REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - FINAL PROPOSALS

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1. Introduction

There is a duty on county councils under the Local Government Act 1972 to hold a review of their communities at least every 15 years.

We contacted all community councils, stakeholders and the public, inviting submissions for proposals for each stage of the review. These are now the final proposals which will be taken to Cabinet in March 2014 for final approval.

2. What is a community review?

The first type of review is the community areas, where Section 55(2) of the Act places a duty on the principal Welsh councils to review their whole area for the purpose of constituting new communities, abolishing communities or altering communities. Whilst it is the principal council (in this case, Conwy County Borough Council) who administers this type of review, recommendations for alterations to areas are made to the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales under Section 55(3). The Commission verifies that all other processes have been followed in the review, and then, if appropriate, recommends to the Welsh Government to make the order to implement the changes.

The second type of review follows on from Section 57(4) of the Act, which places a duty on principal councils to review and, if necessary, change the electoral arrangements for the communities in their areas. Electoral arrangements include the arrangements of wards, areas or ward boundaries and allocating councillors. The principal council is entirely responsible for administrating the review of the electoral arrangements in the community councils, and if it deems it appropriate to do so, it can make an order to realise any changes.

In conducting such a review, principal councils should be mindful of the procedures noted in the legislation, and should consult widely on their proposals. Section 54(1) of the Act notes a leading, comprehensive principle for review, which is “for effecting changes…desirable in the interest of effective and convenient local government.”

This review focuses on both types.
3. Timetable for the review

The timetable for the review allows sufficient time for thorough public consultation at each stage.

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4. Why are we conducting a review?

This review is taking place partly as a result of the review of electoral divisions undertaken in 2011 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales. It is the intention that these proposals come into force in time for the next local elections, and so it is logical that any proposals for community council areas should come into force at the same time if possible. However it should be noted that where a proposed change affects an electoral division boundary, these changes will not take effect until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales carry out their review of the electoral arrangements in 2019.

Conwy County Borough Council has a legal obligation to complete a community review under the Local Government Act 1972, and must do so once every fifteen years. As there are no major elections in the county borough until May 2014, this is a good opportunity to conduct the review.

The purpose of the review is to provide effective and convenient local government (S54(1) Local Government Act). Only 11 out of 70 community council wards were contested in the 2012 Local Elections.

5. Undertaking the review

Conwy County Borough Council has conducted a wide consultation:

- Seeking the opinions and recommendations of community councils, the public and professional bodies and associations.
- Conwy County Borough Council has promoted this review widely, through the media (namely the County Borough Council’s newspaper, the Bulletin) and website information. It has also provided all community clerks with the relevant Public Notices to advertise the review within local communities. A list of places where the third stage notices have been posted is found at Appendix 1 (where the community council has informed us).
- Conwy County Borough Council Officers were present at the Town and Community Clerks’ Forum on 1 July 2013 to explain the review to clerks and answer any questions.
- Conwy County Borough Council has also contacted stakeholders directly to invite them to submit proposals and recommendations when the initial notice went up and then later, when the initial draft proposals and draft final proposals were published.
Stakeholders:
Residents of Conwy County Borough
Chief Executive, Conwy County Borough Council
Town and Community Councils in Conwy County Borough Council
Conwy County Borough Council Members
Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales
Welsh Government, Scrutiny, Democracy and Participation
Guto Bebb, MP
David Jones, MP
Janet Finch-Saunders, AM
Llyr Gruffydd, AM
Mark Isherwood, AM
Darren Millar, AM
Aled Roberts, AM
Antoinette Sandbach, AM
Derek Vaughan, MEP
Kay Swinburn, MEP
Jill Evans, MEP
John Bufton, MEP
Winston Roddick, Police and Crime Commissioner
Snowdonia National Park Authority
Secretary, North Wales Association of Town and Larger Community Councils
Director, Welsh Local Government Association
Society of Local Council Clerks
One Voice Wales
The Cabinet of Conwy County Borough Council agreed the **Guiding Principles** to govern the review on 14 May 2013:

**First Principle**  
*To provide effective and convenient local government*  
[Sec 54(1) of the Local Government Act 1972].  
In considering this principle it is believed that local Town & Community Councils need to have a membership between seven as a minimum and twenty as a maximum and the following table to be used as a flexible guide.

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**Second Principle**  
*To recognise that the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities will mean different levels of representation being appropriate.*  
This is reflected in the above table having an increased Councillor allocation for smaller electorates.

**Third Principle**  
*To consider the number and distribution of the local government electors in each community including any change in either, which is likely to take place within 10 years*  
[Sch 11, para 4 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972]  
For example, if a large residential development is likely to be implemented within 10 years it is likely to lead to an increase in the number of electors in that community.
Fourth Principle
In considering whether any town or community is to be divided into wards regard should be had to the questions whether
[Sch 11, para 4 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972] –

a) The number or distribution of the local government electors for the town or community is such as to make a single election of town or community councillors impractical or inconvenient

If it is impractical or inconvenient to have a single election of the town or community council that would support having separate wards within that town or community council.

b) It is desirable that any area or areas of the town or community should be separately represented on the town or community council.

It may, for example, be desirable because a particular part of the town or community has a separate identity which should be reflected by it being a separate ward.

Fifth Principle
Where a town or community is being divided into wards regard will be had to the desirability of fixing boundaries which are and will remain easily identifiable
[Sch 11, para 4 (3) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972].

Examples of such boundaries are the course of a river or the route of a road.

Sixth Principle
Where a town or community is divided into wards regard should be had to any local ties which will be broken by the fixing of any particular boundaries
[Sch 11, para 4 (3) (c) of the Local Government Act 1972].

In fixing ward boundaries, identifiable localities should not be broken wherever this is practical.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

- Each consultation period of the review lasted for nine (9) weeks.
- The initial draft proposals went to Cabinet on the 13 August 2013 where the Cabinet Member for Communities presented the report to Members. It was resolved that the individual recommendations for each community council be approved.
- The draft final proposals went to Cabinet on the 12 November 2013 where the Cabinet Member for Governance and Regulation presented the report to Members. It was resolved that the individual recommendations for each community council be approved, with just one boundary alteration in the Bay of Colwyn Town Council.
- The final proposals are to go to Cabinet on 11 March 2014 for final approval.
6. Summary of draft final proposals

Prior to the formulation of our draft final proposals we received representations from 12 community councils, 1 Conwy County Borough Councillor, Guto Bebb MP, Communities Overview and Scrutiny and 1 Llansannan resident. These representations were taken into consideration and summarised in our Draft Final Proposals report published on 25 November 2013. The following is a summary of our Draft Final Proposals.

i. Abergele Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors is decreased from 17 to 16.
- *Gele Ward* will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:785 by 2023.
- *St. George Ward* will remain with 1 councillor. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:235 by 2023.
- *Pensarn Ward* will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:684 by 2023.
- *Pentre Mawr Ward* will be reduced from 7 councillors to 6 (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:545 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

ii. Bay of Colwyn Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors will remain the same (24).
- *Glyn Ward* will remain with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:880 by 2023.
- *Rhiw Ward* will remain with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:1136 by 2023.
- *Colwyn Ward* will remain with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:940 by 2023.
- *Eirias Ward* will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:926 by 2023.
- *Dinarth Ward* will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:857 by 2023.
- *Rhos Ward* will remain with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:980 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
• That the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward should be altered, so that the part of Rhiw Ward that lies North of the A55 becomes part of Rhos Ward. The A55 would become the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward; the new Rhiw Ward boundary would follow the A55, meeting the Glyn Ward boundary at Colwyn Bay Station. The Colwyn Bay Pier would then become the boundary between Rhos Ward and Glyn Ward. The streets to be moved from Rhiw Ward to Rhos Ward would include: Part of Kenelm Road, Part of Francis Avenue, Part of Llannerch Road East, Bryn Y Mor Road, Beckett Close, Wainwright Close, Chatsworth Close, Penrhos Road, Sea Bank Road, Upper Promenade, Part of Cayley Promenade, Part of West Promenade, part of Marine Drive (to include Princess Court and Marine View Apartments). This proposed change would affect the electoral division boundary so would not take effect until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales carry out their review of electoral arrangements in 2019.

iii. Betws Y Coed Community Council

Recommendations:
• That the number of community councillors is reduced from 11 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:58 by 2023. This is an increase of 17 electors per councillor.
• That the community remains unwarded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.

iv. Betws Yn Rhos Community Council

Recommendations:
• That the number of community councillors is decreased from 12 to 10
• Betws Yn Rhos Ward will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:112 by 2023.
• Llanellian Yn Rhos Ward having 4 councillors (a decrease of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:76 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.
v. Bro Garmon Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 13 to 9
- Capel Garmon Ward will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:58 by 2023.
- Melin Y Coed Ward will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:67 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

vi. Bro Machno Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 9.
- Cwm Ward will have 2 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:65 by 2023.
- Penmachno Ward will have 7 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:56 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

vii. Caerhun Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 14 to 11
- Llanbedr Y Cennin Ward will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:96 by 2023.
- Tal Y Bont Ward will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:86 by 2023.
- Tyn Y Groes Ward will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:104 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
viii. Capel Curig Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 7 at Capel Curig Community Council, as this is the minimum recommended number for a community council.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

ix. Cerrigydrudion Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 10 to 9. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:72 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

x. Conwy Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors is increased from 15 to 17.
- Aberconwy Ward remains the same with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:689 by 2023.
- Deganwy Ward remains the same with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:853 by 2023.
- Pensarn Ward remains the same with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:820 by 2023.
- Castell Ward will have 3 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:648 by 2023.
- Marl Ward will have 5 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:714 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

xi. Dolgarrog Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 9 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:54 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
xii. Dolwyddelan Community Council

**Recommendations:**
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 10 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:49 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xiii. Eglwysbach Community Council

