont-y-clun Community Council and Llantwit Fardre Community Council as a result of these boundary changes.

Stage of Review	Description
25 July 2018	The Commission wrote to Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and other interested parties
01 August 2018 – 23 October 2018	Initial Consultation Period
19 June 2019	Draft Proposals Published
26 June 2019 – 17 September 2019	Consultation Period on Draft Proposals
25 March 2020	Final Recommendations Published

Overview of Final Recommendations for the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf



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Key :

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| 1. Aberaman | 24. Pen-y-graig |
| 2. Abercynon | 25. Pen-y-waun |
| 3. Aberdare East | 26. Pont-y-clun Central |
| 4. Aberdare West and Llwydcoed | 27. Pont-y-clun East |
| 5. Beddau and Tyn-y-nant | 28. Pont-y-clun West |
| 6. Brynna and Llanharan | 29. Pontypridd Town |
| 7. Church Village | 30. Porth |
| 8. Cilfynydd | 31. Tylorstown and Ynyshir |
| 9. Cwm Clydach | 32. Ferndale and Maerdy |
| 10. Cwmbach | 33. Rhydfelen Central |
| 11. Cymer | 34. Taff's Well |
| 12. Gilfach-goch | 35. Ton-teg |
| 13. Glyn-coch | 36. Tonypandy |
| 14. Graig and Pontypridd West | 37. Tonyrefail East |
| 15. Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen | 38. Tonyrefail West |
| 16. Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos | 39. Trallwng |
| 17. Llanharry | 40. Trealaw |
| 18. Llantrisant and Talbot Green | 41. Treforest |
| 19. Llantwit Fardre | 42. Treherbert |
| 20. Llwyn-y-pia | 43. Treorchy |
| 21. Mountain Ash | 44. Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf |
| 22. Penrhiw-ceibr | 45. Ynysybwl |
| 23. Pentre | 46. Ystrad |

What happens next?

We have now completed our review of electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf.

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 2023, so you can see the impact of the recommendations for the future.

WARD NAME	No. OF COUNCILLORS	ELECTORATE 2017	2018 RATIO	% variance from average	ELECTORATE 2022	2023 RATIO	% variance from average
Aberaman	3	7,111	2,370	3%	7,390	2,463	4%
Abercynon	2	4,487	2,244	-3%	4,537	2,269	-5%
Aberdare East	2	4,900	2,450	6%	5,077	2,539	7%
Aberdare West and Llwydcoed	3	7,176	2,392	4%	7,561	2,520	6%
Beddau and Tyn-y-nant	2	5,581	2,791	21%	5,588	2,794	18%
Brynna and Llanharan	3	6,171	2,057	-11%	7,020	2,340	-2%
Church Village	2	5,033	2,517	9%	5,070	2,535	7%
Cilfynydd	1	2,095	2,095	-9%	2,136	2,136	-10%
Cwm Clydach	1	1,944	1,944	-16%	2,049	2,049	-14%
Cwmbach	2	3,679	1,840	-20%	3,959	1,980	-17%
Cymer	2	4,222	2,111	-8%	4,259	2,130	-10%
Gilfach-goch	1	2,434	2,434	6%	2,495	2,495	5%
Glyn-coch	1	2,021	2,021	-12%	2,023	2,023	-15%

Graig and Pontypridd West	2	5,083	2,542	10%	5,179	2,590	9%
Hawthorn and Lower Rhydfelen	1	1,803	1,803	-22%	1,805	1,805	-24%
Hirwaun, Penderyn and Rhigos	2	4,522	2,261	-2%	4,682	2,341	-2%
Llanharry	1	2,523	2,523	10%	2,569	2,569	8%
Llantrisant and Talbot Green	2	5,118	2,559	11%	5,238	2,619	10%
Llantwit Fardre	2	4,803	2,402	4%	4,814	2,407	1%
Llwyn-y-pia	1	2,374	2,374	3%	2,459	2,459	3%
Mountain Ash	2	5,278	2,639	15%	5,578	2,789	17%
Penrhiw-ceibr	2	4,114	2,057	-11%	4,136	2,068	-13%
Pentre	2	3,857	1,929	-16%	3,885	1,943	-18%
Pen-y-graig	2	3,924	1,962	-15%	3,983	1,992	-16%
Pen-y-waun	1	2,011	2,011	-13%	2,122	2,122	-11%
Pont-y-clun Central	1	2,312	2,312	0%	2,312	2,312	-3%
Pont-y-clun East	1	1,778	1,778	-23%	2,631	2,631	11%
Pont-y-clun West	1	2,522	2,522	10%	2,528	2,528	6%
Pontypridd Town	1	2,153	2,153	-6%	2,217	2,217	-7%
Porth	2	4,301	2,151	-7%	4,426	2,213	-7%
Tylorstown and Ynyshir	2	5,372	2,686	17%	5,432	2,716	14%
Ferndale and Maerdy	2	5,324	2,662	16%	5,470	2,735	15%
Rhydfelen Central	1	1,949	1,949	-15%	1,949	1,949	-18%
Taff's Well	1	2,826	2,826	23%	2,830	2,830	19%
Ton-teg	1	2,502	2,502	9%	2,502	2,502	5%
Tonypanydy	1	2,638	2,638	15%	2,695	2,695	13%
Tonyrefail East	2	4,260	2,130	-7%	4,409	2,205	-7%

Tonyrefail West	2	4,790	2,395	4%	5,225	2,613	10%
Trallwng	1	2,795	2,795	21%	2,819	2,819	19%
Trealaw	1	2,511	2,511	9%	2,542	2,542	7%
Treforest	1	2,901	2,901	26%	2,997	2,997	26%
Treherbert	2	4,165	2,083	-10%	4,242	2,121	-11%
Treorchy	2	5,652	2,826	23%	5,750	2,875	21%
Upper Rhydfelen and Glyn-taf	1	2,397	2,397	4%	2,397	2,397	1%
Ynysybwl	2	3,457	1,729	-25%	3,485	1,743	-27%
Ystrad	2	3,804	1,902	-17%	3,822	1,911	-20%
Total	75	172,673	2,302		178,294	2,377	