WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 1082 (W. 257)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES

The County of Carmarthenshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021

Made - - - 22 September 2021 Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and (3)

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales(1) has, in accordance with section 36(5) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013(2) ("the 2013 Act"), submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report dated August 2019 containing its recommendations for change and the details of its review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire.

The Welsh Ministers have, after consideration of the matters referred to and set out in section 37(2) (a) and (c) of the 2013 Act, decided to give effect to those recommendations with modifications.

In accordance with section 37(3) of the 2013 Act, more than 6 weeks have elapsed since those recommendations were submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of their powers conferred by section 37(1) of the 2013 Act.

Title and commencement

- **1.**—(1) The title of this Order is the County of Carmarthenshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.
- (2) For any purpose set out in regulation 4(1) of the Regulations, this Order comes into force on 1 October 2021.
- (3) For all other purposes, this Order comes into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022(3).

⁽¹⁾ The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales was established by section 53 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) ("the 1972 Act"). Section 53 and Schedule 8 were repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4) ("the 2013 Act"). The 2013 Act re-names the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales as the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (see section 2).

⁽³⁾ The Local Authorities (Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections) (Wales) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1269 (W. 220)) amends section 26(1) of the 1972 Act to provide that the year in which the ordinary elections of councillors of local authorities shall take place is 2022 instead of 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"electoral ward" ("ward etholiadol") means any area for which members are elected to Carmarthenshire County Council;

"the Regulations" ("y Rheoliadau") means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(4);

any reference to a map means one of the 2 maps marked "Map of the County of Carmarthenshire (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021" deposited in accordance with regulation 5 of the Regulations, labelled "1" and "2", and a reference to a numbered map is a reference to the map that bears that number;

where a boundary is shown on a map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature;

words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in Part 3 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, except so far as a contrary intention appears.

Electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire

- **3.**—(1) The electoral wards of the County of Carmarthenshire, as they exist immediately before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022, are abolished.
- (2) The County of Carmarthenshire is divided into 51 electoral wards each bearing the English language name listed in column 1 and the Welsh language name listed in column 2 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.
- (3) Each electoral ward comprises the areas specified in relation to that electoral ward in column 3 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.
- (4) The number of members of the council to be elected for each electoral ward is the number specified in column 4 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.
- (5) The provisions in this Order take precedence over any conflicting provision in any previous statutory instrument made under section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972(5).

The town of Llanelli: abolition and creation of community wards

- **4.** The community wards of Elli and Tyisha in the town of Llanelli, as they exist immediately before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022, are abolished.
 - 5. There are constituted the following community wards in the town of Llanelli—
 - (a) the Elli ward shown hatched on Map 1;
 - (b) the Tyisha ward shown hatched on Map 2.

The town of Llanelli: consequential changes to electoral arrangements

- 6. In the town of Llanelli—
 - (a) the number of members to be elected for the Elli ward is 2;
 - (b) the number of members to be elected for the Tyisha ward is 4.

⁽⁴⁾ S.I. 1976/246. Section 74(3) of the 2013 Act provides that the Regulations continue to have effect in relation to orders made under Part 3 of the 2013 Act, as if those orders were made under Part 4 of the 1972 Act.

^{(5) 1972} c. 70; section 58 of the 1972 Act was repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2013 Act, subject to savings provisions specified in section 74 of the 2013 Act.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made).

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22 September 2021

SCHEDULE

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL WARDS AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Table

Column (1)	Column (2)	Column (3)	Column (4)
English language name of electoral ward	Welsh language name of electoral ward	Area of electoral ward	Number of members of the council
Abergwili	Abergwili	The communities of Abergwili and Llanllawddog	1
Ammanford	Rhydaman	The community of Ammanford	2
Betws	Y Betws	The community of Betws	1
Bigyn	Bigyn	The Bigyn ward of the town of Llanelli	3
Burry Port	Porth Tywyn	The Burry Port ward of the town of Pembrey and Burry Port	2
Bynea	Bynea	The Bynea ward of the community of Llanelli Rural	2
Carmarthen Town North and South	Gogledd a De Tref Caerfyrddin	The North and South wards of the community of Carmarthen	3
Carmarthen Town West	Gorllewin Tref Caerfyrddin	The West ward of the community of Carmarthen	2
Cenarth and Llangeler	Cenarth a Llangeler	The communities of Cenarth, Newcastle Emlyn and Llangeler	2
Cilycwm	Cil-y-cwm	The communities of Cilycwm, Cynwyl Gaeo, Llansadwrn, Llanwrda and Llanycrwys	1
Cwarter Bach	Cwarter Bach	The community of Quarter Bach	1
Cynwyl Elfed	Cynwyl Elfed	The communities of Bronwydd, Cynwyl	1

