

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	31 MAY 2017
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO REVIEW POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES

1.0 The Council needs to consider political balance arrangements on its Committees following the election.

2.0 The Local Government and Housing Act 1989 sets out the main principles governing political balance, which are:

“(a) that not all the seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;

(b) that the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the Authority’s membership;

(c) subject to (a) and (b) above, the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that Authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority; and

(d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority.”

3.0 The position in terms of Group Membership is as follows:

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	- 14
Welsh Labour	- 2
Y Grŵp Annibynnol	- 7
Anglesey Independents	- 7 (this includes 1 Liberal Democrat member)

4.0 The attached Matrix sets out the entitlement of seats on each Committee.

5.0 The total number of seats to be allocated is 120.

6.0 Clearly, unless the calculation arrives at whole numbers of total seats overall and the whole number of seats on each committee, then fractions will inevitably result,

so that exact compliance will be impossible. It is, however, necessary to achieve the best possible compliance on the figures with the principles set out in paragraph 2 above.

- 7.0 Each political group on the Council can only allocate the seats it receives under the political balance arrangements to its own members and cannot allocate to a Councillor who is not a member of that same political group.
- 8.0 In accordance with the political management protocols it will be necessary for Group Leaders and the Leader of the Council to meet with the Head of Democratic Services prior to the Council meeting on the 31 May 2017 to provide a list of the names of their Group representatives on each committee and their proposals for which Councillor will be the Chair and Vice Chair of each committee in readiness for the meetings scheduled immediately after the Council meeting on 31st May 2017 to elect Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees.
- 9.0 Although not subject to political balance requirements, it is necessary for the Council to appoint 2 Elected Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the duration of the Council.

10.0 Recommendations:-

The Council is requested:

- (i) to note the new appropriate political balance arrangements and the number of seats attributable to each of the Groups under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the number of seats given by custom and practice to the Member(s) not subject to political balance;
- (ii) to confirm the names of Members to sit on the under mentioned committees in readiness for the meetings to elect Chairs and Vice Chairs to be held immediately after this meeting:
Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Audit Committee, Planning and Orders Committee, Licensing Committee, Democratic Services Committee (Vice Chair only).
- (iii) in relation to other Committees detailed in the appendix to this report that Group Leaders provide details of membership to the Head of Democratic services as soon as possible;
- (iv) to appoint two Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the duration of the Council in accordance with para. 9 above.

Huw Jones
Head of Democratic Services
26/5/2017

Mai 2017
May 2017

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir	
Balance on County Council	
Paid Cymru Party of Wales	14
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	2
Y Grwp Annibynnol	7
Annibynnwr Mon Anglesey Independents	7
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PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth Partnership	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfansw m Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
	4,666667	4,66667	9,33333
	5	5	10
	0,666667	0,66667	1,33333
	1	1	2
	2,333333	2,33333	4,66667
	2	2	4
	2,333333	2,33333	4,66667
	2	2	4
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	10	10	20

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ALLWEDD **KEY**

Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl/fracsynol dangosiadau
Top left, italic, theoretical fractional entitlement
Die isaf, arterial = awgrym, rhif llawn
Bottom right, normal = whole number suggestion

LLED-FARNWROL QUASI-JUDICIAL											PWYLLGORAU ERAILL Y CYNGOR OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL					CYFANSWM ERAILL TOTAL OTHERS		CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL	
Pwyllgorau Committees	Cynllunio a Gorchymion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trywyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Argyngion Addysgol Athemig Special Educational Needs	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemnadau sub-Committee	100		120		
Paid Cymru Party of Wales	5,13333	3,73333	4,66667	4,66667	1,4	1,4	5,13333	11	2,8	3,26667	3,26667	2,8	2,33333	5	46,66667	56	120		
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	0,73333	0,53333	0,66667	0,66667	0,2	0,2	0,73333	5	0,4	0,46667	0,46667	0,4	0,33333	2	6,66667	8	10		
Y Grwp Annibynnol	2,56667	1,86667	2,33333	2,33333	0,7	0,7	2,56667	1	1,4	1,63333	1,63333	1,4	1,16667	1	23,33333	28	26		
Annibynnwr Mon Anglesey Independents	2,56667	1,86667	2,33333	2,33333	0,7	0,7	2,56667	2	1,4	1,63333	1,63333	1,4	1,16667	1	23,33333	28	26		
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	11	8	10	10	3	3	11	6	7	7	7	6	5	100	120	120	0	0	