

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2013-2014

**CORPORATE SERVICES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

29TH APRIL 2014

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 3

**REPORT OF THE ELECTORAL
ADMINISTRATION SCRUTINY WORKING
GROUP**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the findings and recommendations of the Committee's Electoral Administration Working Group in relation to the Council's review of the community boundary and electoral arrangements within the County Borough.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:-

- 2.1 Note the content of this report.
- 2.2 Endorse the recommendation of the Electoral Administration Scrutiny Working Group to support the proposed boundary changes as set out at Appendix 2.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee held on 5th March 2013, the Committee agreed that a Scrutiny Working Group should be formed to assist the electoral service in the implementation of a number of forthcoming issues which included a review of the community boundary and electoral arrangements within the County Borough. The review will consider what changes, if any, are needed to existing community arrangements across the whole of the County Borough.
- 3.2 The review commenced on 1st June 2013 and the first stage involved asking all residents and interested parties to consider the current arrangements and submit their views of support or proposals for change.

3.3 The original timetable for the review is set out below:

Action	Period	Date
Start of Review		1 st June 2013
Preliminary Investigation - Invite initial submissions	Three months	1 st June – 31 st August 2013
Consideration of submissions received	Two months	1 st September – 31 st October 2013
Draft Proposal Consultation - Publish draft proposals - Public consultation period	Three months	1 st November – 31 st January 2014
Consideration of submissions received	Two months	1 st February – 31 st March 2014
Final Proposal Publication - Publish final proposals & recommendations		April / May 2014

3.4 On the 9th September 2013, the Committee's Electoral Administration Scrutiny Working Group, met for the first time to consider the submissions received as a result of the first consultation phase. The recommendations in relation to this first stage of the review were then reported to the Corporate Service Scrutiny Committee on the 8th October 2013.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 The Working Group (County Borough Councillors G Stacey, E Webster, D W Weeks and R Yeo in attendance) met for the second time on 23rd April 2014

4.2 It should be noted that declarations of personal interest were received from County Borough Councillors G Stacey and R A Yeo having both submitted proposals for change.

4.3 At the meeting Members considered the second stage submissions and proposals, the details of which are attached as Appendix 1.

4.4 The Working Group considered the 13 proposals as set out at Appendix 1 along with 1 additional small proposal relating to the moving of Heritage Way out of Llanilid Community Ward into Llanharan Community Ward and which links with the proposal set out at F2.

4.5 The Working Group was informed that there were no adverse comments received in relation to 9 of the proposals. Members were also informed of the positive and negative responses in relation to the remaining 5 proposals and studied the supporting maps.

4.6 The Working Group concluded that all the proposals put forward had merit and would therefore support all the changes proposed.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 The Committee are asked to endorse the recommendations of the Working Group and support the proposed boundary changes. However, the final decision on these changes will need to be taken by Council sometime in June.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

29TH APRIL 2014

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Item - The Council's Review of the Community Boundary and Electoral Arrangements within the County Borough.

Report considered by the Electoral Administration Scrutiny Working Group at its meeting held on 23rd April 2014

(Officer to Contact: Ann Edwards, Committee Services Officer – Telephone No. 01443 424102)

APPENDIX 1

Community Review 2013

**Review of the Community Boundary And Electoral Arrangements Within
The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf**



Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposal N.o.	Description of Proposal	Affected Communities
CBR A1	<p>Graig / Beddau Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of the Graig community south to the Gelynnog Ganol Farms. Relocate all 89 properties from the Beddau Community to the Graig Community.</p>	Graig / Beddau
CBR A2	<p>Land at Cwm Coke Works – Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-y-nant Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fardre community east to the Black Road and South to the Croescade Road. The subsequent change would result in the area know as “Cwm Coke Works “ being relocated to the Tyn-y-nant Community</p>	Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-y-nant
CBR B1	<p>Tyn-y-nant / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Tyn-y-nant concerning Cadwal Court (n.o. 55 – 76) to the west. This would result in 23 properties relocating from Tyn-y-nant to Llantwit Fardre. All properties on the Cadwal Court Housing Estate would be subsequently located within the Llantwit Fardre Community Boundary.</p>	Tyn-y-nant / Llantwit Fardre

Community Review 2013

Review of the Community Boundary And Electoral Arrangements Within The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf



Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposal N.o.	Description of Proposal	Affected Communities
CBR B2	<p>Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fardre concerning the properties of Ty Crwyn to ensure all properties within the Coed Dowlais Estate are located within the Church Village Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 36 properties.</p>	Church Village / Llantwit Fardre
CBR C1	<p>Talbot Green / Llantrisant Town Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Talbot Green to incorporate the area know as “Y Graig” into the Llantrisant Town Community Boundary.</p>	Talbot Green / Llantrisant Town
CBR C2.1	<p>Tyn-y-nant / Llantrisant / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundaries of Tyn-y-nant and Llantrisant Town to incorporate the Rowan Gardens Estate into the Llantwit Fardre Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 233 properties.</p>	Tyn-y-nant / Llantrisant / Llantwit Fardre

