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| **TITLE**  | **Local Authority Electoral Boundary Review - Update** |
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| **BY** | **Rebecca Evans MS, Minister for Finance and Local Government.** |

On 16 June I wrote to members to set out the current position in respect of the current programme of Electoral Arrangements Reviews. I also set out the process by which I intend to communicate my decisions about each area.

This included my commitment to provide regular updates to members through written statements. This is the fifth of these updates.

On 11 August I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil to confirm my decision to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales with modifications, in respect of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil can be found [here](https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/Merthyr%20Final%20Report_e.pdf). The modifications made to these recommendations are set out in the annex to this statement

In addition, I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County of Ceredigion to confirm the decision to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales, with modifications, in respect of the County of Ceredigion.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County of Ceredigion can be found [here](https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/Ceredigion%20Final%20Recommendations%20Report%201_0.pdf). The modifications made to these recommendations are set out in the annex to this statement.

Work will now be taken forward to implement these decisions by Order.

Further information will be provided once I have made decisions about other areas.

This statement is being issued during recess in order to keep members informed. Should members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.

Annex

Modifications made to the Commission’s Final recommendations for electoral arrangements in the following areas.

County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil

* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Park is given the Welsh language name of Parc. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Y Parc.
* The Commission proposed no change to the electoral ward of Bedlinog. The electoral ward will be given the English language name of Bedlinog and Trelewis and the Welsh language name of Bedlinog a Threlewis.

County of Ceredigion

* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Ceulanamaesmawr is given the single name of Ceulanamaesmawr. The electoral ward will be given the single name of Ceulan a Maesmawr.
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Llanarth be given the single name of Llanarth. The electoral ward will be given the single name of Llannarth.
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Aberporth and Y Ferwig is given the Welsh language name of Aberporth a’r Ferwig. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Aber-porth a’r Ferwig.
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Llandysul North and Troedyraur be given the Welsh language name of Gogledd Llandysul a Throedyraur. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Gogledd Llandysul a Throed-yr-aur