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English language name of electoral ward	Welsh language name of electoral ward	Area of electoral ward	Number of members of the council
		Elfed and Llanpumsaint	
Dafen and Felinfoel	Dafen a Felin-foel	The Dafen and Felinfoel wards of the community of Llanelli Rural	2
Elli	Elli	The Elli ward of the town of Llanelli	1
Garnant	Y Garnant	The Pistillwyd and Twyn wards of the community of Cwmamman	1
Glanamman	Glanaman	The Grenig and Tircoed wards of the community of Cwmamman	1
Glanymor	Glan-y-môr	The Glanymor ward of the town of Llanelli	2
Glyn	Glyn	The Glyn ward of the community of Llanelli Rural	1
Gorslas	Gors-las	The community of Gorslas	2
Hendy	Hendy	The Hendy ward of the town of Llanedi	1
Hengoed	Hengoed	The Hengoed ward of the community of Llanelli Rural	2
Kidwelly and St Ishmael	Cydweli a Llanismel	The town of Kidwelly and the community of St. Ishmael	2
Laugharne Township	Lacharn	The communities of Eglwyscummin, Laugharne Township, Llanddowror and Pendine	1
Llanboidy	Llanboidy	The communities of Cilymaenllwyd, Llanboidy and Llangynin	1

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English language name of electoral ward	Welsh language name of electoral ward	Area of electoral ward	Number of members of the council
Llanddarog	Llanddarog	The communities of Llanarthney and Llanddarog	1
Llandeilo	Llandeilo	The communities of Dyffryn Cennen and Llandeilo	1
Llandovery	Llanymddyfri	The communities of Llandovery and Llanfair-ar-y-Bryn	1
Llandybie	Llandybïe	The Heolddu and Llandybie wards of the community of Llandybie	2
Llanegwad	Llanegwad	The communities of Llanegwad, Llanfihangel Rhos-y-Corn and Llanfynydd	1
Llanfihangel Aberbythych	Llanfihangel Aberbythych	The communities of Llanfihangel Aberbythych and Llangathen	1
Llanfihangel-ar-Arth	Llanfihangel-ar-arth	The communities of Llanfihangel-ar-Arth and Llanllwni	1
Llangadog	Llangadog	The communities of Llanddeusant, Llangadog and Myddfai	1
Llangennech	Llangennech	The community of Llangennech	2
Llangunnor	Llangynnwr	The community of Llangunnor	1
Llangyndeyrn	Llangyndeyrn	The communities of Llandyfaelog and Llangyndeyrn	2
Llannon	Llan-non	The community of Llannon	2
Llanybydder	Llanybydder	The communities of Llanybydder and Pencarreg	1

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English language name of electoral ward	Welsh language name of electoral ward	Area of electoral ward	Number of members of the council
Lliedi	Lliedi	The Lliedi ward of the town of Llanelli	2
Llwynhendy	Llwynhendy	The Pemberton ward of the community of Llanelli Rural	2
Manordeilo and Salem	Maenordeilo a Salem	The communities of Llansawel, Manordeilo and Salem, and Talley	1
Pembrey	Pen-bre	The Pembrey ward of the town of Pembrey and Burry Port	2
Penygroes	Pen-y-groes	The Penygroes ward of the community of Llandybie	1
Pontyberem	Pontyberem	The community of Pontyberem	1
Saron	Saron	The Saron ward of the community of Llandybie	2
St Clears and Llansteffan	Sanclêr a Llansteffan	The communities of Llangain, Llangynog, Llansteffan and St. Clears	2
Swiss Valley	Swiss Valley	The Swiss Valley ward of the community of Llanelli Rural	1
Trelech	Tre-lech	The communities of Abernant, Llanwinio, Meidrim, Newchurch and Merthyr, and Trelech a'r Betws	1
Trimsaran	Trimsaran	The community of Trimsaran	1
Tycroes	Tŷ-croes	The Llanedi and Tycroes wards of the community of Llanedi	1
Tyisha	Tyisha	The Tyisha ward of the town of Llanelli	2
Whitland	Hendy-gwyn ar Daf	The community of Henllanfallteg and the town of Whitland	1

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order implements the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales ("the Commission"), which reported in August 2019 on its review of the electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire. The Commission's Report proposed a reduction in the number of electoral wards from 58 to 51, but an increase in the number of councillors from 74 to 75.

This Order implements the Commission's recommendations, with modifications.

Article 3 of this Order abolishes the existing electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire and introduces the Schedule which sets out the new electoral arrangements for the County of Carmarthenshire.

This Order also implements recommendations for changes to electoral arrangements for the town of Llanelli within the County of Carmarthenshire.

Article 4 abolishes the community wards of Elli and Tyisha within the town of Llanelli and article 5 creates the new community wards of Elli and Tyisha. Article 6 sets out the number of members to be elected for the newly constituted wards in the town of Llanelli.

The Welsh Ministers' code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.

Prints of the maps labelled 1 and 2 to which this Order relates are deposited in the office of the Welsh Government at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ (Local Government Democracy Division), and with Carmarthenshire County Council. Prints deposited with Carmarthenshire County Council are open to inspection by anyone affected by the provisions of this Order.