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SUMMONS AND AGENDA

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CYFARFOD CYNTAF BLYNYDDOL O GYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

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TUESDAY 24 MAY 2022 → at 2.00 pm ← Please note that meetings of the Committee are streamed for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's website. The Authority is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act and data collected during this live stream will be retained in accordance with the Authority's published policy.

AGENDA

1. CHAIRPERSON

To elect a Chairperson of the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2022/23.

(Members are referred to the Order of Business regarding the ceremony for election of Chairperson of the County Council).

2. VICE-CHAIRPERSON

To elect the Vice-Chairperson of the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2022/23.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Chairperson or the Chief Executive and any closing remarks from the out-going Chair upon his term of office.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive any declaration of interest from a Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

5. CANDIDATE'S PRESENTATION IN SUPPORT OF HER NOMINATION TO BE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

In accordance with Paragraph 2.7.3.1 of the Constitution, having already submitted a written presentation (manifesto) to the Chief Executive before 5.00pm on 12 May 2022 (which has been supported in writing by two other Councillors to the Chief Executive), an oral presentation will be submitted by the following candidate on her vision and values:-

Councillor: Llinos Medi Huws

[Note 1: The nominated person will be asked to present her proposals and programmes to the Council and should be expected to take questions from Members].

[Note 2: Presentations should not exceed more than 10 minutes and any questions from the floor shall not exceed 10 minutes; making a maximum of 20 minutes in all for the candidate].

6. TO APPOINT A LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

To elect the Leader of the Isle of Anglesey County Council (normally a term of 5 years) in accordance with Article 7, and in particular the rules of procedure contained under Paragraphs 2.7.3.1 and 2.7.3.2 of the Council's Constitution.

7. <u>DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</u>

The Leader of the Council to inform Council of the name of the Deputy Leader chosen (the Deputy Leader shall be a member of the Executive).

8. MEMBER REMUNERATION 2022/23

To submit a report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services.

9. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES

The Chairperson will confirm the re-appointment of the following Committee structure as referred to in Section 3.4 of the Council's Constitution, together with the following:-

- Pay and Grading Panel (a sub-committee of the Council)
- Standards Committee Appointments Panel
- Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE)
- Indemnities Sub-Committee

[Members are kindly requested to note that the adjourned meeting of this Council (in compliance with Paragraph 4.1.1.1.2 of the Council Constitution) will be held at 2.00pm on Tuesday, 31 May 2022].



12th May 2022

Dear Chief Executive,

In accordance with paragraph 2.7.3.2.1 we nominate Councillor Llinos Medi, Plaid Cymru, as Leader of the Council from May 2022 to May 2027.

Proposer – Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones

Seconder - Councillor Robin Williams

The Group's Manifesto -

The Plaid Cymru Group takes pride in political maturity and stability and we commit fully to this principle during the term of this administration. Our aim is to lead an authority that performs well for the public, our partners and regulators. As a Group, we will ensure a strong voice for the Authority in all areas at both regional and national levels.

Education – Ensuring a fit for purpose Education system is a priority for us. Plaid Cymru is committed to providing the best opportunities for the island's children, young people and teaching staff by -

- Ensuring sufficient resources to teach our children and young people.
- Working with partners to offer training/post-16 education opportunities.
- Securing and promoting apprenticeships and work-based training opportunities.

Care, Health and Well-being – Plaid Cymru wants to ensure care services that provide for the whole family when they are in need of care. The Group will continue to put pressure on the Government to ensure equality between health and care staff. Plaid Cymru wants to continue to work in partnership with the Health Board to strengthen local services. We will -

- Strengthen the day care provision to provide respite for unpaid carers.
- Develop more Extra Care schemes, including improving dementia care.
- Continue to prioritise family support services through 'Teulu Môn' and work with our partners to ensure that there are sufficient GP's available.

Economy – Plaid Cymru wants to see increased local procurement to keep the money in the local economy. Through the Ambition Board, we are securing economic development opportunities on the island. Plaid Cymru wants to secure the Arfor scheme in future for the benefit of our businesses and the Welsh language. As a Group we want to -

- Develop business units to grow small businesses and provide them with the space to prosper.
- Support the hospitality and tourism sector by safeguarding our communities and natural environment.
- Ensuring that local companies from Anglesey and Wales benefit from Council developments.

Housing – Plaid Cymru believes that everyone has the right to have somewhere to call home. We are committed to continuing to work with the Government to respond to the local housing challenge through planning laws and taxes. Plaid Cymru will -

- Continue to develop Council Housing and ensure a supply of housing to respond to the local housing challenge.
- Increase the council tax premium on second homes from 35% to 50% next year and to 75% and 100% in subsequent years.
- Financial support scheme for first time buyers on the island funded from the premium.

Climate – We want to prioritise decarbonisation across the Council. This will be achieved through investment, supporting energy schemes and working with local, regional and national partners. Plaid Cymru will -

- Invest in carbon reduction schemes
- Protect the island's environment by looking after wildlife areas through a biodiversity scheme.
- Work with Town and Community Councils to plant more trees.

