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WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2021 No. 1084 (W. 258)**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WALES**

**The County Borough of Bridgend  
(Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021**

*Made - - - - 22 September 2021  
Coming into force in accordance with article 1(2) and  
(3)*

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales<sup>(1)</sup> has, in accordance with section 36(5) of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013<sup>(2)</sup> (“the 2013 Act”), submitted to the Welsh Ministers a report dated October 2019 containing its recommendations for change and the details of its review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend.

The Welsh Ministers have, after consideration of the matters referred to and set out in section 37(2) (a) and (c) of the 2013 Act, decided to give effect to those recommendations with modifications.

In accordance with section 37(3) of the 2013 Act, more than 6 weeks have elapsed since those recommendations were submitted to the Welsh Ministers.

The Welsh Ministers make the following Order in exercise of their powers conferred by section 37(1) of the 2013 Act.

**Title and commencement**

1.—(1) The title of this Order is the County Borough of Bridgend (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021.

(2) For any purpose set out in regulation 4(1) of the Regulations, this Order comes into force on 1 October 2021.

(3) For all other purposes, this Order comes into force on the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022<sup>(3)</sup>.

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(1) The Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales was established by section 53 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70) (“the 1972 Act”). Section 53 and Schedule 8 were repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (anaw 4) (“the 2013 Act”). The 2013 Act re-names the Local Government Boundary Commission for Wales as the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (see section 2).

(2) 2013 anaw 4.

(3) The Local Authorities (Change to the Years of Ordinary Elections) (Wales) Order 2019 (S.I. 2019/1269 (W. 220)) amends section 26(1) of the 1972 Act to provide that the year in which the ordinary elections of councillors of local authorities shall take place is 2022 instead of 2021.

## Interpretation

### 2. In this Order—

“electoral ward” (“*ward etholiadol*”) means any area for which members are elected to Bridgend County Borough Council;

“the Regulations” (“*y Rheoliadau*”) means the Local Government Area Changes Regulations 1976(4);

any reference to a map means one of the 7 maps marked “Map of the County Borough of Bridgend (Electoral Arrangements) Order 2021” deposited in accordance with regulation 5 of the Regulations, labelled “1” to “7”, and a reference to a numbered map is a reference to the map that bears that number;

where a boundary is shown on a map as running along a road, railway line, footway, watercourse or similar geographical feature, it is to be treated as running along the centre line of the feature;

words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in Part 3 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013, except so far as a contrary intention appears.

## Electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend

3.—(1) The electoral wards of the County Borough of Bridgend, as they exist immediately before the ordinary day of election of councillors in 2022, are abolished.

(2) The County Borough of Bridgend is divided into 28 electoral wards each bearing the English language name listed in column 1 and the Welsh language name listed in column 2 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(3) Each electoral ward comprises the areas specified in relation to that electoral ward in column 3 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(4) The number of members of the council to be elected for each electoral ward is the number specified in column 4 of the Table in the Schedule to this Order.

(5) The provisions in this Order take precedence over any conflicting provision in any previous statutory instrument made under section 58(2) of the Local Government Act 1972(5).

## The community of Brackla: creation of community wards

### 4. The community of Brackla is to be divided into the following wards—

- (a) the Brackla West ward shown hatched on Map 1;
- (b) the Brackla West Central ward shown hatched on Map 2;
- (c) the Brackla East Central ward shown hatched on Map 3;
- (d) the Brackla East ward shown hatched on Map 4.

## The community of Brackla: consequential changes to electoral arrangements

### 5. In the community of Brackla—

- (a) the number of members to be elected for the Brackla West ward is 3;
- (b) the number of members to be elected for the Brackla West Central ward is 3;

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(4) *S.I. 1976/246*. Section 74(3) of the 2013 Act provides that the Regulations continue to have effect in relation to orders made under Part 3 of the 2013 Act, as if those orders were made under Part 4 of the 1972 Act.

(5) *1972 c. 70*; section 58 of the 1972 Act was repealed by section 73(2) of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2013 Act, subject to savings provisions specified in section 74 of the 2013 Act.

- (c) the number of members to be elected for the Brackla East Central ward is 3;
- (d) the number of members to be elected for the Brackla East ward is 3.

**The community of Porthcawl: changes to community ward boundaries**

- 6. In the community of Porthcawl—
  - (a) the part of the Nottage ward shown hatched on Map 5 is transferred to the Rest Bay ward;
  - (b) the part of the Rest Bay ward shown hatched on Map 6 is transferred to the West Central ward;
  - (c) the part of the Newton ward shown cross-hatched on Map 7 is transferred to the East Central ward;
  - (d) the part of the West Central ward shown hatched on Map 7 is transferred to the East Central ward.

**The community of Porthcawl: consequential changes to electoral arrangements**

- 7. In the community of Porthcawl—
  - (a) the number of members to be elected for the Nottage ward is 3;
  - (b) the number of members to be elected for the Newton ward is 3;
  - (c) the number of members to be elected for the West Central 3;
  - (d) the number of members to be elected for the East Central ward is 6.

