

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	17 May 2012
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	INTERIM DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL BALANCE FOLLOWING CHANGES
CONTACT OFFICER:	MEIRION JONES (EXT 2563)

1. Following the recent changes in the membership of the Original Independent Group and Llais i Fôn, 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 four political groups 18, 8, 5 and 3 Members respectively and 6 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:-

- 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);

- Regulatory:-
 - Planning and Orders
 - Audit
 - Appointments
 - Appeals
 - Licensing
 - Democratic Services

- Other Committees:-
 - Joint Planning
 - SACRE
 - Standards Committee Appointments
 - SEN
 - Pay and Grading
 - Indemnities Sub-Committee

3.3 The total number of seats to be allocated is 154.

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 Group Leaders and the Leader 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 and Leader of the Council to provide the list of the names of their group representatives and Unaffiliated Members on each Committee to the Committee Services Manager in readiness for the meetings to elect Chairs and Vice-Chairs to Committees on 18/5/2012 immediately after the Council meeting being held at 9.30am on Thursday 17th May 2012.

MAI 2012 Ychwanegu Pwyllgor Gwas Democraidaidd a 5 aelod yn symud
MAY 2012 Add Dem Services Cttee and 5 members move

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES						
Pwyllgorau Committees	Amgylchedd 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 m Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	10	10	12	52
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	2	2	2	2	2.4	10.4
Llafur Labour	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.5	6.5
Annibynnol Gwreiddol Original Independents	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.7	24.7
Llais i Fon	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.9	3.9
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.5	6.5
	10	10	10	10	12	52

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	8
Llafur Labour	5
Annibynnol Gwreiddol Original Independents	19
Llais i Fon	3
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	5
	40

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 Gorchymynion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democraidaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Anghenion Addysgol Arbenig Special Educational Needs	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau Indemnities sub-Committee		
Aelodaeth Membership	14	10	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	5	102	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	2.8	2	2	2	2	2.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.6	1	20.4	
Llafur Labour	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.75	0.75	0.875	0.875	0.75	0.375	0.625	12.75	
Annibynnol Gwreiddol Original Independents	6.65	4.75	4.75	4.75	4.75	6.65	2.85	3.325	3.325	2.85	1.425	2.375	48.45	
Llais i Fon	1.05	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.05	0.45	0.525	0.525	0.45	0.225	0.375	7.65	
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	1.75	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.75	0.75	0.875	0.875	0.75	0.375	0.625	12.75	
	14	10	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	5	102	
	14	10	10	10	10	14	6	7	7	6	3	5	102	

CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL
154
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73
11.55
12
19.25
19
154
154

CYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN - GRWPIAU GWLEIDYDDOL - 10 MAI, 2012
ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL - POLITICAL GROUPS – 10 MAY, 2012

PLAID CYMRU/ PARTY OF WALES	ANNIBYNNOL (GWREIDDIOL) / INDEPENDENT (ORIGINAL)	PLAID LAFUR /LABOUR PARTY	LLAIS I FÔN	HEB YMUNO/ UNAFFILIATED
<p>Eurfryn.G. Davies Lewis Davies Fflur.M.Hughes (Ysgrifennydd y Grwp / Group Secretary) Trefor Lloyd Hughes W.I.Hughes Rhian Medi R.G.Parry, OBE (Arweinydd y Grwp / Group Leader) John Penri Williams</p>	<p>R.A.Dew Jim Evans (Ysgrifennydd y Grwp / Group Secretary) K.Evans Derlwyn Hughes K.P.Hughes R.LI.Hughes W.T.Hughes Aled Morris Jones Eric Jones Gwilym O.Jones O.Glyn Jones Bryan Owen J.V.Owen Richard L.Owen G.O.Parry, MBE (Arweinydd ac Cadeirydd y Grwp / Group Leader and Chairman of the Group) Eric Roberts Gareth W.Roberts, OBE E.Schofield Ieuan Williams</p>	<p>W.J.Chorlton (Arweinydd ac Ysgrifennydd y Grwp / Group Leader and Secretary) Cliff Everett R.Dylan Jones Raymond Jones J.Arwel Roberts</p>	<p>Tom Jones (Arweinydd y Grwp / Group Leader) C.McGregor Selwyn Williams (Ysgrifennydd y Grwp / Group Secretary)</p>	<p>R.LI.Jones Peter Rogers B.Durkin H.Eifion Jones H.W.Thomas</p>
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