

**Community Reviews under the Local
Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act
2025 – Final Recommendations Report**

Foreword

Final Recommendations for the Communities of Flintshire County Council

This report presents our final recommendations for the communities within the county of Flintshire. The review has been carried out in accordance with the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 and the Council's Terms of Reference.

Fairness is a central principle embedded in the legislation and has guided the Council throughout this process. In line with our statutory obligations, we have also considered future developments and obtained five-year electorate projections.

In formulating these final recommendations, we have considered local connections and the views of those advocating for the retention of existing boundaries. Every representation submitted has been carefully reviewed. However, these considerations have had to be balanced against other statutory factors and constraints, particularly the need to ensure that communities continue to reflect local identities and support effective and convenient local government. Where changes to community or ward boundaries are proposed, the Council has also considered the importance of electoral parity and democratic fairness for all electors.

We appreciate the contributions made by town and community councils, as well as all individuals and organisations who submitted representations.

Draft Proposals Report and Final Recommendations

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1. Summary of Draft Proposals and Final Recommendations

- 1.1 As a principal council, Flintshire County Council undertook Community Reviews under sections 25 and 31 of the Local Government (Democracy) (Wales) Act 2013 (“the Act”). The Terms of Reference for the review can be found on the Council’s website.
- 1.2 The Council contacted all town and community councils, stakeholders, and the public, inviting submissions for proposals for each stage of the review. These are now the final recommendations, which has been submitted to the Council for consideration.
- 1.3 The Council proposed amendments to the boundaries of two town council wards within the town of Connah’s Quay and asked for further observations on proposals made by Cilcain Community Council and Penyffordd Community Council.
- 1.4 The Council also proposed amendments to the electoral arrangements (i.e. the number of councillors per ward) for Flint Town Council, Hawarden Community Council and Sealand Community Council and asked for further observations in respect of the different options identified for Bagillt Community Council and Saltney Town Council.
- 1.5 The Council recommends amendments to the boundaries of two town council wards within the town of Connah’s Quay, the boundary between Cilcain Community Council and Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council and the boundary between Buckley Town Council and Penyffordd Community Council.

The Council also recommends amendments to the electoral arrangements for Bagillt Community Council, Flint Town Council and Saltney Town Council.

2. Council Size

- 2.1 The table below sets out the Town and Community Council size ratio of councillors to electors to be used as a flexible guide:

Electorate	Suggested Councillor Allocation	Electorate	Suggested Councillor Allocation
0 – 299	7	2000 – 3999	13
300 – 499	8	4000 – 5999	14
500 – 749	9	6000 – 8999	15
750 – 999	10	9000 – 11,999	16
1000 – 1499	11	12,000 +	17 - 20
1500 – 1999	12		

3. Undertaking the Review

3.1 Flintshire County Council has conducted a wide consultation:

- Seeking the opinions and recommendations of town and community councils, Members of Flintshire County Council, Members of Parliament, Members of the Senedd and members of the public.
- Flintshire County Council has promoted this review via the Council website and has also provided all Town and Community Clerks with the relevant public notices to advertise the review within local communities.

Stakeholders:

- Residents of Flintshire
- Town and Community Councils
- Flintshire County Council Members
- Becky Gittins, MP
- Mark Tami, MP
- Jack Sargeant, MS
- Hannah Blythyn, MS
- Llyr Gruffydd, MS
- Mark Isherwood, MS
- Samuel Rowlands, MS
- Carolyn Thomas, MS

3.2 The Council agreed the terms of reference to govern the review on 2 July 2025.

4. Consideration of Submissions

4.1 During the first stage consultation submissions were received from:

- 28 Town and Community Councils
- 4 Town and Community Councillors
- 20 Members of the public
- 1 Local Political Party

During the second stage consultation submissions were received from:

- 9 Town and Community Councils
- 3 County Councillors
- 1 Town and Community Councillor
- 6 Members of the public

4.2 All representations are published on the Council's website.

5. Draft Proposals and Final Recommendations

5.1 Argoed Community Council

The current community arrangements in Argoed consist of two wards: Argoed and New Brighton. The community has a total electorate of 4,643 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Current Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Argoed	2,163	2,253	7
New Brighton	2,480	2,699	7
Total	4,643	4,952	14