**Recommendations:**
- That the number of councillors remains at 10. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:79 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xiv. Henryd Community Council

**Recommendations:**
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 11 to 9
  - Llangelynin Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:64 by 2023.
  - Llechwedd Ward will remain with 5 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:65 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xv. Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council

**Recommendations:**
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 9 to 8.
  - Llanddoged Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:67 by 2023.
  - Maenan Ward remains with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:53 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
xvi. Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors remains at 11.
- Dulas Ward remains with 8 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:132 by 2023.
- Rhyd-Y-Foel Ward remains with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:107 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xvii. Llandudno Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors be reduced to 20.
- Craig Y Don Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:756 by 2023.
- Gogarth Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:877 by 2023.
- Mostyn Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:769 by 2023.
- Penrhyn Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:984 by 2023.
- Tudno Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:1005 by 2023.
- That the town council remains warded.
- That the boundary between Craig Y Don Ward and Penrhyn Ward is amended, so that Maes Yr Haf is moved to Penrhyn Ward. This would provide that the electorate in Penrhyn Ward is increased by 2 electors and so this should not be a factor that will affect councillor numbers. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary. That Penffordd Farm remains in Craig Y Don Ward.
- That the boundary between Mostyn Ward and Gogarth Ward is amended, so that the Taverners Court building lies completely in Mostyn Ward. This would provide that the electorate in Mostyn Ward is increased by 22 electors and so this should not be a factor that will affect councillor numbers. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary.
- That the property Hen Dwr is moved from Penrhyn Ward to Craig Y Don Ward. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary. That the changes that affect the Electoral Division boundaries are not implemented until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales have carried out their review of electoral arrangements in 2019.
xviii. Llanfairfechan Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors decrease from 14 to 13.
- **Pandy Ward** remains with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:243 by 2023.
- **Lafan Ward** remains with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:221 by 2023.
- **Bryn Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:224 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

xix. Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 12 to 10. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:93 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xx. Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 7 at Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council, as this is the minimum recommended number for a community council.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

xxi. Llangernyw Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors be reduced from 11 to 10.
- **Gwytherin Ward** remains with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:68 by 2023.
- **Llangernyw Ward** remains with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:100 by 2023.
- **Pandy Tudur Ward** will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:95 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
xxii. Llangwm Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors decrease from 9 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:50 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxiii. Llannefydd Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors remains at 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:55 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxiv. Llanrwst Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors remains at 13.
- That the community be unwarded, leaving a single community council area to be known as Llanrwst Town Council. This recommendation is also in line with the Review of Electoral Divisions carried out in 2011, which proposes amalgamating the Crwst and Gower electoral divisions.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxv. Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 12. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:167 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
xxvi. Llansannan Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors be reduced from 13 to 11.
- Llansannan Ward will have 8 councillors (a decrease of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:102 by 2023.
- Bylchau Ward will have 3 councillors (a decrease of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:107 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxvii. Llysfaen Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors remains at 12. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:213 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxviii. Mochdre Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors be reduced from 12 to 11. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:135 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxix. Penmaenmawr Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 15 to 13.
- Capelulo Ward will have 5 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:259 by 2023.
- Pant Yr Afon Ward will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:290 by 2023.
- Penmaenan Ward will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:211 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
- That the name of Penmaenmawr Town Council remain the same.
xxx. Pentrefoelas Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 7. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:45 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xxxi. Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of town councillors at Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council be increased from 12 to 15.
- **Kinmel Bay Ward** will have 10 councillors (an increase of 2). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:473 by 2023.
- **Towyn Ward** will have 5 councillors (an increase of 1). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:399 by 2023.
- That the town council remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

xxxii. Trefriw Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors is reduced from 10 to 9.
- **Trefriw Ward** will have 7 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:98 by 2023.
- **Llanrhychwyn Ward** will remain with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:60 by 2023.
- That the community council remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xxxiii. Ysbyty Ifan Community Council

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors be decreased from 8 to 7.
- **Eidda Ward** will have 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:20 by 2023.
- **Tir Ifan Ward** will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:24 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
7. Representations received in response to the Draft Final Proposals

In response to our Draft Final Proposals report we received representations from Caerhun Community Council, Dolwyddelan Community Council, Henryd Community Council, Llangwm Community Council, Llansannan Community Council, Penmaenmawr Town Council, Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council, Cllr Anne McCaffrey (Capelulo Electoral Division), Cllr Sue Lloyd-Williams (Llansannan Electoral Division), Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

8. Analysis and Final Proposals

We reviewed the community council boundaries and electoral arrangements using the Guiding Principles and took account of the representations that have been made to us. We have considered the ratio of electors to the number of councillors with a view of standardising the number of councillors in each community council using Guiding Principle 1. We have also considered the changes to community boundaries and the effect that this would have on the electoral arrangements on the electors in the future. Any change in community boundary that affects the electoral division boundary would not take effect until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales carry out their review of the electoral arrangements in 2019. Any boundary change that is internal and does not affect the electoral division boundary will take effect from 2017. These will be highlighted in the proposals below.

Proposals

Having considered all the evidence available to us we propose the following:

i. Abergele Town Council

Proposal

The current number of councillors at Abergele Town Council is 17, with Gele Ward having 6 councillors, St. George Ward having 1 councillor, Pensarn Ward having 3 councillors, and Pentre Mawr Ward having 7 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 16 town councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Abergele Town Council area is currently 8753 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 514 electors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 10,260. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 9000 – 11,999 should have 16 councillors. Therefore, we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. 16 councillors with the
10-year estimate should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:641 within the Abergele Town Council area.

In the 2008 Local Elections, all wards went uncontested with the exception of Pentre Mawr Ward which received 10 nominations for 7 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, all wards went uncontested, with the exception of Gele Ward which had 7 nominations for 6 seats. It is uncertain how many councillors have been co-opted since the 2012 elections.

Pentre Mawr Ward currently has a councillor to elector ratio of 1:406. Gele Ward and Pensarn Ward currently have ratios of 1:610 and 1:673 respectively. Should the councillor allocation for Pentre Mawr Ward be reduced by 1, by 2023 the councillor to elector ratio for this ward would be 1:545. This means that electors are more evenly represented across the three wards. St. George Ward has a ratio of 1:234; however it only has one councillor. A decrease here would mean having to amalgamate this ward with another. In this instance it is appropriate to take account of the fourth Guiding Principle as St George is considered to have a separate identity which should be reflected by it being a separate ward.

In their initial representation, Abergele Town Council were of the view that they should remain with 17 councillors due to the anticipated increase in electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that a Town Council with an electorate of 10,260 (the 10 year electorate estimate) should have 16 councillors. They did not propose any boundary changes and they stated that they should remain warded. No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Abergele Town Council.

**Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Abergele Town Council.

**Recommendations:**
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of town councillors is decreased from 17 to 16.
- **Gele Ward** will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:785 by 2023.
- **St. George Ward** will remain with 1 councillor. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:235 by 2023.
- **Pensarn Ward** will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:684 by 2023.
- **Pentre Mawr Ward** will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:545 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
ii. Bay of Colwyn Town Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Colwyn Bay Town Council is 24, and the area is split into 6 wards. Glyn Ward has 4 councillors, Rhiw Ward has 5 councillors, Dinarth Ward has 3 councillors, Rhos Ward has 5 councillors, Colwyn Ward has 4 councillors, and Eirias Ward has 3 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to between 17 and 20 councillors.

In the 2008 Local Elections, 3 of the wards went uncontested with Rhos Ward receiving 4 nominations for 5 seats; both Glyn and Colwyn Wards received 5 nominations for 4 seats, and Rhiw Ward received 6 nominations for 5 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, 5 out of the 6 wards went uncontested, with Glyn Ward receiving 9 nominations for 5 seats. 3 councillors have been coopted since the 2012 Local Elections.

The number of electors that fall within the Bay of Colwyn Town Council area is currently 21,107 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 879 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 12,000+ should have between 17 and 20 councillors.

The only comparable Town Council in North Wales for electorate size is Rhyl Town Council in Denbighshire. Rhyl Town Council has 9 wards, 22 councillors, and approximately 20,000 electors. We also accept that Bay of Colwyn Town Council has the largest electorate for a town and community council in North Wales.

In the initial draft proposals report it was noted that the Town Council strongly objected to the proposed councillor changes and that due to the size of the electorate they felt that the additional 4 councillors was justifiable. They did not propose any changes to the wards or boundaries. Councillor Philip Edwards submitted an initial response suggesting that all those roads and estates that are north of the A55 at Rhos on Sea (currently in Rhiw Ward) should be included in the Rhos Ward.

The Town Council responded to the initial draft proposals providing a strong argument as to why the number of Councillors should remain at 24. Their representation and our response can be found in Appendix 2.

Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from the Bay of Colwyn Town Council.

Response by Cabinet – Meeting held on 12 November 2013 (Appendix 3).
It was agreed by Cabinet on the 12 November 2013 that the number of councillors should remain at 24.

Cabinet also agreed on the 12 November 2013, that the proposed boundary changes should be implemented with one alteration. They suggested that the boundary should only be altered to include the east of the Marine View Apartments, so the Rhiw Ward had a stretch of
water frontage and also retained the Railway Station in Colwyn Bay. The Cabinet Member for Governance and Regulation requested that Members approve the report, subject to the boundary between the Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward being determined at a later date.