Plaid Cymru will secure a better future for the island by committing to make a long-term difference to Council services. We want to give all children and young people the opportunity to fulfil their potential, promote independence in our communities, allow the economy to prosper and ensure an island that is safe, healthy and friendly.

Isle of Anglesey County Council		
Meeting:	County Council	
Date:	24 May 2022	
Title of report:	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report 2022/23	
Report by:	Deputy Chief Executive and Interim Head of Democratic Services / Director of Function – Resources and Section 151 Officer	
Purpose of Report:	To accept the Panel's determinations and to confirm the number of senior salary payments from 2022/23	

1.0 Background

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (the Panel) is independent of central and local government and was initially established to determine the range and levels of allowances payable by county and county borough councils to their elected members and co-opted members with voting rights. Each year the Panel must produce an Annual Report which sets out the type and levels of payments that authorities may or must make available to their members and co-opted members.

The Panel's Annual Report for 2022/23 was published on 24 February 2022 and came into effect on 9 May 2022, to coincide with the new municipal arrangements following the local elections.

Both the salary increases and the increase in the number of elected members have been taken into account in preparing the 2022/23 budget and sufficient funding has been set aside to cover member remuneration.

The main changes that are relevant to this Council are outlined in this report.

2.0 Payments to elected members

2.1 Basic salary

The basic salary in 2022/23 for elected members of principal councils will be **£16,800.**

2.2 Senior and Civic Salary Bands

The senior and civic salaries for 2022/23 are set out in the table below and these salaries include the basic salary:

2022/23 Senior and Civic Salaries			
Senior Salaries			
Band 1	Leader Deputy Leader	£53,550 £37,485	
Band 2	Members of the Executive	£32,130	
Band 3	Committee Chairs (if paid)	£25,593	
Band 4	Leader of largest opposition group	£25,593	
Band 5	Leader of other political groups (if paid)	£20,540	
Civic Salaries			
Band 3	Civic Head (if paid)	£25,593	
Band 5	Deputy Civic Head (if paid)	£20,540	

2.3 Number of senior salaries

The Council is required to confirm which post holders will be entitled to receive senior salaries from 2022/23.

With effect from 9 May 2022, the maximum number of senior salaries ("the cap") for this Council increased from 16 to 17 to reflect the changes in its membership. This new cap still includes civic salaries.

The following 16 post holders were entitled to receive senior salaries in 2021/22:

Chair of the Council
Vice-Chair of the Council
Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Other Executive Members (7)
Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (2)
Chair of the Planning and Orders Committee
Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 introduced changes to the membership of Governance and Audit Committees, including a requirement that the Chair of the Committee must be a lay person. The relevant fees determined by the Panel for co-opted members will therefore apply to the post of Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee from 2022/23.

3.0 Other changes

3.1 Assistants to the Executive

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 allows principal councils to appoint elected members to assist the Executive in discharging its functions. Such appointments are made by the Leader of the Council. There are exclusions to the appointments as set out in the legislation and assistants are not members of the Executive.

The Panel has concluded that, until there is more information in respect of the responsibilities attached to the posts, it is not possible to decide on additional payments, if any. It is therefore proposed that this will be further considered when a council decides to make appointments and details of the specific responsibility is available. To give effect to this without the requirement for a further formal report, the following determination will apply:

"Determination 13: The Panel will decide on a case-by-case basis the appropriate senior salary, if any, for assistants to the executive"

3.2 Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs)

The Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021 established CJCs which comprise groups of principal councils. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 is amended to include CJCs as relevant authorities for the functions of the Panel. Therefore, any payments made to members of a CJC have to be determined by the Panel.

As CJCs are in the early stages of being set up, it is too soon for the Panel to consider whether members of a CJC should be remunerated. Over time, the role responsibility will be evaluated, including any consequential changes to the function and role of the Executive members of the principal council.

However, the payment of contributions to costs of care and personal assistance and travel and subsistence to members of CJCs have been included in the 2022/23 Annual Report.

4.0 Compliance with the Panel's requirements

The Council's Annual Schedule of Member Remuneration will be amended to reflect the Panel's determinations for 2022/23. The Schedule will be published and sent to the Panel as soon as practicable, and not later than 31 July 2022.

5.0 Recommendations

The Council is requested to:

- 5.1 accept the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales' for 2022/23:
- 5.2 confirm that holders of the same posts as 2021/22 will be entitled to receive senior salaries from 2022/23, with the exception of the post of Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee where the fees determined by the Panel for co-opted members will apply, ie:

Chair of the Council
Vice-Chair of the Council
Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Other Executive Members (7)
Leader of the Largest Opposition Group
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (2)
Chair of the Planning and Orders Committee

5.3 authorise officers to amend Part 6 of the Council's Constitution (Schedule of Member Remuneration) to reflect the determinations made in the 2022/23 Annual Report.

Rhys Howard Hughes
Deputy Chief Executive
and Interim Head of Democratic Services

Marc Jones
Director of Function – Resources
and Section 151 Officer

17 May 2022

Background paper:- The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual Report (February 2022) – https://gov.wales/independent-remuneration-panel-wales-annual-report-2022-2023