

1981 No. 667

LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Borough of Afan (Electoral Arrangements)

Order 1981

Made - - - - 27th April 1981

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 2

Whereas in pursuance of section 58(1) of the Local Government Act 1972(a) the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales on 30th July 1980 submitted proposals for the future electoral arrangements for the Borough of Afan:

Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred upon me by sections 58(2) and 67 of the said Act, I hereby make the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Borough of Afan (Electoral Arrangements) Order 1981.

2. This Order shall come into operation on 5th May 1983 except that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that day the said Order shall come into operation on 10th October 1982.

3.—(1) The existing wards of the Borough of Afan shall be abolished and the said borough shall be divided into eleven wards which shall bear the names set out in column 1 of Schedule 1 to this Order, and each such ward shall comprise the existing areas specified in column 2 of that Schedule opposite to the name of the ward as given in the said column 1, except that the areas of the Cymmer, Glyncorrwg and Gwynfi wards are the areas demarcated by green lines on the boundary map referred to in the Afan (Communities) Order 1981(b) and designated on that map by reference to the names of the wards of the Community of Glyncorrwg as set out in Article 8(2) of that Order.

(2) The number of councillors to be elected for each such ward shall be the number specified in column 3 of the said Schedule 1 opposite to the name of the ward as given in column 1 of that Schedule.

4. Subject to the provisions of Article 5 below, the election of councillors shall be by thirds.

5.—(1) The whole number of councillors for each ward constituted by this Order shall be elected at the ordinary election of councillors in 1983.

(2) The order of retirement of the councillors elected in 1983 shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Order.

(3) In the Cymmer ward, of the two councillors elected in 1983 the first to retire shall be, subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) below, the councillor elected by the smaller number of votes.

(4) Where the number of councillors elected in 1983 for any ward of the borough is three—

- (a) one councillor shall retire in 1984 being, subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;
- (b) one councillor shall retire in 1986 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1987.

(5) Where the number of councillors elected in 1983 for any ward of the borough (except the Bryn and Cwmavon ward) is four—

- (a) two councillors shall retire in 1984 being, subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) below, the councillors elected by the two smallest numbers of votes;
- (b) one councillor shall retire in 1986 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillor elected by the next smallest number of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1987.

(6) In the Bryn and Cwmavon ward, of the four councillors elected in 1983—

- (a) one councillor shall retire in 1984 being, subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) below, the councillor elected by the smallest number of votes;
- (b) two councillors shall retire in 1986 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillors elected by the next two smallest numbers of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1987.

(7) In the Sandfields West ward, of the five councillors elected in 1983—

- (a) two councillors shall retire in 1984 being, subject to paragraphs (8) and (9) below, the councillors elected by the two smallest numbers of votes;
- (b) two councillors shall retire in 1986 being, subject as aforesaid, the councillors elected by the next two smallest numbers of votes;
- (c) the remaining councillor shall retire in 1987.

(8) In the case of an equality of votes between any persons elected which makes it uncertain which of them is to retire in any such year, the person to retire in that year shall be determined by lot.

(9) If an election of councillors for any ward is not contested, the person to retire in each such year shall be determined by lot.

(10) Where under this Article any question is to be determined by lot, the lot shall be drawn at the next practicable meeting of the council after the question has arisen, and the drawing shall be conducted under the direction of the person presiding at the meeting.

(11) Except as otherwise provided in the foregoing paragraphs of this Article the term of office of councillors shall be four years, and all councillors shall retire on the fourth day after the ordinary day of election of councillors of the borough in the year of retirement and the newly elected councillors shall come into office on the day on which their predecessors retire.

Home Office.
27th April 1981.

W. S. I. Whitelaw,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

SCHEDULE 1

Article 3.

NAMES AND AREAS OF AND NUMBERS OF COUNCILLORS FOR NEW WARDS

1 Name of New Ward	2 Area of New Ward	3 Number of Councillors
Aberavon	The Community of Aberavon ..	3
Baglan	The Communities of Baglan and Baglan Bay	4
Bryn and Cwmavon ..	The Communities of Bryn and Cwmavon	4
Cymmer	The Cymmer ward of the Community of Glyncoerwg	2
Glyncoerwg	The Glyncoerwg ward of the Community of Glyncoerwg ..	1
Gwynfi	The Gwynfi ward of the Community of Glyncoerwg	1
Margam	The Communities of Margam and Margam Moors	1
Port Talbot	The Community of Port Talbot ..	3
Sandfields East ..	The Community of Sandfields East	4
Sandfields West ..	The Community of Sandfields West	5
Tai Bach	The Community of Tai Bach ..	3

ORDER OF RETIREMENT OF COUNCILLORS

Name of Ward	Number of Councillors to retire in 1984	Number of Councillors to retire in 1986	Number of Councillors to retire in 1987
Aberavon	1	1	1
Baglan	2	1	1
Bryn and Cwmavon ..	1	2	1
Cymmer	0	1	1
Glyncorrgw	0	0	1
Gwynfi	0	0	1
Margam	0	0	1
Port Talbot	1	1	1
Sandfields East	2	1	1
Sandfields West	2	2	1
Tai Bach	1	1	1