Recommendations:

- That the number of town councillors will remain the same (24).
- **Glyn Ward** will remain with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:880 by 2023.
- **Rhiw Ward** will remain with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:1021 by 2023.
- **Colwyn Ward** will remain with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:940 by 2023.
- **Eirias Ward** will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:926 by 2023.
- **Dinarth Ward** will remain with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:857 by 2023.
- **Rhos Ward** will remain with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:947 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward should be altered, so that the part of Rhiw Ward that lies North of the A55 becomes part of Rhos Ward. The A55 would become the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward; the new Rhos Ward boundary would follow the A55, and then head north to include the east of the Marine View Apartments. This would leave Rhiw ward with a stretch of water frontage and would retain Colwyn Bay Train Station. The streets to be moved from Rhiw Ward to Rhos Ward would include: Part of Kenelm Road, Part of Francis Avenue, Part of Llanerch Road East, Bryn Y Mor Road, Beckett Close, Wainwright Close, Chatsworth Close, Penrhos Road, Sea Bank Road, Upper Promenade, Part of Cayley Promenade, Part of West Promenade, part of Marine Drive (to include Marine View Apartments, but not Princess Court) (Appendix 4). **This proposed change would affect the electoral division boundary so they would not take effect until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales carry out their review of electoral arrangements in 2019.**

iii. **Betws Y Coed Community Council**

Proposal

The current number of councillors at Betws Y Coed Community Council is 11, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 8 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Betws Y Coed Community Council area is currently 453 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 41
electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors.

11 councillors are proposed for councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499. The 10-year estimated electorate for this area is 461, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In the 2008 Local Elections, the election went uncontested with 9 nominations for 11 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections the election went uncontested, with 10 nominations for 11 seats. 2 councillors have been co-opted since the 2012 Local Elections, and the Community Council currently has 1 vacant seat (July 2013).

It was noted in the initial draft proposals that Betws Y Coed Community Council’s initial representation were of the view that reducing the number of councillors to 8 was inadequate due to the number of visitors that the area attracts which in turn generates considerable community activity. Officers considered that this argument could be applied to a number of areas within the County Borough but they do not affect the electorate figures. No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Betws Y Coed Community Council.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Betws Y Coed Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors is reduced from 11 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:58 by 2023. This is an increase of 17 electors per councillor.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

iv. Betws Yn Rhos Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Betws Yn Rhos Community Council is 12, with Betws Yn Rhos Ward having 7 councillors and Llanelian Yn Ward having 5 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 10 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Betws Yn Rhos Community Council area is currently 842 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 70 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an
electorate of 750 – 999 should have 10 councillors. 12 councillors are proposed for those
councils with an electorate of 1500 – 1999.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 976, therefore we are satisfied that reducing
the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when
considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 10; therefore this
provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 98 electors. This is an increase of 28 electors per
councillor.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Betws yn Rhos Community
Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
• That the number of community councillors is decreased from 12 to 10
• **Betws Yn Rhos Ward** will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should
  provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:112 by 2023.
• **Llanelian Yn Rhos Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This
  should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:76 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.

v. Bro Garmon Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Bro Garmon Community Council is 13, with Capel
Garmon Ward having 8 councillors, and Melin Y Coed Ward having 5 councillors. In line with
the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 9 community councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Bro Garmon Community Council area is currently
554 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 43 electors. The
Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 500 –
749 should have 9 councillors. 13 councillors are proposed for those councils with an
electorate of 2000 – 3999.

In the 2008 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested with Capel Garmon Ward
receiving 7 nominations for 8 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, both wards went
uncontested, with Melin Y Coed Ward receiving 4 nominations for 5 seats. Nobody has been
co-opted to this vacant seat yet.
The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 548 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 9; therefore this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 61 electors. This is an increase of 18 electors per councillor.

Capel Garmon Ward and Melin Y Coed Ward currently have councillor to elector ratios of 1:44 and 1:40 respectively. Should the councillor allocation in both wards be reduced by two, then the ratios would be 1:58 and 1:67 respectively.

Bro Garmon Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals. Their representation and our response can be found in Appendix 2.

**Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**

No response to the draft final proposals was received from Bro Garmon Community Council.

**Recommendations:**

That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 13 to 9
- **Capel Garmon Ward** will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:58 by 2023.
- **Melin Y Coed Ward** will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:67 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

**vi. Bro Machno Community Council**

**Proposal**

The current number of councillors at Bro Machno Community Council is 9, with Cwm Ward having 1 councillor, and Penmachno Ward having 8 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this number would stay the same.

The number of electors that fall within the Bro Machno Community Council area is currently 578 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 64 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 500 – 749 should have 9 councillors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 524, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested. 1 councillor has been co-opted since the 2012 Local Elections, and there is currently 1 vacant seat in Cwm Ward (July 2013).
Cwm Ward currently has a councillor to elector ratio of 1:140, and Penmachno Ward’s ratio is 1:55. If one of the seats in Penmachno Ward was moved to Cwm Ward, then this should provide councillor to elector ratios of 1:65 (Cwm) and 1:56 (Penmachno) by 2023. This would provide electors within the Bro Machno Community Council area with a more balanced effective and convenient local government.

**Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**

No response to the draft final proposals was received from Bro Machno Community Council

**Recommendations:**

That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of community councillors remains at 9.
- **Cwm Ward** will have 2 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:65 by 2023.
- **Penmachno Ward** will have 7 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:56 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

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**vii. Caerhun Community Council**

**Proposal**

The current number of councillors at Caerhun Community Council is 14, with Llanbedr Y Cennin Ward having 3 councillors, Tal Y Bont Ward having 4 councillors, and Tyn Y Groes Ward having 7 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 11 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Caerhun Community Council area is currently 1097 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 78 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499 should have 11 councillors. 14 councillors are proposed for those councils with an electorate of 4000 – 5999.

In the 2008 Local Elections, all three wards went uncontested, with Llanbedr Y Cennin Ward receiving 2 nominations for 3 seats, and Tal Y Bont Ward receiving 3 nominations for 4 seats. In the 2012 local elections, all three wards went uncontested again, with Tyn Y Groes Ward receiving 6 nominations for 7 seats. Someone has since been co-opted to the vacant seat.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 1074 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.
Caerhun Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2, along with our response.

**Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**
Caerhun Community Council have responded to the draft final proposals and have written in reiterating their views that were previously expressed in the draft final proposals. They are still of the view that the current format works well and that the reduction in the number of community councillors would not provide any cashable savings as the current councillors do not claim expenses. They feel that the current councillor to elector ratio is higher in comparison to other rural community councillors and that the proposed changes would increase the ratio further. Lastly they state that Caerhun Community Council covers a wide rural area of four villages, therefore it is important to have a number of councillor accessible to everyone.

**Response to Community Council Representation**
The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee was of the firm opinion that the Guiding Principles need to be adhered to for every Town and Community Council where possible (Appendix 5). In response to Caerhun Community Council feeling that they already have a higher elector to councillor ratio than other rural councillors it is important to remember that these other areas will also be undergoing a review and may be changing which will affect their councillor to elector ratios. When looking at the new ratios of community councils that are a similar population size to Caerhun Community Council, Caerhun will have a very similar councillor:elector ratio to the others:

- Llangernyw Community Council (population 926) – Gwytherin Ward 1:1:68; Llangernyw Ward – 1:100; Pandy Tudur Ward – 1:95
- Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council (population 933) - 1:93
- Llansannan Community Council (population 1140)– Llansannan Ward 1:102; Bylchau Ward 1:107

Rural community councils with a smaller population will have a higher councillor:elector ratio as this is how Guiding Principle 1 takes into account the different demands and issues that less populated rural areas create.

As mentioned in previous reports, in both 2008 and 2012 Local Elections all three seats went uncontested. The public often feel that this is an undemocratic way of filling seats. By reducing the number of councillors to that of Guiding Principle 1 it standardises the number of councillors and we do not think that it will have an adverse effect on the electorate of Caerhun Community Council. It will hopefully also mean that seats are not filled by co-option but are contested making it a more democratic process.

**Recommendations:**
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 14 to 11
- Llanbedr Y Cennin Ward will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:96 by 2023.
• **Tal Y Bont Ward** will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:86 by 2023.
• **Tyn Y Groes Ward** will have 6 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:104 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.

viii. **Capel Curig Community Council**

**Proposal**
The current number of councillors at Capel Curig Community Council is 7, and the community is unwarded. This number would remain the same in line with the Guiding Principles for this review.

The number of electors that fall within the Capel Curig Community Council area is currently 178 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 25 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 0 – 299 should have 7 councillors.

In the 2008 Local Elections, the area was contested with 9 nominations for 7 seats. The area went uncontested in the 2012 Local Elections.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 168, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors at 7 should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

**Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Capel Curig Community Council.

**Recommendations:**
That the recommendations remain the same:
• That the number of community councillors remains at 7 at Capel Curig Community Council, as this is the minimum recommended number for a community council.
• That the community remains unwarded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.
ix.  Cerrigydrudion Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Cerrigydrudion Community Council is 10, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 9 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Cerrigydrudion Community Council area is currently 590 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 59 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 500 – 749 should have 9 councillors. 10 councillors are proposed for those councils with an electorate of 750 – 999.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 650 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 9; therefore this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 72 electors. This is an increase of 13 electors per councillor.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the election went uncontested, with 8 nominations to 10 seats in 2008, and 9 nominations to 10 seats in 2012. One councillor has been co-opted since the 2012 election.

We have noted in previous reports that Cerrigydrudion Community Council were of the view that they should remain with 10 councillors due to them being geographically the largest community within Conwy County Borough Council. No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Cerrigydrudion Community Council.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Cerrigydrudion Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of community councillors is decreased from 10 to 9. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:72 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
x. Conwy Town Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Conwy Town Council is 15, and the town council area has been split into 5 wards: Aberconwy Ward has 2 councillors, Castell Ward has 2 councillors, Deganwy Ward has 4 councillors, Marl Ward has 4 councillors, and Pensarn Ward has 3 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of town councillors would increase to between 17 and 20.

Conwy Town Council currently has an electorate of 12,164 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 811 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 12,000+ should have 17 – 20 councillors. As the electorate of the Conwy Town Council area is quite close to the 12,000 margin, it is recommended that the council should have no more than 17 councillors.