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Argoed. The Council also proposes that the Welsh name for New Brighton should be Pentre Cythrel.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.2 Bagillt Community Council

The current community arrangements in Bagillt consist of two wards: East and West. The community has a total electorate of 3,111 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
East	1,442	1,455	7
West	1,669	1,682	7
Total	3,111	3,137	14

Representations

The Council received three representations concerning the community of Bagillt. One from Bagillt Community Council and two from members of the Community Council. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council welcomes observations on the following two options:

1. The Council proposes that the Community Council's warding arrangements should be removed. This would follow the Principal Council's warding arrangements.
2. The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

The Council proposes no changes to the number of community councillors.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Bagillt.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Bagillt Community Council. The Council recommends that the Community Council's warding arrangements should be removed. This would follow the Principal Council's warding arrangements.

5.3 Broughton and Bretton Community Council

The current community arrangements in Broughton and Bretton consist of two wards: North East and South. The community has a total electorate of 5,162 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
North East	1,756	1,769	5
South	3,406	3,432	9
Total	5,162	5,201	14

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Broughton and Bretton. This was from a member of the public. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Broughton and Bretton and the Welsh community name of Brychdyn a Bretton.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Broughton and Bretton Community Council to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.4 Brynford Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 834 and is represented by 10 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Brynford	834	847	10
Total	834	847	10

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Brynford. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Brynford and the Welsh community name of Brynffordd.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.5 Buckley Town Council

The current town arrangements in Buckley consist of four wards: Bistre East, Bistre West, Mountain, and Pentrobin. The town has a total electorate of 12,713 and is represented by 20 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Bistre East	3,376	3,412	5
Bistre West	3,179	3,515	5
Mountain	2,028	2,129	3
Pentrobin	4,130	4,166	7
Total	12,713	13,222	20

Representations

The Council received four representations concerning the town of Buckley. One from Buckley Town Council and three from members of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Buckley and the Welsh town name of Bwcle.

Final recommendations

The Council received two further representations. One from Buckley Town Council and one from a member of the public. The representations related to Little Mountain Road and the Council recommends that the external boundary be amended as shown on the map in Appendix one. This amends the external boundary between Penyffordd Community Council and Buckley Town Council – Bistre East ward.

Consequential Changes – Principal council electoral ward arrangements

The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these recommendations.

As a consequence of the recommended change to the community boundaries, the Council recommends that the same changes are applied to the existing electoral wards of Penyffordd and Buckley: Bistre East.

5.6 Caerwys Town Council

The town has a total electorate of 1,047 and is represented by 11 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Caerwys	1,047	1,167	11
Total	1,047	1,167	11

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the town of Caerwys. This was from the Town Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh town name of Caerwys.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.7 Cilcain Community Council

The current community arrangements in Cilcain consist of two wards: Cilcain and Rhydymwyn. The community has a total electorate of 1,174 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cilcain	637	639	6
Rhydymwyn	537	539	6
Total	1,174	1,178	12

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Cilcain. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

But welcomes further observations on the following proposal by Cilcain Community Council.

A -The Council maintains that the eight properties listed below, which are in close proximity (0.25 miles) to the Rhydymwyn village, should be in the Rhydymwyn Ward of Cilcain CC. These properties are some distance away (1.5 miles) from Pantymwyn village:

Tros yr Afon
Tros yr Afon Cottage
Rose Cottage
Twmpath Top
Twmpath Cottage
Alyn View
Twmpath Barn
Bodlonddeb

The residents living in these eight properties are very involved in Rhydymwyn village groups and social activities, for example the Rhydymwyn Flood Warning Group and the Rhydymwyn and Hendre Action Group.

B - The recent highly controversial dispute regarding the installation of an anaerobic digestion facility at the site hatched blue on the attached plan demonstrates the need for this land to be within the Cilcain (Rhydymwyn) Ward boundary. The land is designated for industrial use, is on the border of Rhydymwyn village (0.2 miles), and affects Rhydymwyn village residents and not Rhosesmor village residents who live on the other side of the mountain (0.75 miles away). Cilcain Community Council therefore requests that the Ward boundary be amended accordingly.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Cilcain.

