

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 29TH JULY, 2019

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 15TH JULY, 2019

“C45 LOCAL DEMOCRACY AND BOUNDARY COMMISSION FOR WALES - VALE OF GLAMORGAN ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS REVIEW (LRPS) –

The Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales (“the Commission”) had a duty under Section 29 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 to review the electoral arrangements for each principal area at least once every ten years.

The Commission commenced its review of the Vale of Glamorgan Council on 8th May, 2019, and had invited the Vale of Glamorgan Council to provide proposals as part of the first stage of the review by 30th July, 2019.

In light of the matters that the Commission would consider and have regard to as part of the review, the report recommended proposals for submission.

The Cabinet Member stated it was proposed to increase the number of Vale Councillors to 51 in line with the Commission’s ‘Council Size Policy’, and so it was proposed that the existing number of Councillors for each of the existing wards for the Vale of Glamorgan Council remain unchanged save for the Baruc ward which increases from 2 to 3 Councillors, Rhoose ward from 2 to 3 Councillors, St. Athan from 1 to 2 Councillors and St. Augustine's from 2 to 3 Councillors. The Cabinet Member also highlighted that it was proposed that no change be made to the Wenvoe ward. For the 4 Member wards it was proposed that the Dinas Powys and Llantwit Major Wards remain unchanged having regard to the impact of the 5 year population forecast, the local support for the existing arrangements from Councillors and no concerns having been raised with the Electoral Registration Officer by the electorate.

The Cabinet Member also advised that it was important to recognise that the number on the electoral role was not the same as the number of residents.

Cabinet, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Cabinet recommends to Council (in accordance with the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission for Wales' Council size determination for the

Vale of Glamorgan Council) that the proposals set out at paragraphs 2.1 – 2.4 of the report be submitted to the Commission as part of their electoral arrangement review.

(2) T H A T the report be referred to Council for consideration on 29th July, 2019.

(3) T H A T the Urgent Decision Procedure (paragraph 14.14 2(ii) of the Council's Constitution refers) applies to the report.

Reasons for decisions

(1) To agree a proposal as requested by the Commission.

(2&3) To meet the deadline set by the Commission of 30th July, 2019.”