Castell Ward has the highest elector to councillor ratio at 1:984, with Pensarn having the lowest at 1:715. If the councillor allocation in Castell Ward was increased by 1, then this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:648 by 2023. The current ratio in Marl Ward is 1:818, which is the third highest after Castell Ward (1:984) and Deganwy Ward (1:836). Marl Ward was contested both in the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, whereas Deganwy Ward received 2 nominations for 4 seats in 2012. If the councillor allocation in Marl Ward was increased by 1, then this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:714 by 2023.

In the 2008 Local Elections, 2 wards went uncontested with Pensarn Ward receiving 2 nominations for 3 seats; Aberconwy Ward received 3 nominations for 2 seats, Deganwy Ward received 6 nominations for 4 seats, and Marl Ward received 5 nominations for 4 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, 2 out of 5 wards were contested. Deganwy Ward received 2 nominations for 4 seats. There have been 3 co-options to the town council since the 2012 elections.

The 10-year electorate projection is 12,765, therefore we are satisfied that an increase in the number of councillors would not be redundant in the long-term when considering a change in population.

In our initial draft proposals we noted Conwy Town Councils response to the proposed changes in Councillor numbers. The Town Councillors felt that the number of councillors for each ward was adequate for the geographical size and population. In the draft final proposals report we noted that Conwy Town Council still stood with the comments that they made in their original submission (Appendix 2) along with our response.

Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Conwy Town Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of town councillors is increased from 15 to 17.
- Aberconwy Ward remains the same with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:689 by 2023.
- **Deganwy Ward** remains the same with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:853 by 2023.
- **Pensarn Ward** remains the same with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:820 by 2023.
- **Castell Ward** will have 3 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:648 by 2023.
- **Marl Ward** will have 5 councillors (an increase of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:714 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

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**xi. Dolgarrog Community Council**

**Proposal**

The current number of councillors at Dolgarrog Community Council is 9, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 8.

Dolgarrog Community Council currently has an electorate of 351 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 39 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors. 9 councillors are suggested for those councils with 500 – 749 electors. The 10-year electorate projection is 432, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 8; therefore this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:54. This is an increase of 15 electors per councillor.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, the community went uncontested with 6 nominations for 9 seats being placed each time.

**Community Council Response**

No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Dolgarrog Community Council.

**Recommendations:**

That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of councillors be reduced from 9 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:54 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
Dolwyddelan Community Council

Proposals
The current number of councillors at Dolwyddelan Community Council is 10, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 8.

Dolwyddelan Community Council currently has an electorate of 381 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 38 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors. 10 councillors are suggested for those councils that have an electorate of 750 – 999. The 10-year electorate projection is 392, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 8; therefore this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:49. This is an increase of 11 electors per councillor.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, the community went uncontested with 7 and 6 nominations being placed for 10 seats in 2008 and 2012 respectively.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
Dolwyddelan Community Council feel that there is no need to reduce the number of councillors from 10 to 8 as Dolwyddelan is a rural area spreading from Roman Bridge down to Pont y Pant. It has been tradition for many years that there is representation from both areas on the Council. The figure 10 is fair and operational. They state that there is a suggestion that more Affordable Housing will be built in the area and as these are for families, that is sure to add to the numbers (of electorate). They do not propose any changes to the boundaries and agree that it should remain unwarded.

Response to the Community Council Representation
The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and to standardise the number of councillors in each Community so that it is uniform across the County Borough. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community Council across the County Borough. As part of the review we have taken into account the projected 10 year electorate estimate, which takes into account any proposed housing developments.

In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested with 7 nominations in 2008 and 6 nominations in 2012 for 10 seats. The empty seats have been filled by co-option which members of the public often do not feel is democratic. The number of councillors will be reduced from 10 to 8 which will produce a councillor to elector ratio of 1:49 by 2023 – this is an increase of 11 electors per councillor. We do not feel that this will have an adverse effect on the electors and it is a lower ration than in most other rural community councils.
Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 10 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:49 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xiii. Eglwysbach Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Eglwysbach Community Council is 10, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of councillors would remain the same.

Eglwysbach Community Council currently has an electorate of 736 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 74 electors. The 10-year electorate projection is 790. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 750 – 999 should have 10 councillors. Therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors at 10 should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, Eglwysbach was contested; with 13 nominations being placed for 10 seats in 2008 and 11 nominations placed in 2012.

Community Council Response
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Eglwysbach Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of councillors remains at 10. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:79 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.
xiv. Henryd Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Henryd Community Council is 11, and the community is divided into 2 wards. Llangelynin Ward has 6 councillors, and Llechwedd Ward has 5 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of councillors would be reduced to 9.

Henryd Community Council currently has an electorate of 592 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 54 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 500 – 749 should have 9 councillors. 11 councillors are suggested for councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499. The 10-year electorate projection is 580, therefore we are satisfied that a reduction in the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

Should the councillor allocation in Llangelynin Ward be reduced by 2, this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:64 by 2023. This means that leaving Llechwedd Ward with 5 councillors would provide a ratio of 1:65 by 2023. This would provide electors in the Henryd Community Council area with a more balanced, convenient and effective local government.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested.

Community Council Response
Henryd Community Council have written in to point out that by reducing the number of community council members, the voice of local people would diminish somewhat. All the members are voluntary and therefore no costs are incurred to the County Council.

Response to Community Council Representation
The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and to standardise the number of councillors in each Community so that it is uniform across the County Borough. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community Council across the County Borough. In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections Llechwedd Ward went uncontested. Llangelynin was uncontested in the 2012 Local Elections. Llechwedd Ward will remain with 5 councillors which means that by 2023 the councillor to elector ratio should be 1:65. Llangelynin Ward will be reduced by 2 councillors which will change the councillor to elector ratio from 1:43 to 1:65 (an increase of 22 electors per councillor). We do not feel that this will have an adverse effect on the electors and it is in line with other rural community councils.
Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of councillors be reduced from 11 to 9.
- Llangelynin Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:64 by 2023.
- Llechwedd Ward will remain with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:65 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.

xv. Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council is 9, and the community is divided into 2 wards. Llanddoged Ward has 5 councillors, and Maenan Ward has 4 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of councillors would be reduced to 8.

Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council currently has an electorate of 523 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 58 electors. The 10-year electorate projection for this area is 478. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors. 9 councillors are suggested for councils with an electorate of 500 – 749. We are therefore satisfied that a reduction in the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 8; therefore this will provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:60.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested. In 2012, 7 nominations were received for 9 seats.

Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of councillors be reduced from 9 to 8.
- Llanddoged Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:67 by 2023.
- Maenan Ward remains with 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:53 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries remain the same.

xvi. Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council is 11, and the community has been split into 2 wards. Dulas Ward has 8 councillors and Rhyd-Y-Foel Ward has 3 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of community councillors would remain the same.

The number of electors that fall within the Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council area is 1301 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 118 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499 should have 11 councillors.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
• That the number of councillors remains at 11.
• Dulas Ward remains with 8 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:132 by 2023.
• Rhyd-Y-Foel Ward remains with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:107 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llandudno Town Council is 30, and the town council area has been split into 5 wards: Craig Y Don Ward, Gogarth Ward, Mostyn Ward, Penrhyn Ward, and Tudno Ward. Each of these wards has 6 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of town councillors would decrease from 30 to 20.

Llandudno Town Council currently has an electorate of 16,614 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 554 electors. The 10-year electorate projection is 17,653. All Wards were contested in the 2008 Local Elections, and all wards were contested in the 2012 Local Elections, with the exception of Penrhyn Ward which received 5 nominations for 6 seats.

Considering the First Principle in the Guiding Principles, it is believed that local Town and Community Councils need to have a membership between 7 as a minimum and 20 as a maximum. Additionally, the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales published a Guide to Representation on Community Councils in 1976 (Report No. 2, 23 July 1976) which suggested that a council with an electorate of 16,000 - 19,999 should have 20 councillors. Although both this guide and the Guiding Principles used for this review should be flexible, it is submitted that there has not been enough reasoning provided to keep the number of councillors above 20. With the proposed councillor total of 20, the councillor to elector ratio would then be 1:882 by 2023. This ratio is comparable to the other two largest town councils in the county borough area. If the proposals in this report are approved, Conwy Town Council's councillor to elector ratio will be 1:751 by 2023, and Bay of Colwyn's Town Council ratio will be 1:936.

A comparable town council for electorate size in North Wales is Prestatyn Town Council in Denbighshire. Prestatyn Town Council has 6 wards, approximately 15,000 electors, and 18 councillors.

Llandudno Town Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response and the response from Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting held on 12 September 2013).

Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llandudno Town Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of town councillors be reduced to 20.
- Craig Y Don Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:756 by 2023.
- Gogarth Ward will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:877 by 2023.
• **Mostyn Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:769 by 2023.

• **Penrhyn Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:984 by 2023.

• **Tudno Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 2 councillors). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:1005 by 2023.

• That the town council remains warded.

• That the boundary between Craig Y Don Ward and Penrhyn Ward is amended, so that Maes Yr Haf is moved to Penrhyn Ward. This would provide that the electorate in Penrhyn Ward is increased by 2 electors and so this should not be a factor that will affect councillor numbers. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary. (Appendix 6)

• That Penffordd Farm remains in Craig Y Don Ward.

• That the boundary between Mostyn Ward and Gogarth Ward is amended, so that the Taverners Court building lies completely in Mostyn Ward. This would provide that the electorate in Mostyn Ward is increased by 22 electors and so this should not be a factor that will affect councillor numbers. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary (Appendix 7)

• That the property Hen Dwr is moved from Penrhyn Ward to Craig y Don Ward. This will affect the Electoral Division boundary. (Appendix 8)

• **The changes that affect the Electoral Division boundaries will not be implemented until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales have carried out their review of electoral arrangements in 2019.**

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xviii. **Llanfairfechan Town Council**

**Proposal**

The current number of councillors at Llanfairfechan Town Council is 14, with Bryn Ward having 5 councillors, Lafan Ward having 3 councillors and Pandy Ward having 6 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 13 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Llanfairfechan Town Council area is currently 2915 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 208 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 2000 – 3999 should have 13 councillors.