22 September 2021

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## SCHEDULE

Article 3

NAMES AND AREAS OF ELECTORAL WARDS  
AND NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

**Table**

<i>Column (1)</i>	<i>Column (2)</i>	<i>Column (3)</i>	<i>Column (4)</i>
<i>English language name of electoral ward</i>	<i>Welsh language name of electoral ward</i>	<i>Area of electoral ward</i>	<i>Number of members of the council</i>
Aberkenfig	Abercynffig	The Aberkenfig ward of the community of Newcastle Higher and the community of Llangynwyd Lower	1
Blackmill	Melin Ifan Ddu	The Blackmill and Evanstown wards of the community of Ogmores Valley	1
Brackla East and Coychurch Lower	Dwyrain Bracla a Llangrallo Isaf	The Brackla East ward of the community of Brackla and the community of Coychurch Lower	2
Brackla East Central	Canol Dwyrain Bracla	The Brackla East Central ward of the community of Brackla	1
Brackla West	Gorllewin Bracla	The Brackla West ward of the community of Brackla	1
Brackla West Central	Canol Gorllewin Bracla	The Brackla West Central ward of the community of Brackla	1
Bridgend Central	Canol Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr	The Morfa and Newcastle wards of the community of Bridgend	3
Bryntirion, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr	Bryntirion, Trelales a Merthyr Mawr	The community of Merthyr Mawr, and the Laleston / Bryntirion ward of the community of Laleston	3
Caerau	Caerau	The Caerau and Nantyffyllon wards of the community of Maesteg	2
Cefn-glas	Cefn-glas	The Cefn Glas 1 and Cefn Glas 2 wards of the community of Laleston	2
Coity Higher	Coety Uchaf	The community of Coity Higher	3

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Cornelly	Corneli	The community of Cornelly	3
Garw Valley	Cwm Garw	The community of Garw Valley	3
Llangynwyd	Llangynwyd	The Cwmfelin and Pont-rhyd-y-cyff wards of the community of Llangynwyd Middle	1
Maesteg East	Dwyrain Maesteg	The East ward of the community of Maesteg	2
Maesteg West	Gorllewin Maesteg	The West ward of the community of Maesteg	2
Nant-y-moel	Nant-y-moel	The Nant-y-moel ward of the community of Ogmore Valley	1
Newton	Drenewydd	The Newton ward of the community of Porthcawl	1
Nottage	Notais	The Nottage ward of the community of Porthcawl	1
Ogmore Vale	Bro Ogwr	The Ogmore Vale ward of the community of Ogmore Valley	1
Oldcastle	Hengastell	The Oldcastle ward of the community of Bridgend	2
Pencoed and Penprysg	Pencoed a Phenprysg	The community of Pencoed and the community of Coychurch Higher	3
Pen-y-fai	Pen-y-fai	The Pen-y-fai ward of the community of Newcastle Higher	1
Porthcawl East Central	Canol Dwyrain Porthcawl	The East Central ward of the community of Porthcawl	2
Porthcawl West Central	Canol Gorllewin Porthcawl	The West Central ward of the community of Porthcawl	1
Pyle, Kenfig Hill and Cefn Cribwr	Y Pîl, Cynffig a Cefn Cribwr	The communities of Cefn Cribwr and Pyle	3
Rest Bay	Rest Bay	The Rest Bay ward of the community of Porthcawl	1

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St Bride's Minor and Ynysawdre	Llansanffraid-ar-Ogwr ac Ynysawdre	The communities of St Bride's Minor and Ynysawdre	3

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order implements the recommendations of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”), which reported in October 2019 on its review of the electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend. The Commission’s Report proposed a reduction in the number of electoral wards from 39 to 28, and a reduction in the number of councillors from 54 to 51.

This Order implements the Commission’s recommendations, with modifications.

Article 3 of this Order abolishes the existing electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend and introduces the Schedule, which sets out the new electoral arrangements for the County Borough of Bridgend.

This Order also implements recommendations for changes to the electoral arrangements for some communities within the County Borough of Bridgend.

Article 4 creates the new community wards of Brackla West, Brackla West Central, Brackla East Central and Brackla East within the community of Brackla. Article 5 sets out the number of members to be elected for these new wards.

Article 6 makes changes to the boundaries between the community wards of Nottage, Rest Bay, Newton, West Central and East Central within the community of Porthcawl. Article 7 makes changes to the number of members to be elected for the Nottage, Newton, West Central and East Central wards.

The Welsh Ministers’ Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, it was not considered necessary to carry out a regulatory impact assessment as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order.

Prints of the maps labelled “1” to “7” to which this Order relates are deposited in the office of the Welsh Government at Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ (Local Government Democracy Division), and with Bridgend County Borough Council. Prints deposited with Bridgend County Borough Council are open to inspection by anyone affected by the provisions of this Order.