

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Tuesday, 23 October 2018
<b>Report Subject</b>	Parliamentary Constituencies Review Outcome
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Executive

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Boundary Commission for Wales submitted its Final Recommendations Report for the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales on 5 September 2018. The Report was submitted to the Minister for the Cabinet Office pursuant to Section 3 of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986, (as amended).

The recommendations take careful account of all representations made to the Commission throughout the Review. The Commission has recommended constituencies that in its opinion, best gives effect to the Rules in Schedule 2 to the Act.

It is now for Parliament to decide if it wishes to adopt the Commission's recommendations.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	That the report be noted.
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**REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>EXPLAINING THE REPORT ON THE 2018 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSISTUENCIES IN WALES</b>
1.01	On 24 March 2016 the Boundary Commission for Wales (the Commission) announced the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in Wales in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as amended by the Parliamentary Voting System and Constituencies

	Act 2011.
1.02	The Commission published its initial proposals on 13 September 2016. The proposals proceeded on the basis of the new statutory criteria. It was emphasised, however, that the proposals were provisional. The launch of the initial proposals represented the start of a twelve-week consultation during which the public were invited to submit their representations in writing or attend one of five public hearings which were held across Wales and chaired by a team of Assistant Commissioners.
1.03	In February 2017 the Commission published all responses that were received during this initial consultation period. A further statutory four-week period was then available for individuals and organisations to comment on the representations made by others. The Assistant Commissioners reviewed all the representations the Commission received during the first and second consultation period and produced a Report for the Commission.
1.04	<p>The 2018 Parliamentary Boundaries Review Revised Proposals report was formally considered by Flintshire County Council at its meeting on Tuesday 14 November 2017.</p> <p>Following a full discussion, there was concern that the continued use of the current 'Alyn &amp; Deeside' constituency name was inappropriate for an enlarged constituency which would encompass much of the current Delyn constituency.</p> <p>On the 6 December 2017 representations were made to the Commission where the following was proposed –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That there be a formal response seeking a change to the name of the enlarged Alyn &amp; Deeside constituency to East Flintshire, which is a better reflection of geographical identity of the new constituency.</li> </ul>
1.05	The Commission reviewed the representations themselves, and considered the report of the Assistant Commissioners. The Commission published its revised proposals on 17 October 2017 for an eight week period of consultation ending on 11 December 2017.
1.06	The Commission submitted to the Minister for the Cabinet Office on 5 September 2018 a report showing the constituencies that the Commission recommends Wales should be divided into in order to give effect to the Rules set out in Schedule 2 to the Act. These recommendations take careful account of all representations made to the Commission during the first and second consultation periods and the revised proposals consultation. The Commission has recommended constituencies which, in its opinion, best gives effect to the Rules in Schedule 2 to the Act.
1.07	<p><b><u>Final Proposals for the Rhuddlan and Flint County Constituency</u></b></p> <p>The Commission recommends a county constituency be created from:</p> <p>The electoral wards within the existing Delyn CC and the County of Flintshire of Bagillt East, Bagillt West, Brynford, Caerwys, Cilcain, Ffynnongroyw, Flint Castle, Flint Coleshill, Flint Oakenholt, Flint Trelawny, Greenfield, Gronant,</p>

	<p>Halkyn Holywell Central, Holywell East, Holywell West, Mostyn, Northop, Northop Hall, Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor and Whitford; and,</p> <p>The electoral wards within the existing Vale of Clwyd CC and the County of Denbighshire of Dyserth, Prestatyn Central, Prestatyn East, Prestatyn Meliden, Prestatyn North, Prestatyn South West, Rhuddlan, Rhyl East, Rhyl South, Rhyl South East, Rhyl South West and Rhyl West.</p> <p>This constituency would have 75,548 electors which is 1% above the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency.</p> <p>The Commission recommends that the proposed constituency should be named Rhuddlan and Flint. The suggested alternative name is Rhuddlan ac Y Fflint.</p> <p>The existing constituencies affected by the recommended constituency are the following:</p> <p>The existing Delyn CC has a total of 52,388 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electorate range of 71,031 electors per constituency</p> <p>The existing Vale of Clwyd CC has a total of 55,839 electors which is 25% below the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency and 21% below the minimum of the statutory electorate range of 71,031 electors per constituency.</p>
1.08	<p>During the revised proposals consultation period the Commission received representations on the geographical composition of this proposed constituency. The representations provided different views on the proposed constituency. There was concern about combining wards, some of which were coastal and some industrial in nature, within the same constituency. There was also some continued support for a constituency that would retain the existing Vale of Clwyd constituency, and which would include the western electoral wards of Flintshire in order to ensure that the proposed constituency fell within the statutory electorate range.</p> <p>The Commission considered all of the representations. The Commission concluded that the recommended Rhuddlan and Flint constituency, and also the other recommended constituencies in this area, would best meet the statutory criteria overall.</p> <p>The name the Commission recommends for this constituency is Rhuddlan and Flint. The recommended alternative name is Rhuddlan ac Y Fflint.</p> <p>The Commission initially proposed the name Flint and Rhuddlan, having listed the component parts of the proposed constituency in alphabetical order. The change to Rhuddlan and Flint reflects the Welsh language convention which tends to name places from west to east. The Commission received representations that stated that the correct form in the Welsh language would be Y Fflint and has made a change to reflect this. The Commission received a number of representations that suggested different names for this proposed constituency (including replacing Rhuddlan with other names). However, the Commission is of the view that the inclusion of</p>

