

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	8 February 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND COMMITTEE SERVICES & MONITORING OFFICER / CORPORATE DIRECTOR - FINANCE
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL BALANCE FOLLOWING CHANGES

1. Following the recent changes in the membership of the Original Independent Group and the dissolution of the Anglesey Forward Group, the Council needs to review the political balance arrangements on its Committees.
2. 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.”
- 3.1 Attached is a table setting out the political balance of the Council’s Committees in accordance with the above legislation. The table now shows the five political groups 15, 8, 5, 5 and 2 Members respectively and 5 Unaffiliated Members.
- 3.2. Consideration has been given to the nature of each Council Committee and the ones that come within the Political Balance requirements and they are grouped as follows:-

(a) Scrutiny:-

- Corporate Scrutiny Committee (12 members)
- Housing and Social Services Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
- Education and Leisure Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
- Environment and Technical Services Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
- Economic Development, Tourism and Property Scrutiny Committee (10 members);

(b) Regulatory:-

- Planning and Orders
- Audit
- Appointments
- Appeals
- Licensing;

(c) Other Committees:-

- SACRE
- Standards Committee Appointments
- SEN
- Pay and Grading.

3.3 An additional 7 seats have been added to the total number to be allocated following the creation of the Joint Planning Policy Committee with Gwynedd Council.

3.4 The total number of seats to be allocated is, therefore, 139.

4 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.

5 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.

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 1989, and the number of seats given by custom and practice to the Unaffiliated Members;
- (ii) to agree the whole numbers of seats to be allocated to the Unaffiliated Members and that the Chairman of the Council shall determine the allocation of each of those seats to an individual unaffiliated member (by agreement where possible).
- (iii) to ask the Group Leaders to provide the list of the names of their group representatives on each Committee to the Committee Services Manager by no later than 10am on Wednesday 9th February 2011 and that the Chairperson of the County Council provide the names of the unaffiliated members by no later than noon on Tuesday 15th February 2011.

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**PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG
 SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES**

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council		Pwyllgorau Committees	Amyglichedd a Gwasanaethau Technegol Environment and Technical Services	Datblygu Economiadd Economic Development	Tai a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol Housing and Social Services	Addysg a Hamdden Education and Leisure	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
			Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	10	10	12
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	8		2	2	2	2	2.4	10.4
Llafur Labour	5		1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.5	6.5
Annibynnol Gwreiddol Original Independents	15		3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.5	19.5
Menai	2		0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	2.6
Llais i Fon	5		1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.5	6.5
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	5		1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.5	6.5
	40		10	10	10	10	12	52
			10	10	10	10	12	52

ALLWEDD KEY
Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsïynol damcaniaethol
Top left, italic, theoretical fractional entitlement
 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	Penodiadau Appointments	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Anghenion Addysgol Arbennig Special Educational Needs	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	
Aelodaeth Membership	14	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	87
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	2.8	2	2	2	2.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.6	17.4
Llafur Labour	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.75	0.75	0.875	0.875	0.75	0.375	10.875
Annibynnol Gwreiddol Original Independents	5.25	3.75	3.75	3.75	5.25	2.25	2.625	2.625	2.25	1.125	32.625
Menai	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.35	0.35	0.3	0.15	4.35
Llais i Fon	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.75	0.75	0.875	0.875	0.75	0.375	10.875
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.75	0.75	0.875	0.875	0.75	0.375	10.875
	14	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	87
	14	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	87

CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL
139
27.8
17.375
17
52.125
52
6.95
7
17.375
17
17.375
18
139
139