Final recommendations

The Council received five further representations. One from Cilcain Community Council, two from members of the public and two from the local members. As part of the Community Council's representation residents of the nine properties were surveyed. Eight of the nine properties were in favour of the proposal. One objection was received to the Community Council's proposal. The Council recommends that the external boundary be amended as shown on the map in appendix one. This amends the boundary between the Rhydymwyn ward of Cilcain Community Council and the Pantymwyn ward of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council.

Consequential Changes – Principal council electoral ward arrangements

The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these recommendations.

As a consequence of the recommended change to the community boundaries, the Council recommends that the same changes are applied to the existing electoral wards of Gwernaffield & Pantymwyn and Cilcain.

5.8 Connah's Quay Town Council

The current town arrangements in Connah's Quay consist of four wards: Central, Golftyn, South and Wepre. The town has a total electorate of 12,753 and is represented by 20 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Central	3,551	3,587	5
Golftyn	3,801	4,139	6
South	3,666	3,702	6
Wepre	1,735	1,771	3
Total	12,753	13,199	20

Representations

The Council received four representations concerning the town of Connah's Quay. One from the Town Council, one from a Town Councillor and two from members of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes that the following properties are moved from Golftyn ward to the Central ward.

14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 50 Hillside Avenue

1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 River View.

This would ensure that streets would not be split into two different wards, an anomaly that arose following the last Flintshire County Council electoral review.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Connah's Quay and the Welsh town name of Cei Connah.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged. The Council recommends that the internal boundary be amended as shown on the map in appendix one. This amends the internal boundary between Golftyn and Central wards.

Consequential Changes – Principal council electoral ward arrangements

The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these recommendations.

As a consequence of the recommended change to the community boundaries, the Council recommends that the same changes are applied to the existing electoral wards of Connah's Quay: Golftyn and Connah's Quay Central.

5.9 Flint Town Council

The current town arrangements in Flint consist of four wards: Castle, Coleshill, Oakenholt and Trelawny. The town has a total electorate of 10,453 and is represented by 15 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Castle	1,698	1,734	3
Coleshill	3,037	3,330	5
Oakenholt	2,560	2,596	3
Trelawny	3,158	3,325	4
Total	10,453	10,985	15

Representations

The Council received three representations concerning the town of Flint. One from the Town Council and two from members of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes amendments to the Town Council's electoral arrangements as follows –

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Castle	1,698	1,734	3
Coleshill	3,037	3,330	5
Oakenholt	2,560	2,596	3
Trelawny	3,158	3,325	5
Total	10,453	10,985	16

This is the suggested allocation of councillors based on the electorate.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Flint and the Welsh town name of Y Fflint.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Flint Town Council to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.10 Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn Community Council

The current community arrangements in Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn consist of two wards: Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn. The community has a total electorate of 1,609 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Gwernaffield	795	797	6
Pantymwyn	814	816	6
Total	1,609	1,613	12

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Gwernaffield and Pantymwyn and the Welsh community name of Y Waun a Pantymwyn.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.11 Gwernymynydd Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 924 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Gwernymynydd	924	948	11
Total	924	948	11

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Gwernymynydd. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Gwernymynydd.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.12 Halkyn Community Council

The current community arrangements in Halkyn consist of two wards: Halkyn Mountain and Pentre Halkyn. The community has a total electorate of 2,314 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Halkyn Mountain	1,418	1,429	8
Pentre Halkyn	896	898	5
Total	2,314	2,327	13

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Halkyn. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Halkyn and the Welsh town name of Helygain.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.13 Hawarden Community Council

The current community arrangements in Hawarden consist of three wards: Aston, Ewloe, and Mancot. The community has a total electorate of 11,200 and is represented by 21 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Aston	3,291	3,317	7
Ewloe	4,476	4,983	7
Mancot	3,433	3,928	7
Total	11,200	12,228	21

Representations

The Council received three representations concerning the community of Hawarden. One from the Community Council, one from a Community Councillor and one from a member of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes amendments to the Community Council's electoral arrangements as follows –

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Aston	3,291	3,317	6
Ewloe	4,476	4,983	7
Mancot	3,433	3,928	7
Total	11,200	12,228	20

The number of councillors was increased following the last Flintshire electoral review by the DBCC. This would be in line with the suggested and maximum allocation for the total electorate.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Hawarden and the Welsh community name of Penarlâg.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Hawarden Community Council. The Council recommends that the current electoral arrangements remain in place for the reasons outlined by the Community Council.