In the 2008 Local Elections, all three wards were contested. In the 2012 local elections, all three wards went uncontested, with Bryn Ward receiving 4 nominations for 5 seats. Llanfairfechan Town Council has co-opted 2 councillors since the 2012 elections.

Bryn Ward has a 10-year electorate estimate of 894, providing a councillor to elector ratio of 1:179 (compared to Lafan’s 1:221 and Pandy’s 1:243). Reducing the number of councillors in Bryn Ward by 1 would provide a ratio of 1:224 in that ward.
The 10-year electorate estimate for the Llanfairfechan Town Council area is 3015 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 13; therefore this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 232 electors, an increase of only 24 electors per councillor.

In their initial representation, Llanfairfechan Town Council were of the view that they should remain with 14 councillors due to the topography of the town of Llanfairfechan. The Guiding Principles suggest that a Town Council with an electorate of 2997 (the 10 year electoral estimate) should have 13 councillors. They did not propose any boundary changes and they stated that they should remain warded.

**Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals**
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llanfairfechan Town Council.

**Recommendations:**
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of town councillors decrease from 14 to 13.
- **Pandy Ward** remains with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:243 by 2023.
- **Lafan Ward** remains with 3 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:221 by 2023.
- **Bryn Ward** will have 4 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:224 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.

**xix. Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council**

**Proposal**
The current number of councillors at Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council is 12, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 10 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council area is currently 811 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 68 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 750 – 999 should have 10 councillors. 12 councillors are suggested for those councils with 1500 – 1999 electors.

The 10-year electorate estimate for the Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council area is 933; therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 10; therefore this will provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:93. This will be an increase of 25 electors per councillor.
In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested, with 11 nominations being placed for 12 seats in 2008.

Community Council Response
No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 12 to 10. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:93 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xx. Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council is 7, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would remain the same.

The number of electors that fall within the Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council area is currently 145 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 21 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 0 – 299 should have 7 councillors.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, the area went uncontested.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 160, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors at 7 should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

Community Council Response
No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 7 at Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council, as this is the minimum recommended number for a community council.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llangernyw Community Council is 11, with Gwytherin Ward having 2 councillors, Llangernyw Ward having 6 councillors, and Pandy Tudur Ward having 3 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 10 councillors.

The number of electors that fall within the Llangernyw Community Council area is currently 868 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 79 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 750 – 999 should have 10 councillors.

In the 2012 local elections, all three wards went uncontested, with Pandy Tudur Ward receiving 2 nominations for 3 seats.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 926 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 10; therefore this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 93 electors. This is an increase of 14 electors per councillor.

Llangernyw Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llangernyw Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors be reduced from 11 to 10.
- Gwytherin Ward remains with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:68 by 2023.
- Llangernyw Ward remains with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:100 by 2023.
- Pandy Tudur Ward will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:95 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llangwm Community Council is 9, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 8.

The number of electors that fall within the Llangwm Community Council area is currently 406 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 45 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors. 9 councillors are suggested for councils with an electorate of 500 – 749.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 399 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 8; therefore this would provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:50. This is an increase of 5 electors per councillor.

In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested, with 8 nominations being placed for 9 seats in 2008 and 7 nominations in 2012.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
Llangwm Community Council have responded to the draft final proposals stating that the only concern that they have is reducing the number of councillors from 9 to 8. They carry on to say that Llangwm Community Council covers 4 areas, namely the village of Llangwm itself, the rural area of Gellioedd, the village of Dinmael and the rural area of Maerdy. Currently there is a cross-section of Councillors from the four areas. The Councillors' concern is that reducing the number of Councillors could leave areas of the community without a representative. They suggest that perhaps this would be difficult for a town Councillor to understand however, residents from the village of Llangwm obviously are not aware of the problems and the concerns of residents at the far end of the area which is about 5 miles away. Finally Llangwm Community Council raised the fact that they are unpaid Councillors and therefore reducing the number of Councillors is unlikely to have any impact on the finances neither of the Community Council nor of the County.

Response to Community Council Representation
We have proposed that the number of councillors is reduced from 9 to 8. The concern that reducing the number of Councillors by one would leave an area unrepresented is not supported. The community is unwarded so there is no guarantee that someone from each area will stand for election, ultimately the decision on who is elected is decided by the electorate. In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections the community went uncontested. The public often feel that that this is an undemocratic way of filling seats. The aim of the review is to provide effective and convenient local government and also to standardise the number of councillors in each Town and Community Council across the Borough Council. The councillor to elector ratio will change from 1:45 to 1:50 (an increase in 5 electors per councillor). We do not see this having an adverse effect on the electorate.
Recommendations:  
That the recommendations remain the same:  
- That the number of community councillors decrease from 9 to 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:50 by 2023.  
- That the community remains unwarded.  
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxiii. Llannefydd Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llannefydd Community Council is 8, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number of councillors would remain the same.

The number of electors that fall within the Llannefydd Community Council area is currently 447 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 56 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 300 – 499 should have 8 councillors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 399 electors, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors the same should not have any adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In the 2008 Local Elections, the community was contested with 9 nominations placed for 8 seats. The community went uncontested in 2012 with 4 nominations placed for 8 seats. There is currently 1 vacant seat (July 2013).

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llannefydd Community Council.

Recommendations:  
That the recommendations remain the same:  
- That the number of councillors remains at 8. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:55 by 2023.  
- That the community remains unwarded.  
- That the boundaries remain the same.
xxiv. Llanrwst Town Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llanrwst Town Council is 13, and the council is divided into two wards. Crwst Ward has 7 councillors and Gower Ward has 6 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this number would remain the same.

The number of electors that fall within the Llanrwst Town Council area is currently 2564 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 197 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 2000 – 3999 should have 13 councillors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 2997 electors, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors the same should not have any adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

It is estimated that by 2023, Crwst Ward will have 1982 electors. This means a councillor to elector ratio of 1:283 with 7 councillors. Gower Ward will have 1015 electors with a ratio of 1:169 with 6 councillors. There is a disparity in the level of representation between these two wards.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, Crwst Ward was contested whilst Gower Ward was not.

In their initial representation, Llanrwst Town Council noted that currently there are two wards in the Llanrwst Town Council area (Crwst and Gower) and that having two wards in a small town was confusing to the electorate. They suggested that Llanrwst Town Council was unwarded so that there would be one council in Llanrwst with 13 councillors and this recommendation was agreed in the initial draft proposals.

Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals

No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llanrwst Town Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

- That the number of councillors remains at 13.
- That the community be unwarded, leaving a single community council area to be known as Llanrwst Town Council. This recommendation is also in line with the Review of Electoral Divisions carried out in 2011, which proposes amalgamating the Crwst and Gower electoral divisions (together with the community of Llanddoged and Maenan) because of the disparity in the level of representation between the two.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council is 12, and the community is divided into 2 wards. Bryn Rhys Ward and Fforddlas Ward each have 6 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this number would increase to 13.

The number of electors that fall within the Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council area is currently 1858 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 155 electors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 2001 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 1500 – 1999 should have 12 councillors, whilst those with an electorate of 2000 – 3999 should have 13 councillors.

We are of the opinion that the change in electorate over the next ten years is insufficient as to merit an additional councillor on the community council, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors the same should not have any adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. With the 10-year electorate estimate, if the councillor allocation remains at 12 then the councillor to elector ratio in 2023 will be 1:167. This is an increase of 12 electors to every councillor. Additionally, there was no contest for either ward in the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections. As the Guiding Principles for this review are flexible, we propose that Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council remains with 12 councillors.

In the 2008 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested with 7 nominations being placed for 12 seats over the entire community council. Both wards were uncontested again in 2012, with 11 nominations for 12 seats.

Community Council Response
No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 12.
- Bryn Rhys Ward will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:173 by 2023.
- Fforddlas Ward will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:161 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors in Llansannan Community Council is 13, and the community is divided into 2 wards. Llansannan Ward has 9 councillors, whilst Bylchau Ward has 4 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this number would decrease to 11.

The number of electors that fall within the Llansannan Community Council area is currently 1061 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 82 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499 should have 11 councillors. 13 councillors are suggested for councils with an electorate of 2000 – 3999.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 1140, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, the community was uncontested. In 2012, 10 nominations were placed for 13 seats.

Community Council Response
Llansannan Community Council’s response to the initial draft proposals was not included within our initial report. Llansannan Community Council agree that the Community should remain warded and that the boundaries should remain the same. They do however disagree with the reduction in the number of councillors from 13 to 11 and believe that 13 should remain for the following reasons:

1. The community covers a large rural area
2. The community covers 7 villages in total
3. Some properties/farms are 4 miles from the nearest village
4. Road links are not as good as those in urban and other rural areas nearer the coast
5. 1 councillor per 100+ electors is not enough and will put a lot of pressure on councillors
6. Community Council covers 2 wards (Llansannan and Bylchau), over 10 miles by road from East to West of the community

Other responses
The Local Electoral Division Member for Llansannan has responded to consultation stating that she objects to the proposal of reducing the number of councillors from 13 to 11. She writes that Llansannan is a very rural area with housing and populations sparse. In order to maintain a quality service, a reduction can only lessen any possible communication regarding community issues. Councillor Sue Lloyd-Williams strongly proposes that the number of community councillors remain at 13 to continue with the service and fairness for
rural people, and that the community also continues to be a ward. She agrees that the boundaries remain the same.