Community Review 2013

Review of the Community Boundary And Electoral Arrangements Within The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf



Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposal N.o.	Description of Proposal	Affected Communities
CBR C3.2	<p>Llantrisant / Beddau Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Llantrisant community to incorporate the two properties of “The Gables & Ailsa House” into the Beddau Community Boundary.</p>	Llantrisant / Beddau
CBR D1	<p>Llantwit Fardre / Church Village Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the Church Village boundary to incorporate all properties on the Meadow Farm Estate. These proposals would move 167 properties from the Llantwit Fardre Community to the Church Village Community Boundary.</p>	Llantwit Fardre / Church Village
CBR E1	<p>Llantwit Fardre / Church Village Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Llantwit Fardre to incorporate the two properties of “1-2 Dan Y Twyn” into the Church Village Community Boundary.</p>	Llantwit Fardre / Church Village

Community Review 2013

Review of the Community Boundary And Electoral Arrangements Within The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf



Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposal N.o.	Description of Proposal	Affected Communities
CBR F1	<p>Llanharan / Brynna Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Brynna to incorporate the properties of Bethlehem View and Chapel Road into the Llanharan Community Boundary.</p> <p>These proposals would move 48 Properties into the Llanharan Community.</p>	Llanharan / Brynna
CBR F2	<p>Llanilid / Llanharan Boundary Change. No consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Llanilid to incorporate all the properties on the Powell Drive Estate into the Llanharan Community Boundary. These proposals would result in the relocation of 129 properties.</p>	Llanilid / Llanharan
CBR G1	<p>Cwmbach / Mountain Ash East Boundary Change. Consequential change to corresponding Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC Electoral Divisions.</p> <p>Relocate the boundary of Mountain Ash East to incorporate the properties on Cefn Pennar Road. These proposals would result in the relocation of 4 properties</p>	Cwmbach / Mountain Ash East

Community Review 2013

Review of the Community Boundary And Electoral Arrangements Within The County Borough of Rhondda Cynon Taf



Summary of Proposed Changes

Proposal N.o.	Description of Proposal	Affected Communities
CBR H1	Aberaman / Aberdare / Mountain Ash Proposal to create new communities of Aberaman North, Aberaman South, Aberdare East, Aberdare West, Mountain Ash East & Mountain Ash West. The boundaries of these new communities will be co-terminus with the Electoral Divisions of Rhondda Cynon Taf.	Aberaman Aberdare Mountain Ash

APPENDIX 2

Proposal	Support of Proposal	Against Proposal	Comments	Recommendation
A1 Graig / Beddau Boundary Change	Cllr J Cass RCTCBC Cllr C Willis RCTCBC Cllr R Yeo RCTCBC	Member of Public (See pages 24-25) Llantrisant CC (See Pages 30-34 & 36-55)		Support Boundary Change
A2 Llantwit Fardre / Tyn-y-nant Boundary Change (Cwm Coke Works)	Cllr J Cass RCTCBC Cllr J James RCTCBC Cllr C Willis RCTCBC Cllr R Yeo RCTCBC Llantrisant CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
B1 Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change (Cadwal Court)	Cllr J James RCTCBC Llantrisant CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
B2 Church Village / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change (Coed Dowlais Estate)	Cllr J James RCTCBC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
C1 Talbot Green / Llantrisant Town Boundary Change (Y Graig)	Llantrisant CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change

Proposal	Support of Proposal	Against Proposal	Comments	Recommendation
C2.1 Tyn-Y-Nant / Llantrisant / Llantwit Fardre Boundary Change (Rowan Gardens)	Cllr J James RCTCBC Llantrisant CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
C3.2 Llantrisant / Beddau Boundary Change (The Gables & Ailsa House)	Llantrisant CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
D1 Llantwit Fardre / Church Village Boundary Change (Meadow Farm Estate)	Llantwit Fardre CC	Cllr J James RCTCBC (See Pages 26-28)	Llantrisant CC consulted on this proposal on the wrong areas, they consulted on Llantwit Fardre and Tyn-Y-Nant. Therefore this change does not affect the area they represent.	Support Boundary Change
E1 Llantwit Fardre / Church Village Boundary Change (Dan Y Twyn)	Cllr G Stacey RCTCBC	Cllr J James RCTCBC (See Pages 26-28)		Support Boundary Change
F1 Llanharan / Brynna Boundary Change (Bethlehem View, Chapel Rd)	Llanharan CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change

Proposal	Support of Proposal	Against Proposal	Comments	Recommendation
F2 Llanilid / Llanharan Boundary Change (Powell Drive Estate) *Additional (Heritage Way)	Llanharan CC	Nil		Support Boundary Change
G1 Cwmbach / Mountain Ash Boundary Change (Cefn Pennar Rd)	Cllr P Jarman RCTCBC	Cllr J Elliott RCTCBC (See Page 225)	Submission from Cllr Elliott received after the consultation period closed	Support Boundary Change
H1 Aberaman / Aberdare / Mountain Ash (create new communities that are co terminus with Electoral Divisions of RCT)				Support Boundary Change