5.14 Higher Kinnerton Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 1,459 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Higher Kinnerton	1,459	1,472	9
Total	1,459	1,472	9

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Higher Kinnerton. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Higher Kinnerton and the Welsh community name of Kinnerton Uchaf.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.15 Holywell Town Council

The current town arrangements in Holywell consist of four wards: Central, East, Greenfield, and West. The town has a total electorate of 6,851 and is represented by 15 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Central	1,574	1,705	3
East	1,427	1,463	3
Greenfield	2,009	2,045	5
West	1,841	1,976	4
Total	6,851	7,189	15

Representations

The Council received four representations concerning the town of Holywell. One from the Town Council and three from members of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Holywell and the Welsh town name of Treffynnon.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.16 Hope Community Council

The current community arrangements in Hope consist of two wards: Caergwrle and Hope. The community has a total electorate of 3,263 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Caergwrle	1,222	1,398	6
Hope	2,041	2,067	8
Total	3,263	3,465	14

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Hope. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Hope and the Welsh community name of Yr Hôb.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.17 Leeswood and Pontblyddyn Community Council

The current community arrangements in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn consist of two wards: Leeswood and Pontblyddyn. The community has a total electorate of 1,607 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Leeswood	1,364	1,433	11
Pontblyddyn	243	245	2
Total	1,607	1,678	13

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Leeswood and Pontblyddyn and the Welsh community name of Coed-llai a Pontblyddyn.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.18 Llanasa Community Council

The current community arrangements in Llanasa consist of three wards: Axton, Ffynnongroyw and Gronant. The community has a total electorate of 3,517 and is represented by 14 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Axton	783	785	3
Ffynnongroyw	1,473	1,516	6
Gronant	1,261	1,362	5
Total	3,517	3,663	14

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Llanasa. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Llanasa.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.19 Llanfynydd Community Council

The current community arrangements in Llanfynydd consist of four wards: Cefn y Bedd, Cymau, Ffrith and Pontybodkin. The community has a total electorate of 1,516 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Cefn y Bedd	491	581	4
Cymau	355	357	3
Ffrith	472	474	3
Pontybodkin	198	200	2
Total	1,516	1,612	12

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Llanfynydd. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Llanfynydd.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.20 Mold Town Council

The current town arrangements in Mold consist of four wards: Broncoed, East, South, and West. The town has a total electorate of 8,026 and is represented by 16 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Broncoed	2,048	2,179	4
East	1,992	2,028	4
South	2,248	2,284	4
West	1,738	2,192	4
Total	8,026	8,683	16

Representations

The Council received eight representations concerning the town of Mold. One from the Town Council and seven from members of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English town name of Mold and the Welsh town name of Yr Wyddgrug.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.21 Mostyn Community Council

The current community arrangements in Mostyn consist of two wards: Mostyn and Rhewl Mostyn. The community has a total electorate of 1,466 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Mostyn	1,002	1,152	8
Rhewl Mostyn	464	477	3
Total	1,466	1,629	11

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Mostyn. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Mostyn.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.22 Nannerch Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 386 and is represented by 8 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Nannerch	386	388	8
Total	386	388	8

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Nannerch. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Nannerch.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from the local member to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged

5.23 Nercwys Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 481 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Nercwys	481	483	9
Total	481	483	9

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Nercwys.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.24 Northop and Sychdyn Community Council

The current community arrangements in Northop and Sychdyn consist of two wards: Northop and Sychdyn. The Community has a total electorate of 2,526 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Northop	1,031	1,044	6
Sychdyn	1,495	1,508	7
Total	2,526	2,552	13

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Northop and Sychdyn. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Northop and Sychdyn. The Council also proposes that the Welsh name for Northop and Sychdyn should be Llaneurgain a Sychdyn.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Northop and Sychdyn Community Council to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged

5.25 Northop Hall Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 1,426 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Northop Hall	1,426	1,439	11
Total	1,426	1,439	11

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Northop Hall. The Welsh name for the Community Council will be changed once agreed by the County Council.