Response to the Representations Received

In both 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, both wards went uncontested. In 2012 we received one nomination for four seats in the Bylchau Ward and these vacant seats would have been filled by co-option. Members of the public often feel that this is an undemocratic way of filling seats. The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and also to standardise the number of councillors in each Community Council. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the issues and demands of rural communities and all rural community councils will be subject to the same Guiding Principles. The number of electors per councillor for Llansannan Ward will increase by 20 and the Bylchau Ward councillors will have 27 extra electors each. We do not feel that this will have an adverse effect on the electorate.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors be decreased from 13 to 11.
- Llansannan Ward will have 8 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:102 by 2023.
- Bylchau Ward will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:107 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxvii. Llysfaen Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Llysfaen Community Council is 12, and the community is divided into two wards. Llysfaen Ward has 7 councillors, and Peulwys Ward has 5 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for the review, this number would increase to 13.

The number of electors that fall within the Llysfaen Community Council area is currently 1968 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 164 electors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 2554. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 2000 – 3999 should have 13 councillors. Taking into account the 10-year electorate estimate and 13 councillors, the councillor to elector ratio would be 1:196.

In the 2008 Local Elections, both wards were uncontested with Peulwys Ward receiving 1 nomination for 5 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, both wards were uncontested with
Peulwys Ward receiving 3 nominations for 5 seats and Llysfaen Ward receiving 5 nominations for 7 seats. For the purpose of effective and convenient local government, and due to the lack of interest in standing for election for Llysfaen Community Council, we propose that the number of councillors remains at 12. We are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors the same should not have any adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
No response to the draft final proposals was received from Llysfaen Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of councillors remains at 12.
- **Peulwys Ward** remains with 5 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:203 by 2013.
- **Llysfaen Ward** remains with 7 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:220 by 2023
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.

xxviii. Mochdre Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Mochdre Community Council is 12, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for the review, this number would decrease to 11.

The number of electors that fall within the Mochdre Community Council area is currently 1463 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 122 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 1000 – 1499 should have 11 councillors. 12 councillors are suggested for those councils with an electorate of 1500 – 1999.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 1485, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. This provides that the councillor to elector ratio will be 1:135 by 2023. This means an increase of 13 electors per councillor.

In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections, the community was uncontested. In 2008, 9 nominations were placed for 12 seats, and 10 nominations were placed in 2012.
Community Council Response
No response to any stage of the consultation was received from Mochdre Community Council.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
• That the number of community councillors be reduced from 12 to 11. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:135 by 2023.
• That the community remains unwarded.
• That the boundaries remain the same.

xxix. Penmaenmawr Town Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Penmaenmawr Town Council is 15, and the community is divided into 3 wards. Capelulo Ward has 6 councillors, Pant Yr Afon Ward has 6 councillors, and Penmaenan Ward has 3 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this number would decrease to 13.

The number of electors that fall within the Penmaenmawr Town Council area is currently 3499. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 2000 – 3999 should have 13 councillors. 15 councillors are suggested for councils with an electorate of 6000 – 8999.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 3671, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth.

In the 2008 Local Elections, Capelulo Ward received 3 nominations for 6 seats, Pant Yr Afon Ward received 5 nominations for 6 seats, and Penmaenan Ward received 2 nominations for 3 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, Capelulo Ward, Pant Yr Afon Ward, and Penmaenan Ward received 3, 10 and 3 nominations respectively.

Penmaenmawr Town Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response.

Penmaenmawr Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
Penmaenmawr Town Council wrote to confirm that they are still in agreement with the reduction in the number of councillors from 15 to 13. They are firmly of the opinion that the community council should be de-warded and fall in line with the proposed changes for the County Borough Council. They stated that in practice, the current situation is proving to be divisive and it can only be to the good of the community as a whole, if all three wards are represented by community and county councillors who share a common ward and therefore
communicate with each other. They feel that this can only be to the benefit of the community. They continue to state that they appreciate our comment [in the draft final proposals] that we need to present a consistent argument across the county, but surely, each community has their own particular and individual personalities. This may require treating some communities according to what is actually appropriate to their requirement and to improve their service.

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Response – minutes of meeting held 5 December 2013 (Appendix 5)
The Local Electoral Division Member for Pant yr Afon/Penmaenan welcomed the reduction to the number of Councillors from 15 to 13, but raised concerns that it was becoming increasingly difficult to encourage members of the public to stand in elections and as a consequence, the number of Town Councillors should be reduced further to 11. However, other Members were of the opinion that the suggested ratios and guiding principles within the report should apply, as it was based on sound evidence and provided a set standard.

Other Responses
Cllr. Anne McCaffrey (Electoral Division Member for Capelulo) stated that she was happy with the final proposals for Penmaenmawr Town Council Ward in so far as the only changes are the reduction in the number of councillors from 15 to 13. Cllr. Anne McCaffrey continues that she agrees that safeguarding and maintaining 3 wards is important if the separate identities of the unique communities are to be preserved.

Response to Town Council Representation
We have considered the representation provided by Penmaenmawr Town Council however we feel that the three wards represent distinct communities and that this would be lost if it was dewarded. The fourth Guiding Principle needs to be considered in this instance. There are many other community councils that are warded that work well together and they do not feel that it is divisive being warded.

Recommendations:
- That the number of councillors be reduced from 15 to 13.
- Capelulo Ward will have 5 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:259 by 2023.
- Pant Yr Afon Ward will remain with 6 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:290 by 2023.
- Penmaenan Ward will have 2 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:211 by 2023.
- That the community remains warded.
- That the boundaries remain the same.
- That the name of Penmaenmawr Town Council remains the same.
xxx.  Pentrefoelas Community Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors in Pentrefoelas Community Council is 7, and the community is unwarded. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would increase to 8.

The number of electors that fall within the Pentrefoelas Community Council area is currently 291 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 42 electors. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 316 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 0 - 299 should have 7 councillors, whilst those with an electorate of 300 - 499 should have 8 councillors.

We are of the opinion that the change in electorate over the next ten years is insufficient as to merit an additional councillor on the community council, therefore we are satisfied that keeping the number of councillors the same should not have any adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. With the 10-year electorate estimate, if the councillor allocation remains at 7 then the councillor to elector ratio in 2023 will be 1:45. This is an increase of 3 electors to every councillor. Additionally, there was no contest for either ward in the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections. As the Guiding Principles for this review are flexible, we propose that Pentrefoelas Community Council remains with 7 councillors.

In both the 2008 and 2012 elections, Pentrefoelas Community was uncontested.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
The community council has not responded to the draft final proposals.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of community councillors remains at 7. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:45 by 2023.
- That the community remains unwarded.
- That the boundaries remain unchanged.
xxxii. Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Proposal
The current number of councillors at Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council is 12, with Kinmel Bay Ward having 8 councillors and Towyn Ward having 4 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, the number would increase to 15.

The number of electors that fall into the Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council area is currently 6719 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to 560 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 6000 – 8999 should have 15 councillors. 12 councillors are suggested for an electorate of 1500 – 1999.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 6730, therefore we are satisfied that an increase in the number of councillors would not be redundant in the long-term when considering a change in population.

In the 2008 Local Elections, Towyn Ward was contested with 8 nominations for 4 seats, and Kinmel Bay Ward was uncontested with 7 nominations for 8 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, Towyn Ward went uncontested with 3 nominations for 4 seats. Kinmel Bay Ward was contested with 10 nominations for 8 seats. 2 councillors have been co-opted since the 2012 Local Elections.

We noted in the draft proposals that Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council initially felt that having 12 councillors was sufficient and that no changes were required in either terms of boundaries or the number of councillors. The Town Council responded to the initial draft proposals stating that after further consideration they felt that the recommendations were appropriate and were fully supportive of the increase in Town Councillors from 12 to 15.

Town Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council have responded to the draft final proposals confirming that Members discussed the proposals further and are happy with the recommendations made.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:
- That the number of town councillors at Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council be increased from 12 to 15.
- Kinmel Bay Ward will have 10 councillors (an increase of 2). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:473 by 2023.
- Towyn Ward will have 5 councillors (an increase of 1). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:399 by 2023.
- That the town council remains warded.
- That the boundaries should remain the same.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Trefriw Community Council is 10, and the community is divided into two wards. Trefriw Ward has 8 councillors and Llanrychwyn Ward has 2 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 9 community councillors.

The number of electors in the Trefriw Community Council area is currently 672 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 67 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that community councils with an electorate of 500 – 749 should have 9 community councillors. 10 councillors are suggested for those councils with 750 – 999 electors.

In the 2008 Local Elections, Trefriw Ward received 2 nominations for 8 seats, and Llanrychwyn Ward received 1 nomination for 2 seats. In the 2012 Local Elections, Trefriw Ward received 4 nominations for 8 seats, and Llanrychwyn Ward received no nominations for 2 seats.

We propose that the number of community councillors is reduced to 9 and the community council remains warded. The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 681 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 9; therefore this provides a councillor to elector ratio of 1:76. This is an increase of 9 electors per councillor.

Trefriw Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
The community council has not responded to the draft final proposals.

Recommendations:
• That the number of councillors is reduced from 10 to 9.
• **Trefriw Ward** will have 7 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:98 by 2023.
• **Llanrychwyn Ward** will remain with 2 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:60 by 2023.
• That the community council remains warded.
• That the boundaries remain unchanged.
Proposal
The current number of councillors at Ysbyty Ifan Community Council is 8, with Eidda Ward and Tir Ifan Ward each having 4 councillors. In line with the Guiding Principles for this review, this would decrease to 7 community councillors.

The number of electors in the Ysbyty Ifan Community Council area is currently 162 (Figure at April 2013), and this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 20 electors. The Guiding Principles suggest that town and community councils with an electorate of 0 – 299 should have 7 community councillors.

In the 2012 Local Elections, both Wards went uncontested, with Tir Ifan Ward receiving 3 nominations for 4 seats. Nobody has been co-opted to this vacant seat yet.

The 10-year electorate estimate for this area is 153 electors, therefore we are satisfied that reducing the number of councillors should not have an adverse effect in the long-term when considering population growth. The proposed number of councillors is 7; therefore this provides a ratio of 1 councillor to every 22 electors, an increase of 2 electors per councillor.

