

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**County Council
19 October 2017.**

REPORT AUTHOR: Solicitor to the Council

SUBJECT: 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies

REPORT FOR: Response to Consultation

On 17 October 2017 the Boundary Commission for Wales published their Revised Proposals for the 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. The Act of Parliament reduces the number of constituencies in the UK and sets an electoral quota which requires each constituency to have an electorate, as at the review date, that is not smaller than 71,031 and no larger than 78,507.

Revised Proposal Summary

In its revised report, the Commission proposes a county constituency of **Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery (Aberhonddu, Maesyfed a Threfaldwyn)**, as shown in appendix 1, the blue line shows the revised county constituency boundary. The new constituency would contain the existing constituency of Brecon & Radnorshire and the following wards of Montgomeryshire: Caersws, Churchstoke, Dolforwyn, Forden, Kerry, Llandinam, Montgomery, Newtown Central, Newtown East, Newtown Llanllwchaiarn North, Newtown Llanllwchaiarn West, Newtown South, Rhiwcyon, including the Blaen Hafren and Llanidloes wards (which in previous proposals had been joined to the Ceredigion constituency).

The constituency would have an electorate of 74,903.

The Commission proposes a revised county constituency of **De Clwyd a Gogledd Maldwyn (South Clwyd and North Montgomeryshire)**, appendix 2, which joins electoral wards from Denbighshire and Wrexham with the following wards from Powys: Banwy, Guilsfield, Llandrinio, Llandysilio, Llanfair Caereinion, Llanfihangel, Llanfyllin, Llanrhaeadrym-Mochnant/Llansilin, Llansantffraid, Llanwyddyn, Meifod, Trewern, Welshpool Castle, Welshpool Gungrog, Welshpool Llanerchuddol and now also includes Berriew (which in the previous proposal was included in the Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery constituency).

This new constituency would have an electorate of 71,570.

The Powys electoral wards of Glantwymyn, Llanbrynmair and Machynlleth are included in the revised county constituency of **Ceredigion a Gogledd Sir Benfro (Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire)** as shown in appendix 3. Which comprises the existing constituency of Ceredigion with electoral wards from Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire.

This new constituency would have an electorate of 71,467.

A full copy of the report is available at the Boundary Commission for Wales website: www.bcomm-wales.gov.uk/2018-review.

The Commission are inviting representations on their revised proposals between 17 October and 11 December 2017. Any individual can make representations via the Commission's Consultation Portal www.bcw2018.org.uk, by email to bcomm.wales@wales.gsi.gov.uk or by post to: Boundary Commission for Wales, Hastings House, Fitzalan Court, Cardiff, CF24 0BL.

There is no County Council scheduled between now and the end of the consultation period on 11 December, therefore we propose that:

1. Any representations that members would like Group Leaders to consider in the Council's response should be sent to electoral.sevices@powys.gov.uk by 3 November 2017.
2. Group Leaders are given delegated authority to meet and prepare a response on behalf of the County Council.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>1. Representations are sent to electoral.sevices@powys.gov.uk by 3 November for Group Leaders consideration.</p> <p>2. To provide Group Leaders with delegated authority to consider and provide a Powys County Council response.</p>	<p>To provide the Boundary Commission with representations from Powys County Council.</p>