Final recommendations

The Council received two further representations from the local member and the Chairman of Northop Hall Community Council to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged. The representations were regarding the Welsh name for the Community Council and asked for this to be Pentre-moch.

5.26 Penyffordd Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 4,020 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Penyffordd	4,020	4,121	13
Total	4,020	4,121	13

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Penyffordd. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

But welcomes further observations on the following proposal by Penyffordd Community Council.

Penyffordd Community Council considers the proposed boundary changes desirable in the interests of effective and convenient local government for the following reasons:

Little Mountain Road - currently one side of the road falls within Penyffordd CC and the other Buckley/Bistre TC. We believe this area/road should be all in one council.

Stryt Isa – the boundary is currently just over the railway bridge (into Hope), two properties on right hand side should come into Penyffordd CC which will straighten off the boundary.

Clarity for residents – At present, the boundaries of **Little Mountain Road and Stryt Isa** divide individual streets between two separate councils. This can cause uncertainty for residents regarding which council is responsible for representing them, providing local services, or responding to their concerns. Allocating each road fully to a single council would remove this confusion and ensure residents know exactly who to contact.

Efficiency in administration – Having one road administered by two separate councils results in duplication of effort and, in some cases, inconsistent approaches. Aligning the boundaries so that each road falls fully within one council area will simplify administration, improve coordination, and reduce inefficiencies.

Consistency in community identity – Roads such as Little Mountain Road and Stryt Isa function as single, cohesive communities. Splitting them between councils does not reflect the way residents experience and identify with their area. Realigning boundaries would ensure each road is treated as one community, represented consistently by a single local council.

Neutrality of allocation – Penyffordd Community Council has no preference regarding whether these areas should be allocated to Penyffordd or to the neighbouring councils (Buckley or Hope). The Council's position is simply that each road should be fully contained within one council area, whichever is judged most appropriate, in order to avoid unnecessary division.

For these reasons, the Council believes the changes would strengthen effective and convenient local government, improve service delivery, and ensure residents are better served.

With regards to Little Mountain Road circled in yellow, one side of the road is Penyffordd and the other Buckley or Bistre. We believe for the ease of administration that these properties should all be either Penyffordd or Buckley/Bistre.

With regards to Stryt Isa circled in yellow on page 2, this is a staggered and confusing boundary, and we believe that it should be changed as per the blue line to straighten the boundary and bring affected properties into Penyffordd.

Please disregard the green numbering, these were used for the review in 2014.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Penyffordd and the Welsh community name of Pen-y-ffordd.

Final recommendations

The Council received two further representations. One from Buckley Town Council and one from a member of the public. The representations related to Little Mountain Road and the Council recommends that the external boundary be amended as shown on the map in Appendix one. This amends the external boundary between Penyffordd Community Council and Buckley Town Council – Bistre East ward.

Consequential Changes – Principal council electoral ward arrangements

The Council is required to consider the consequential changes to principal council electoral wards that would occur following these recommendations.

As a consequence of the recommended change to the community boundaries, the Council recommends that the same changes are applied to the existing electoral wards of Penyffordd and Buckley: Bistre East.

5.27 Queensferry Community Council

The current community arrangements in Queensferry consist of two wards: Queensferry and Sandycroft. The community has a total electorate of 1,433 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Queensferry	567	603	5
Sandycroft	866	902	7
Total	1,433	1,505	12

Representations

The Council received two representations concerning the community of Queensferry. One from the Community Council and one from a member of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Queensferry.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.28 Saltney Town Council

The current town arrangements in Saltney consist of two wards: Mold Junction and Stonebridge. The Town has a total electorate of 3,824 and is represented by 14 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Mold Junction	1,171	1,207	4
Stonebridge	2,653	2,689	10
Total	3,824	3,896	14

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the Town of Saltney. This was from the Town Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council welcomes observations on the following two options:

1. The Council proposes that the Town Council's warding arrangements should be removed. This would follow the Principal Council's warding arrangements.
2. The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

The Council proposes no changes to the number of town councillors.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh town name of Saltney.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals. The Council recommends that the Community Council's warding arrangements should be removed. This would follow the Principal Council's warding arrangements.

