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| **TITLE**  | **Local Authority Electoral Boundary Review - Update** |
| **DATE**  | **15 July 2021** |
| **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 third of these updates.

On 14 July I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan to confirm my decision to accept the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales without modification in respect of the County Borough of the Vale of Glamorgan.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County of the Vale of Glamorgan can be found [here.](https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/VoG%20Final%20Report%20V11%20-%2054.pdf) .

In addition, I wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Borough of Bridgend 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 Bridgend.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County Borough of Bridgend can be found [here](https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/Bridgend%20Final%20Report_e_7.pdf). The modifications made to these recommendations are set out in the annex to this statement.

I also wrote to the Leader and Chief Executive of the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot 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 Neath Port Talbot.

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales Final Recommendations Report for the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot can be found [here](https://ldbc.gov.wales/sites/ldbc/files/review/NPT%20Final%20Recommendations%20Report.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.

**Annex**

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

County Borough of Bridgend

* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Bridgend Central be given the Welsh language name of Canol Pen-y-bont. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Canol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr.
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Cefn Glas be given the single name of Cefn Glas. The electoral ward will be given the single name of Cefn-glas

County Borough of Neath Port Talbot

* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Trebanos be given the Welsh language name of Trebannws. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Trebanos
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Resolven and Tonna is given the Welsh language name of Resolfen a Thonnau. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Resolfen a Thonna.
* The Commission proposed the electoral ward of Blaengwrach a Gorllewin is given the Welsh language name of Blaengwrach a Gorllewin Glyn-nedd. The electoral ward will be given the Welsh language name of Blaen-gwrach a Gorllewin Glyn-nedd.