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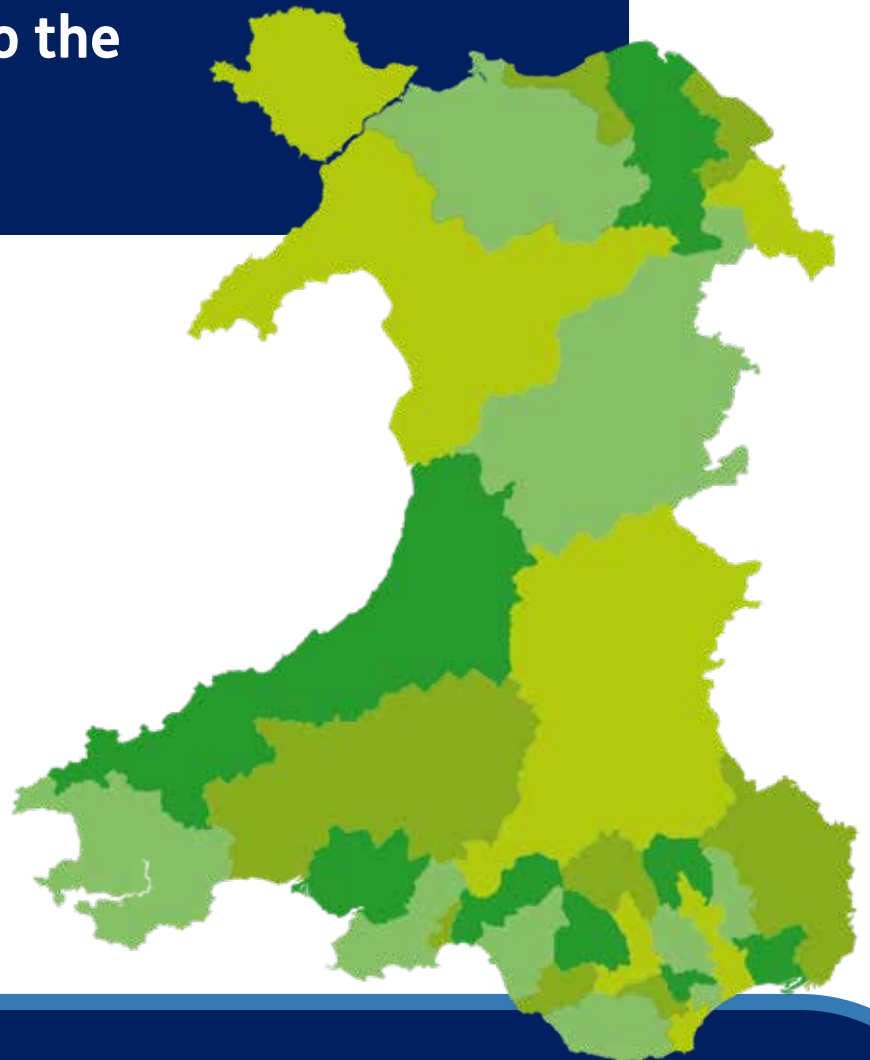


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Boundary Commission
For Wales

Reviewing the Senedd Voting Areas of Wales

An easy read guide to the
review



This document was written by the **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru**. It is an easy read version of '2026 Review of Senedd Constituencies Guide'.

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About us



The **Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** are an independent group.



Our job is to look at the areas of Wales that have been set as voting areas for the **Senedd**. These are also called **constituencies**.



The **Senedd** is the Welsh Parliament. It is where laws and decisions are made about Wales. The people of Wales vote for who they want to run the Senedd.



The areas have been set by a law called **Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act 2024**. We will call this **the Act** in this guide.



We have to review and write a report about these areas by April 2025. There are going to be a lot of changes. We are calling this the **2026 Review**.



We are going to publish a plan about having 16 new **Senedd constituencies**.



Then we want to know what people think about these changes.



We will make changes if needed, then ask people what they think again.

We will then write a report saying:

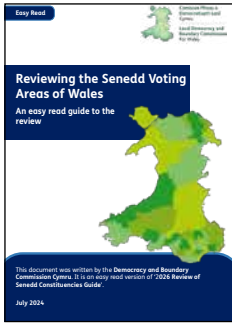


- what needs to happen



- and what changes will be made.

About this guide



This is a guide to help people understand how the **2026 review** will work.



We hope this will support people to share their views.

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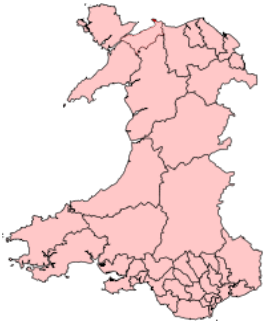


This guide is about the voting areas for the Senedd only. Not voting areas for other types of elections.

What we have to do



The **Act** requires us to do 3 things:



- Decide which voting areas of Wales should combine to form **16 Senedd constituencies**.



- To name them.



- Decide whether each one is a county or borough **constituency**.

We also need to think about things like:



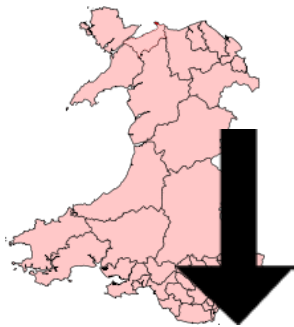
- The boundaries that are in place for local councils.



- Things like the size, shape and geography of the planned new **constituencies**. For example, if there are mountains and rivers in certain areas.



- Any local effects on the areas. For example, the Welsh language.



Because of the **Act**, the **constituencies** will reduce from 40 to 16. There will be 6 Senedd members in each **constituency**.



There will be 96 Senedd members across Wales.



The areas will be formed by joining 2 areas used for UK Parliament voting.



We cannot make changes to what is set out in the **Act**.



If you would like updates about the **2026 Review**, you can find information at our website: www.dbcc.gov.wales

Checking what you have to say



We will publish our first ideas about the areas on our website.



People will then have 4 weeks to tell us what they think. This is called the **initial consultation period**.



We will let people know how to have a say. And the dates for sharing your views.



We will publish what people say in Welsh and English.



We will make changes to our ideas based on what people say.



We will then ask people to tell us what they think of these updated ideas. They will have 4 weeks to respond.



We will publish what people say. We will make a final report about what is to happen next.



It will then be the responsibility of Welsh Ministers to put in place what we have said.