

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	8 SEPTEMBER 2020
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 review political balance arrangements on its Committees annually. There is currently 1 vacant seat on the Council following the recent death of Cllr S Redmond. All by-elections have been postponed until 2021 in accordance with recent legislation as a result of the pandemic.

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 Grwp Annibynnol	- 7
Anglesey Independents	- 6 (This includes 1 Liberal Democrat Member)
Vacant seat	- 1

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 113.

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 The attached Matrix sets out the overall entitlement of seats on Committees.
- 9.0 The overall entitlement to the Anglesey Independents Group is reduced by (3) seats as a result of the vacancy.
- 10.0 In accordance with political management protocols, Group Leaders have been consulted on political management arrangements.

8.0 Recommendations:-

- (i) The Council is requested to confirm political balance arrangements and the number of seats allocated to each of the Groups under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- (ii) That Group Leaders advise the Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible if there are any changes to Group Membership on Committees.

Huw Jones
Head of Democratic Services
14/7/20

Gorffennaf/July 2020

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir	
Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	14
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	2
Y Grwp Annibynnol	7
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	6
Sedd Wag Vacant seat	1
	30

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth Partnership	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
	4.6667 5	4.66667 5	9.333333333 10
	0.6667 1	0.66667 1	1.333333333 2
	2.3333 2	2.33333 2	4.666666667 4
	2 2	2 2	4 4
	0.3333 0	0.33333 0	0.666666667 0
	10 10	10 10	20 20

ALLWEDD	KEY
<i>Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsiynol damcaniaethol</i>	
<i>Top left, italic, theoretical fractional entitlement</i>	
Dde isaf, arferol = awgrym rhif llawn	
Bottom right, normal = whole number suggestion	

Pwyllgorau Committees	LLED-FARNWROL QUASI-JUDICIAL								PWYLLGORAU ERAILL Y CYNGOR OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL						Cyfanswm Eraill Total Others
	Cynllunio a Gorchmynion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Cynllunio Joint	ar y cyd Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau sub-Committee	
Aelodaeth Membership	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6		7	6	3	5	93
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	5.13333 5	3.73333 4	4.66667 5	4.66667 5	1.4 1	1.4 1	4.66667 5	5.133333333 5	2.8 3		3	2.8 3	1.4 1	2.333333 2	43.4 43
Llafur Labour	0.73333 1	0.53333 0	0.66667 1	0.66667 1	0.2 0	0.2 0	0.66667 1	0.733333333 1	0.4 1		0	0.4 1	0.2 0	0.333333 1	6.2 8
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	2.56667 2	1.86667 2	2.33333 2	2.33333 2	0.7 1	0.7 1	2.333333 2	2.56666667 2	1.4 1		2	1.4 1	0.7 1	1.166667 1	21.7 20
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	2.2 2	1.6 2	2 2	2 2	0.6 1	0.6 1	2 2	2.2 2	1.2 1		2	1.2 1	0.6 1	1 0	18.6 19
Sedd Wag/vacant seat	0.36667 0	0.26667 0	0.33333 0	0.33333 0	0.1 0	0.1 0	0.333333 0	0.36666667 0	0.2 0		0	0.2 0	0.1 0	0.166667 0	3.1 3
	11 10	8 8	10 10	10 10	3 3	3 3	10 10	11 10	6 6		7 7	6 6	3 3	5 4	93 93

CYFANSWM LLAWN	
GRAND TOTAL	113
	52.73333333
	53
	7.533333333
	10
	26.36666667
	24
	22.6
	23
	3.766666667
	3
	113
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