Relevant Policy (ies):	
Within Policy:	N/A
Within Budget:	N/A

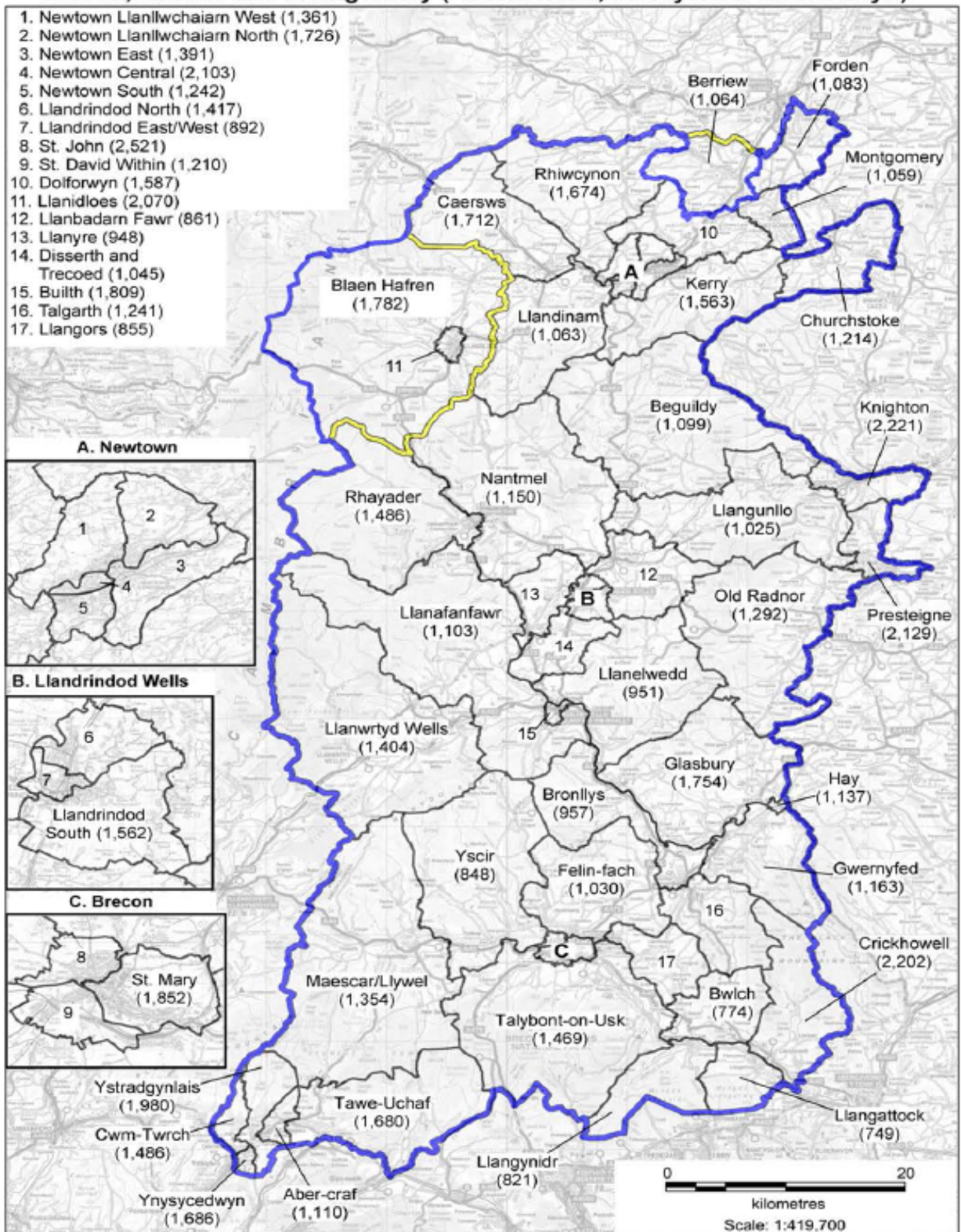
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Relevant Portfolio Member(s):	County Councillor Aled Davies
Relevant Local Member(s):	All Members