Ysbyty Ifan Community Council responded to the initial draft proposals and their representation can be found in Appendix 2 along with our response.

Community Council Response to the Draft Final Proposals
The community council has not responded to the draft final proposals.

Recommendations:
That the recommendations remain the same:

• That the number of councillors be decreased from 8 to 7.
• Eidda Ward will have 4 councillors. This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:20 by 2023.
• Tir Ifan Ward will have 3 councillors (a reduction of 1 councillor). This should provide a councillor to elector ratio of 1:24 by 2023.
• That the community remains warded.
• That the boundaries should remain the same.
Appendix 1
Locations where the Third Stage Review Notice was posted
(Where informed by Community Council)

1. Kinmel Bay Town Council Noticeboard
2. Towyn Town Council Noticeboard
3. Kinmel Bay Library
4. Kinmel Bay Community Centre
5. Community House, Chester Avenue, Kinmel Bay
6. Kinmel Bay Church
7. Sandy Cove Notice Board
8. Town Council Office
9. Post Office, Kinmel Bay
10. Conwy Post Office
11. Guildhall Noticeboard, Conwy
12. Deganwy Post Office
13. Tesco Community Board, Llandudno Junction
14. Gyffin Stores, Gyffin
15. Llandudno Junction Post Office
16. Llandudno Junction Community Noticeboard
Appendix 2
Representations from Town and Community Councils and responses published in the draft final proposals

i. Abergele Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Abergele Town Council.

ii. Bay of Colwyn Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
The Bay of Colwyn Town Council accept that there may be some merit in adjusting the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward and discussed the properties that would be affected which would affect 736 electors (projected figures as at 2023). However, the Town Council submits strong objections to the proposed reduction in town councillors from 24 to 22. With the total electorate in excess of 22,000, the Town Council maintains that an additional 4 members, over and above the recommended 17-20 for an electorate of 12,000+, can be justified. They continue to say that where vacancies have arisen each has been strongly contended either through by-election or co-option. Furthermore, following the adjustments to the boundaries of Rhiw/Rhos Ward, keeping all 24 members would give greater parity between councillor to elector ratios as shown below:

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The Town Council continue to say that if the number of councillors was reduced to 22 then the two highest ratios of 1:1285 and 1:1225, in the wards where reductions in councillors are being proposed, would be significantly higher than in any other urban ward across the county. In keeping 24 councillors, the variance between the lowest and highest ratios would
be more manageable ranging from 1:880 to 1:988, which the Town Council believes the electorate would find more acceptable.

The Town Council note that if the County Borough Council decides to pursue the proposed reduction to 22 members, then the Town Council would not support the alteration to the boundary between Rhiw and Rhos ward as this would result in unacceptably high councillor to elector ratios.

**Response to Town Council Representation**
We feel that the Bay of Colwyn Town Council provide a strong argument against a reduction number of councillors from 24 to 22. Reducing the number of councillors will skew the ratios in Dinarth and Rhos wards and so we recommend that the number of Councillors should remain at 24.

**iii. Betws Y Coed Community Council**

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Betws Y Coed Community Council.

**iv. Betws Yn Rhos Community Council**

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Betws Yn Rhos Community Council.

**v. Bro Garmon Community Council**

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Bro Garmon Community Council have written to say that they do not agree with the reduction in the number of councillors. The members of the community council do the work on a voluntary basis and so do not cost anything to the electors. Each of them represent their areas and are aware of local issues which is a great benefit to the CCBC as they bring issues to Conwy Council's attention, such as problems on their roads. As it [Bro Garmon] is such a vast area, it is necessary to have members from the various areas as members of the Community Council. A reduced number of members couldn’t do all the work that is done by the existing members. The Community Council also noted that many of the members were farmers and that their work is seasonal. This means that it is unavoidable some will have to miss a few committee meetings. This means that it would be difficult to achieve a quorum during some seasons if the number of members was cut. They continue to say that it is vital that the number of councillors remains as it is to ensure that the area’s electorate are given a fair deal in the same way that the electors in more populated areas.
Response to Community Council Representation
The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and to standardise the number of councillors in each Community so that it is uniform across the County Borough. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community Council within the County Borough. In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections both wards went uncontested which the public often see as being an undemocratic way of filling seats. The councillor to elector ratio for Capel Garmon Ward would change from 1:44 to 1:58 (an increase of 14). The councillor to elector ratio for Melin y Coed would change from 1:40 to 1:67 (an increase of 27). We feel that this is acceptable and will not have an impact on the electorate. These ratios are in line with other rural Community Councils.

vi. Bro Machno Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Bro Machno Community Council

vii. Caerhun Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Caerhun Community Council are of the opinion that the current format works well and reducing the number of councillors would not provide any cashable savings as the current councillors never claim expenses. The community council stated that the current ratio of councillor to elector in Caerhun Community Council is higher in comparison to other rural community councils; the proposed changes would increase this ratio further. The council also mention that Caerhun Community Council covers a wide rural area of four villages, therefore it is important to have a number of councillors accessible to everyone.

Response to Community Council representation
In both the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections all three wards went uncontested. The public often feel that this is an undemocratic way of filling seats. The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and also to standardise the number of councillors in each Community Council. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the issues and demands of rural communities and all rural community councils will be subject to the same Guiding Principles. The population of this community is projected to decrease. The number of electors per councillor for Llanbedr Y Cennin Ward will increase by 31, Tal Y Bont Councillors will have 20 extra electors each and the Tyn Y Groes councillors will have an increase of 13 electors each. We do not think that this will have an adverse effect on the electorate.
viii. Capel Curig Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Capel Curig Community Council.

ix. Cerrigydrudion Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Cerrigydrudion Community Council.

x. Conwy Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
The Councillors of Conwy Town Council considered the initial draft proposals and stand by the comments that they made in their original submission.

Response to proposals on Councillor numbers for Conwy Town Council.
We considered Conwy Town Councils initial representation with regards to their suggestion of not increasing the number of councillors even though the Guiding Principles stated that they should have 17 Councillors but they felt that 15 was sufficient. We are however of the view that the Guiding Principles should stand for every Town and Community Council as these have been agreed by Cabinet and provide standardisation across all the councils. We also feel that the electorate are entitled, from the Guiding Principles, to have 17 Councillors to represent them.

xi. Dolgarrog Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Dolgarrog Community Council.

xii. Dolwyddelan Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Dolwyddelan Community Council.

xiii. Eglwysbach Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Eglwysbach Community Council.
xiv. Henryd Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Henryd Community Council.

xv. Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Llanddoged and Maenan Community Council believe that the present representation of 9 members should continue. 5 Councillors for Llanddoged Ward and 4 Councillors for Maenan Ward. The council believes, to ensure a fair representation, that the number of members should not be reduced as Llanddoged and Maenan are situated in an extensively rural area with many remote farms.

Response to the Community Council Representation
The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and to standardise the number of councillors in each Community so that it is uniform across the County. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community Council across the County Borough. In the 2008 and 2012 Local Elections both wards went uncontested. Maenan Ward remains with 4 councillors. Llanddoged Ward will have a reduction in 1 councillor which means that the councillor to elector ratio will change from 1:54 to 1:67 (an increase of 13 electors). We do not feel that this will have an adverse effect on the electors and it is in line with other rural community councils.

xvi. Llanddulas and Rhyd-Y-Foel Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Llanddulas and Rhyd Y Foel submitted their response to the initial consultation after the deadline however requested that it be considered during this stage. Llanddulas and Rhyd Y Foel Community Council did not propose any changes to the current number of councillors, nor did they propose any changes to the boundary or wards.

xvii. Llandudno Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Members of Llandudno Town Council resolved to object to the proposed reduction in the number of Llandudno Town Councillors from thirty to twenty.
Community Overview and Scrutiny Response – minutes of meeting held 12 September 2013

The Electoral Division Member for Penrhyn Ward, Councillor Chris Cater suggested that the property Hen Dwr which is currently in the Penrhyn Ward, should be moved to Craig-y-Don Ward to allow the residents a direct route to the polling station from their property. With regard to the Penffordd Farm, currently in Craig-y-Don Ward, it was advised that the ward boundaries followed a natural line and there was no reason to move the boundary so that the property was in Penrhyn Ward. There is also no direct access from the property to vote in Penrhyn Ward. It was also agreed that any changes to the town and community boundaries that impacted on the electoral division boundaries would not come into force until they had been agreed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales.

xviii. Llanfairfechan Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Llanfairfechan Town Council.

xix. Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Llanfairtalhaiarn Community Council.

xx. Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Llanfihangel Glyn Myfyr Community Council.

xxi. Llangernyw Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Llangernyw wrote to correct the statement that was made in the Initial Draft Proposal report that no one had been co-opted to the vacant seat in the Pandy Tudur ward. They stated that they co-opted a member as of 1 August 2012. They continue to say that the community council’s area is very rural with a lot of travelling from one end to the other. Only a low percentage of the population of Pandy Tudur live in the village – the majority live out in the country. They feel that the total population is near enough 1000 which justifies 11 members and that the community councillors work voluntarily and so it doesn’t cost any more to keep 11 councillors.

Response to Community Council Representation
Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community
Council across the County Borough. Gwytherin and Llangernyw Wards will remain with the same number of councillors. Pandy Tudur will reduce by 1 which means that the councillor to elector ratio will change from 1:63 to 1:95 (an increase of 32 electors). We do not feel that this will have an adverse effect on the electors and it is also in line with other rural community councils.

xxii. Llangwm Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Llangwm Community Council.

xxiii. Llannefydd Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Llannefydd Community Council.

xxiv. Llanrwst Town Council

Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Llanrwst Town Council.

xxv. Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Llansanffraid Glan Conwy Community Council.

xxvi. Llansannan Community Council

Community Council Response
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Llansannan Community Council.