	<p>Rhuddlan within the recommended name is appropriate as a large part of the recommended constituency comprises the area of the former district council of Rhuddlan.</p> <p>The Commission has considered all the representations made and has concluded that the most appropriate name which best reflects the geographical composition of the proposed constituency and is likely to have greater affinity with electors is Rhuddlan and Flint (Rhuddlan ac Y Fflint).</p>
1.09	<p><b><u>Final Proposals for the Alyn and Deeside County Constituency</u></b></p> <p>The Commission recommends a county constituency be created from:</p> <p>The electoral wards within the existing Alyn and Deeside CC and County of Flintshire of Aston, Broughton North East, Broughton South, Buckley Bistre East, Buckley Bistre West, Buckley Mountain, Buckley Pentrobin, Caergwrie, Ewloe, Connah's Quay Central, Connah's Quay Golftyn, Connah's Quay South, Connah's Quay Wepre, Hawarden, Higher Kinnerton, Hope, Llanfynydd, Mancot, Penyffordd, Queensferry, Saltney Mold Junction, Saltney Stonebridge, Sealand, Shotton East, Shotton Higher, Shotton West and Treuddyn; and,</p> <p>The electoral wards within the existing Delyn CC and County of Flintshire of Argoed, Gwernaffield, Gwernymynydd, Leeswood, Mold Broncoed, Mold East, Mold South, Mold West and New Brighton.</p> <p>This constituency would have 77,032 electors which is 3% above the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency.</p> <p>The Commission recommends that the proposed constituency should be named Alyn and Deeside. The recommended alternative name is Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy.</p> <p>The existing constituencies affected by the recommended constituency are the following:</p> <p>The existing Alyn and Deeside CC has a total of 60,550 electors which is 19% below the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency and 15% below the minimum of the statutory electorate range of 71,031 electors per constituency.</p> <p>The existing Delyn CC has a total of 52,388 electors which is 30% below the UKEQ of 74,769 electors per constituency and 26% below the minimum of the statutory electorate range of 71,031 electors per constituency.</p>
1.10	<p>During the revised proposals consultation period the Commission received few representations on the geographical composition of this proposed constituency. A representation commented that it was good to see the towns of Buckley and Mold within the same constituency, given the local ties between the two, and fully supported this proposed constituency</p> <p>The Commission considered all of the representations. The Commission concluded that the recommended Alyn and Deeside constituency, and also the other recommended constituencies in the area, best meet the statutory</p>

	<p>criteria overall.</p> <p>The name the Commission recommends for this constituency is Alyn and Deeside. The recommended alternative name is Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy.</p> <p>The Commission initially proposed the name Alyn and Deeside, with Alyn and Glannau Dyfrdwy as the alternative name. The Commission received representations stating that the correct form in the Welsh language would be Alun and has accordingly made a change to the recommended name to reflect this.</p> <p>The Commission received representation suggesting an alternative name for this proposed constituency. The Commission has considered all the representations made and has concluded that the most appropriate name which best reflects the geographical composition of the proposed constituency and is likely to have greater affinity with electors is Alyn and Deeside (Alun a Glannau Dyfrdwy).</p>
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<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	None as a result of this report.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix One – Report On The 2018 Review Of Parliamentary Constituencies In Wales

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<p>Guide to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies, Initial Proposals, and Revised Proposals and associated maps.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b> Lynn Phillips, Team Leader – Democratic Services  <b>Telephone:</b> 01352 702329  <b>E-mail:</b> lyn.phillips@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

7.00	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<p><b>The Boundary Commission for Wales</b> - is an independent and impartial non-departmental public body which is responsible for conducting periodic reviews of Parliamentary constituency boundaries in Wales and making recommendations to Parliament for changes.</p> <p><b>Assistant Commissioner</b> - Person appointed by the Secretary of State at the request of the Commission to assist the Commission in the discharge of their functions, normally an independent legally qualified person.</p> <p><b>County Constituency - abbreviated to CC</b> - Parliamentary constituency containing a significant rural element.</p> <p><b>Electoral Ward</b> - The areas into which principal council areas are divided for the purpose of electing county councillors; previously referred to as electoral divisions.</p> <p><b>Electorate</b> - The number of registered parliamentary electors in a given area.</p> <p><b>Initial proposals</b> - Initial proposals for public consultation.</p> <p><b>Revised proposals</b> - The initial proposals as revised.</p> <p><b>Final recommendations</b> - The recommendations submitted in a report to the Secretary of State at the end of a review. They may be the initial or the revised proposals in any given area.</p> <p><b>Representations</b> - The views provided by an individual, group or organisation to the Commission on its initial or revised proposals, either for or against them, including counter-proposals and petitions.</p>