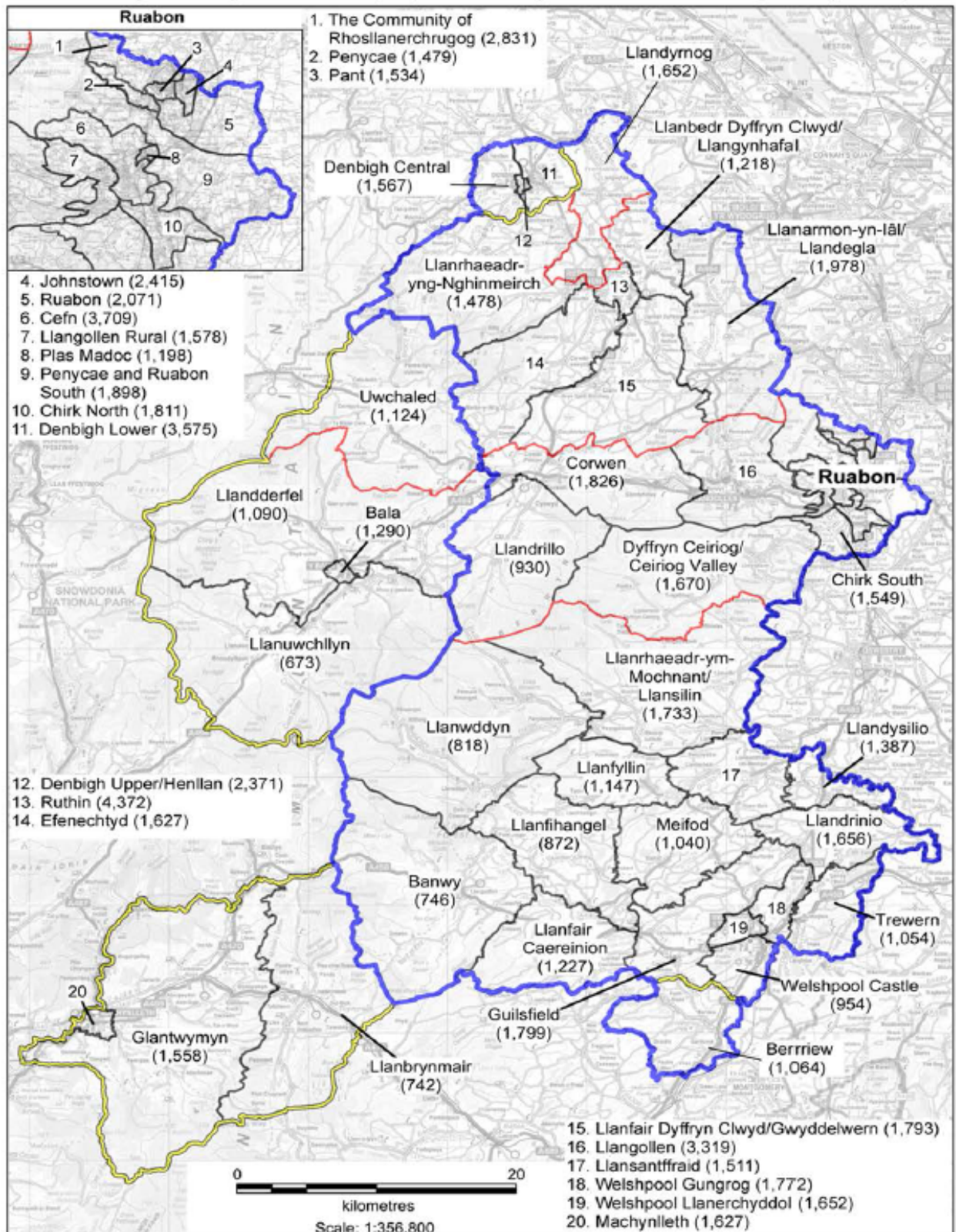
Background Papers used to prepare Report: Boundary Commission for Wales, 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies – Revised Proposals Report.

Appendix 1

Brecon, Radnor and Montgomery (Aberhonddu, Maesyfed a Threfaldwyn)



De Clwyd a Gogledd Maldwyn (South Clwyd and North Montgomeryshire)



Ceredigion a Gogledd Sir Benfro (Ceredigion and North Pembrokeshire)