5.29 Sealand Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 2,736 and is represented by 13 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Sealand	2,736	4,973	13
Total	2,736	4,973	13

Representations

The Council received two representations concerning the community of Sealand. One from the Community Council and one from a member of the public. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes amendments to the Community Council's electoral arrangements as follows –

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Sealand	2,736	4,973	14
Total	2,736	4,973	14

This considers the projected electorate for the community. It is proposed to increase the number of councillors by one.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Sealand.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Sealand Community Council. The Council recommends that the current electoral arrangements remain in place for the reasons outlined by the Community Council.

5.30 Shotton Town Council

The current town arrangements in Shotton consist of three wards: East, Higher and West. The town has a total electorate of 4,639 and is represented by 14 town councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Town Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
East	1,308	1,344	4
Higher	1,744	1,780	6
West	1,587	1,623	4
Total	4,639	4,747	14

Representations

The Council received two representations concerning the town of Shotton. One from the Town Council and one from Shotton Labour Party. The representations are published on the Council's website.

Town ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the town ward boundary.

Town Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Town Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh town name of Shotton.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.31 Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor Community Council

The current community arrangements in Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor consist of two wards: Gwaenysgor and Trelawnyd. The community has a total electorate of 691 and is represented by 9 community councillors. The electorate per ward and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community Ward	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Gwaenysgor	188	190	3
Trelawnyd	503	505	6
Total	691	695	9

Representations

No representations were received.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Trelawnyd and Gwaenysgor.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.32 Treuddyn Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 1,311 and is represented by 11 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Treuddyn	1,311	1,324	11
Total	1,311	1,324	11

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Treuddyn. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Treuddyn.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.33 Whitford Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 1,889 and is represented by 12 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Whitford	1,889	1,891	12
Total	1,889	1,891	12

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Whitford. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English community name of Whitford and the Welsh community name of Chwitffordd.

Final recommendations

The Council received no further responses to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged.

5.34 Ysceifiog Community Council

The community has a total electorate of 1,027 and is represented by 10 community councillors. The electorate and the number of councillors are as follows:

Community	Electorate	5 year projected Electorate	Number of Councillors
Ysceifiog	1,027	1,029	10
Total	1,027	1,029	10

Representations

The Council received one representation concerning the community of Ysceifiog. This was from the Community Council. The representation is published on the Council's website.

Community ward boundary proposals

The Council proposes no changes to the community ward boundary.

Community Council electoral arrangements

The Council proposes no changes to the Community Council's electoral arrangements.

Proposed Name

The Council proposes to retain the English/Welsh community name of Ysceifiog.

Final recommendations

The Council received one further representation from Ysceifiog Community Council to the draft proposals, and the above proposals remain unchanged

6. Responses to this Report

6.1 Having completed the review of the principal council area and submitted the recommendations to the Commission on the future community arrangements for the principal authority, Flintshire County Council has fulfilled its statutory obligations under the Act.

6.2 Any further comments concerning the matters in this report should be addressed to the Commission. They should be made as soon as possible and, in any event, not later than six weeks from the date that Flintshire County Council submits the recommendations to the Commission. Representations should be addressed to:

Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru
4th Floor Welsh Government Building
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

Or by email to: consultations@dbcc.gov.wales

6.3 After the six week period, the Commission will decide whether the principal council has complied with both the requirements of the Act and the detailed arrangements within its agreed Terms of Reference document. The Commission will consider the individual recommendations, and the representations received in respect of each recommendation and decide whether to implement the recommendations submitted by the principal council.

6.4 Flintshire County Council will wait six weeks before making any Order regarding amendments to any town or community council's electoral arrangements.

Please email register@flintshire.gov.uk if you wish to make any further comments.

Appendix one

Boundary map relating to Cilcain Community Council





Proposal relating to Connah's Quay Town Council

Boundary map relating to Connah's Quay Town Council



Proposal relating to Penryffordd Community Council

Boundary map relating to Penryffordd Community Council