Response from resident of Llansannan
A resident of Llansannan wrote to inform us that he thinks that the proposal for a reduction from 13 councillors to 11 is very sensible.

xxvii. Llysfaen Community Council

Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
No response to the initial draft proposals was received from Llysfaen Community Council.
xxviii. **Mochdre Community Council**

**Community Council Response**
No responses to the initial consultation or the initial draft proposals were received from Mochdre Community Council.

xxix. **Penmaenmawr Town Council**

**Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals**
Penmaenmawr Town Council wrote to confirm that they have considered the proposed changes in number of local representatives and that they are in agreement with Guiding Principle 1 to reduce the number of councillors from 15 to 13. The Town Council also consider, and give it their support, that replacing the current three-ward system for the town by a single ward Town Council would improve flexibility in their representation of the electorate. They continue to say that it would be in unison with the proposed electoral arrangements for the County Borough Council in which Pant yr Afon/ Penmaenan Electoral Division and Capelulo Electoral Division are made into a single electoral division (to be known as Penmaenmawr).

**Response to Town Council representation:**
The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee was of the firm opinion that the Guiding Principles should be adhered to where possible. The Initial Draft Proposals based on the representation from the Local Electoral Division Member reduced the number of community councillors in each ward by 1. However this results in a skewed councillor to elector ratio. If the Guiding Principles are strictly applied the councillor to elector ratio is more evenly matched to the other two wards within the Penmaenmawr Town Council. Therefore it is recommended that the number of councillors is reduced from 15 to 13.

With regards to dewarding Penmaenmawr Town Council to produce a single ward so that it replicates the changes to the electoral division being introduced in 2017, we need to ensure that we apply a consistent argument across the County Borough with regards to dewarding community councils. As the councillor to elector ratios are similar for all three wards and are not skewed in favour of a single ward, we do not feel that it would be a benefit to the electors to deward the community council.

xxx. **Pentrefoelas Community Council**

**Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals**
The community council has not responded to the initial draft proposals.
Town Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council have responded to the initial draft proposals stating that after further consideration they feel that the recommendations are appropriate and are fully supportive of an increase in Town Councillors from 12 to 15.

Communities Overview and Scrutiny Meeting
The Electoral Division Member for Kinmel Bay, Councillor Nigel Smith raised concerns during Communities Overview and Scrutiny meeting held on 12 September 2013 with regards to the increase in Councillors for Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council from 12 to 15. Cllr Nigel Smith stated that it was difficult to encourage members of the public to stand in elections with the current number of 12.

Response to proposals on Councillor numbers:
We considered Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Councils initial representation and that of Cllr Nigel Smith with regards to their suggestion that even though the Guiding Principles stated that they should have 15 Councillors they felt that 12 was sufficient. Whilst there is a degree of flexibility we are of the view that the Guiding Principles should be applied to provide standardisation across all the councils. We also feel that the electorate are entitled, from the Guiding Principles, to have 15 Councillors to represent them.

Trefriw Community Council Response to the Initial Draft Proposals
Trefriw Community Council object to the initial draft proposals that the number of councillors should be reduced from ten to eight and that the communities of Trefriw and Llanrhychwyn should be unwarded. The Councillors are of the opinion that the formula which has been used to calculate the number of councillor for the wards is a purely arbitrary one imposed by the Welsh Government. The Council now has a full complement of ten members and would like to point out that ten members is no more expensive than eight members, as the members are unpaid.

Trefriw Community Council also thought that the Council should remain warded because Llanrhychwyn is a distinct settlement and sees itself as a separate community. They state that this is one of the Guiding Principles on which the proposals are supposed to be based. Therefore Trefriw Community Council would like to retain the status quo.

Response to Community Council Representation
Guiding Principle 1 comes from the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales and was produced to assist in helping authorities across Wales to achieve some standardisation for representation on community councils. The Guiding Principles have been used for all the Town and Community Councils throughout the County Borough and they take into account the issues and demands of rural communities. The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee were of the firm opinion that the Guiding Principles should be adhered to where possible. The initial draft proposal suggested that the number of councillors should be
reduced from 10 to 8, however the Guiding Principles suggest that community councils with an electorate of 500 – 749 should have 9 community councillors. Therefore it is recommended that the number of councillors is reduced from 10 to 9.

Whilst we initially proposed dewarding Trefriw Community Council, we need to ensure that we apply a consistent argument across the County Borough with regards to dewarding councils. As the elector to councillor ratio within both Trefriw Ward and Llanrhychwyn Ward are similar to each other we have decided not to deward Trefriw Community Council.

xxxiii. Ysbyty Ifan Community Council

Community Council Response
Ysbyty Ifan Community Council disagree with reducing the number of councillors from 8 to 7. They write that the community council does not cost money as the members work on a voluntary basis and they do a good job looking after both wards thanks to their local knowledge. They question why this review has been carried out as they feel that it is a waste of money. They continue to say that reducing the number of councillors in Tir Ifan Ward to 3 will mean that the electors will lose out due to the lack of local representation. They feel that reducing the number is unacceptable due to the area’s terrain. They explain that the area is made up of people living in remote parts and they deserve the same level of service as people living in more populated areas. They are glad that the current boundaries remain unchanged.

Response to Community Council Representation
This review is being carried out as CCBC has a legal obligation under the Local Government Act 1972 to hold a review of their communities at least every 15 years and is discussed in Section 4 above. The aim of this review is to provide effective and convenient local government and to standardise the number of councillors in each Community so that it is uniform across the County Borough. Guiding Principles 1 and 2 take into account the different demands and issues between urban and rural communities and these have been used for every Town and Community Council across the County Borough. The number of councillors in Eidda Ward will remain the same so that the councillor to elector ratio will be 1:20. The projected population for Tir Ifan Ward is 72 and so by reducing the councillor number by 1 in this ward the councillor to elector ratio will change from 1:18 to 1:24 (an increase of 6 electors). We feel that this is acceptable and will not have an impact on the electorate. The councillor to elector ratio would still be less than half in comparison to most other rural community councils. In the Local Election held in 2012, both Wards went uncontested with Tir Ifan receiving 3 nominations for 4 seats.
Appendix 3
Minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 12 November 2013

311. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - DRAFT FINAL PROPOSALS REPORT

The Cabinet Member for Governance and Regulation presented Members with a report seeking approval of the recommendations at the second stage of the Review of Community Council Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements, as set out in the Draft Final Proposals Report.

The second stage of the review was completed on 29 October 2013, and as with the first stage, there was a public consultation period lasting 9 weeks. The Draft Final Proposals had been based on the information in the Initial Draft Proposals Report, the recommendations by Cabinet on 13 August 2013 and any submissions received during the consultation period.

In relation to the Bay of Colwyn Town Council and the recommendation that the boundary between Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward be altered, it was suggested that the boundary should only be altered to include the east of the Marine View Apartments, so the Rhiw Ward had a stretch of water frontage and also retained the Railway Station in Colwyn Bay.

It was further suggested by the Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health that all land north of Princes Drive (from Marine Road and including the Old Market Hall) remained in the Rhiw Ward, in order to qualify for funding under the Vibrant and Viable Places Framework.

The Head of Democratic Services informed Members that as the proposed changes would affect the electoral division boundary, these would not take effect until the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales carried out their review of electoral arrangements in 2019.

The Cabinet Member for Governance and Regulation requested that Members approve the report, subject to the boundary between the Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward being determined at a later date. The Strategic Director (Economy and Place) also confirmed that, if successful, the funding under the Vibrant and Viable Places Framework would only be available until 2017.
RESOLVED-

That the individual recommendations for each community council be approved, subject to the boundary between the Rhos Ward and Rhiw Ward being agreed at a later date.

(Note: Councillors Dave Cowans, Philip C. Evans J.P., Goronwy Edwards, Chris Hughes, William Knightly, Dilwyn Roberts and Hilary Rogers-Jones declared a personal interest in this item, as the interest was not considered prejudicial, all Members remained in the meeting and were able to take part in the debate)
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Appendix 5
Minutes of Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 December 2013

312. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL BOUNDARIES AND ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS - DRAFT FINAL PROPOSALS REPORT

The Head of Democratic Services presented Members with the second stage of the Review of Community Council Boundaries and Electoral Arrangements, as seen in the Draft Final Proposals Report.

Some background to the community review and an explanation as to why it was considered an appropriate time for Conwy County Borough Council to undertake a review was provided. Details about recommendations that the number of Town and Community Councillors be standardised, based on the electorate and in line with the Guiding Principles adopted by Cabinet, which also recognised the differing demands of the rural and urban communities, were also reported.

Members were advised that the first stage of the review had been completed on 30 July, 2013, following a public consultation period lasting 9 weeks. Stakeholders and the general public had been invited to make submissions with regard to the boundaries and electoral arrangements of Town and Community Councils.

During the second stage of the review, submissions in response to the draft proposals, was completed on 29 October, 2013. As with the first stage, a public consultation period of 9 weeks took place and once again, stakeholders and the general public were invited to make submissions with regard to the recommendations made in the Initial Draft Proposals Report.

Members were provided with a summary of each individual Town or Community Council and the recommendations regarding boundaries or electoral arrangements highlighted accordingly.

In response to the Penmaenmawr Town Council review, the Local Electoral Division Member for Pant yr Afon/Penmaenan welcomed the reduction to the number of Councillors from 15 to 13, but raised concerns that it was becoming increasingly difficult to encourage members of the public to stand in elections and as a consequence, the number of Town Councillors should be reduced further to 11. However, other Members were of the opinion that the
suggested ratios and guiding principles within the report should apply, as it was based on sound evidence and provided a set standard.

The Head of Democratic Services advised Members that once the consultation had been completed, it was Cabinet's decision whether to agree or not to the suggested amendments. Any changes would then be implemented for the next election of Town and Community Councillors in 2017.

**RESOLVED-**

That the individual recommendations for each Town and Community Council, within the Draft Final Proposals Report be supported by the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and recommended to Cabinet for approval.
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