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COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, 30 May 2013 (2.00 pm)

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7 **THE SCHEME OF MEMBER REMUNERATION** (Pages 1 - 4)

To submit a joint report by the Head of Function (Finance) and the Interim Head of Democratic Services.

9 **POLITICAL BALANCE AND APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO COMMITTEES** (Pages 5 - 8)

To submit the report of the Interim Head of Democratic Services on a review of political balance arrangements on Committees following the recent local government election on 2nd May, 2013 and on the appointment of Councillors to Committees.

[Note: Political balance applies to political groups and not to unaffiliated Members. At today's (adjourned) meeting, the Council will allocate named Members to Committees in accordance with the decisions of their Group Leaders and will appoint any Unaffiliated Members to Committee seats which cannot be filled in accordance with political balance].

Immediately following the above, each Committee referred to below will meet briefly to appoint its own Chair and Vice-Chair (except the Democratic Services Committee dealt with at Item 4 above):-

- Corporate Scrutiny Committee
- Partnership Scrutiny Committee
- Audit Committee
- Planning and Orders Committee
- Licensing Committee

[Note: Separate notices have been sent out to all Members and relevant co-optees for the above meetings].

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	30 MAY 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	THE SCHEME OF MEMBER REMUNERATION FOR 2013/14
REPORT BY:	INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND HEAD OF FUNCTION RESOURCES
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF SENIOR SALARY PAYMENTS FOR 2013/14

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The Payments to members including co-opted members for 2013 /14 is prescribed by the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) as set out in its annual report (December 2012). This information needs to be reported to the Council in order to confirm the number of Members entitled to a senior salary. The Council has discretion on the number of senior salaries up to the maximum set by the Panel.
- 1.2** The IRP report provides that the maximum number of Councillors eligible for payment of a senior salary shall be 15. The table below sets out salaries for members in 2013/14 as regards basic salary, senior salary and civic salaries.

Basic Salary	£13,175
Senior Salaries - inclusive of Basic Salary:	
Leader (Band 1)	£42,300
Deputy Leader (Band 1)	£29,820
Other Executive Members (Band 2)	£25,660
Committee Chairs	£21,910
Leader of Largest Opposition Group	£21,910
Leader of other Political Group*	£16,920
Chair of the Council	£19,035
Vice Chair of Council	£14,805

(*Other political group means a political group other than a controlling group or the largest opposition group which comprises not less than 10% of the numbers of the Council.)

- 1.3** For 2013/14 the IRP has stipulated that:

- A member must not be paid more than one Senior Salary
- A member must not be paid a Senior Salary and a Civic Salary
- All Senior Salaries and Civic Salaries are paid inclusive of Basic Salary.

1.4 In addition a Councillor in receipt of Band 1 and Band 2 Senior Salaries cannot receive a salary from Welsh Fire and Rescue Authority for which s/he has been appointed.

1.5 It is recommended that senior salaries are payable to the following office holders during 2013/14.

Chair of Council
Vice Chair of Council
Leader
Deputy Leader
Other Executive Members (5)
Chair of 2 Scrutiny Committees
Chair of Planning and Orders Committee
Chair of Audit Committee
Leader of Largest Opposition Group

1.6 During 2012/13 the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee was paid a senior salary. The Council may wish to continue this practice for 2013/14 and allocate the remaining senior salary available for this purpose. There are other options for the use of the remaining allowance which could include the Leader of another opposition group or the Chair of another committee but only if they are not already in receipt of a senior salary.

2.0 Other Payments and Allowances

2.1 The remainder of this report details other payments and allowances payable as prescribed by the IRP.

Reimbursement of Travel Expenses for Official Business

2.2 The Panel has decided there will be no change in 2013/14 to inclusive rates. Current HMRC rates apply.

- 45p per mile - up to 10,000 miles
- 25p per mile - over 10,000 miles
- 5p per passenger per mile – passenger supplement
- 24p per mile – for private motor cycles
- 20p per mile – for bicycles

Subsistence Allowance for 2013/14

2.3 Reimbursement of subsistence expenses for members and co-opted members are based on the maximum rates set out below by the Panel on the basis of receipted claims.

- £28 per day – day allowance for meals, including breakfast where not provided in the overnight charge
- £150 – London overnight
- £120 – Cardiff overnight

- £95 - elsewhere overnight
- £25 - overnight staying with friends and family

Co-opted Member Payment 2013/14

2.4 Fees for co-opted members (with voting rights) have been set by the Panel as follows:

Co-opted Member	Fee
Chair	£256 daily fee* (£128 ½ daily fee)
Ordinary members of Standards Committee who also chair the Standards Committee for Community and Town Councils	£226 daily fee* £113 ½ daily fee
Ordinary members of Standards Committee, Scrutiny Committees (dealing with education and crime and disorder matters) and the Audit Committee.	£198 daily fee* £99 ½ daily fee

*A full meeting is defined as over 4 hours, and a half day meeting is defined as up to 4 hours.

Care Allowance

2.5 The Council is also obliged to make payments to members and co-opted members known as a care allowance for the reimbursement of necessary expenses for the care of dependant children and adults up to a maximum of £403 per month.

3.0 Recommendations

1. To confirm the allocation of senior salaries to office holders as per paragraph 1.5 above for 2013/14
2. To decide whether the remaining senior salary available is allocated to the chair of the Democratic Services Committee or another qualifying role.
3. To note other details on payments and allowances for 2013/14 as prescribed by the IRP and set out in this report.

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	30 May 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL BALANCE FOLLOWING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ON 2nd MAY 2013

1.0 Following the recent changes in the membership of the Political Groups following the Election, the Council needs to review the political balance arrangements on its Committees.

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 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 three political groups 13, 12, and 3 Members respectively and 2 Members not subject to political balance.

4.0 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 (10 members)
 - Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
- Regulatory:-
 - Planning and Orders
 - Audit
 - Appointments
 - Appeals
 - Licensing
 - Democratic Services
- Other Committees:-
 - Joint Planning (Local Development Plan)
 - SACRE
 - Standards Committee Appointments
 - SEN
 - Pay and Grading
 - Indemnities Sub-Committee

5.0 The total number of seats to be allocated is 114.

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 Interim Head of Democratic Services prior to the Council meeting to provide a list of the names of their Group representatives and the Members not subject to political balance 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 30th May 2013 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 Members not subject to political balance;
- (ii) to agree the whole numbers of seats to be allocated to the Members not subject to political balance and that the Group Leaders and the Leader of the Council shall determine the allocation of those seats to those Members (by agreement where possible);
- (iii) 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
- (iv) in relation to other Committees detailed in the appendix to this report that Group Leaders to provide details of membership to the Committee Services Manager as soon as possible;
- (v) to appoint two Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the duration of the Council in accordance with para. 9 above.

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Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	12			10	20
Llafur Labour	3			4	8
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	13			1	2
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	2			4.333333	8.666667
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		Gwasanaethau Democratic Services		Penodiadau Appointments		Apelladau Appeals		Twyddedau Licensing		CYSAG SACRE		Cynllunio Joint Planning		Tala Graaddio Pay and Grading		Is-Bwyllgor Indemnities sub-Committee	
Cynllunio a Gorchymion Planning and Orders	11	8	10	10	10	11	10	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	94	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	4.4	3.2	4	4	4	4.4	4	4	2.8	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.4	1.2	2	37.6	
Llafur Labour	1.1	0.8	1	1	1	1.1	1	1	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	9.4	
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