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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

Thursday, 8 May 2014 (10.30 am)

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7. POLITICAL BALANCE (Pages 1 - 4)

To submit a report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services.

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	8 MAY 2014
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 A REDUCTION IN THE MEMBERSHIP OF ONE GROUP

1.0 The Council needs to review the political balance arrangements on its Committees following notice that 1 member has ceased to be a member of the Independent Group, the subsequent formation of a new Revolutionist Group consisting of 2 members and notice that 1 non-affiliated member has joined the Independent Group.

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 Recent changes do not alter the political balance on the Council. The position remains the same as reported to the Council on the 5th December 2013:-

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	-	12
Labour	-	2
Independent Group	-	12
Revolutionist Group	-	2
Unaffiliated	-	2

4.0 The attached Matrix sets out the entitlement of seats to each group and the seats to non-affiliated members in accordance with local convention as confirmed by Council on the 5th December 2013.

5.0 In accordance with political management protocols the revised political management arrangements have been discussed with Group Leaders.

6.0 **Recommendations:**

- (i) to confirm the political balance arrangements and the number of seats allocated 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 as set out in the matrix;
- (ii) in accordance with recommendation (i) above, the Council delegates to the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders to determine the allocation of seats to the Unaffiliated Member arising from these changes and advise the Interim Head of Democratic Services accordingly.
- (iii) that the Independent Group Leader be requested to provide details of committee membership to the Interim Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible in accordance with the changes in membership noted in this report.

Huw Jones
Interim Head of Democratic Services
01/05/14

MAI 2014 Creu Grwp Newydd o Ddau
MAY 2014 Form New Group of Two

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWGW SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth Partnership	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfanswm m Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
	4	4	8
	4	4	8
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	0	1	1
	4	4	8
	4	4	8
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	1	0	1
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	1	1	2
	10	10	20
	10	10	20

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	12
Llafur Labour	2
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	12
Grwp Chwyldroad Revolutionist Group	2
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	2
	30

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

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Pwyllgorau Committees	LLED-FARNWROL QUASI-JUDICIAL								PWYLLGORAU ERAILL Y CYNGOR OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL							Cyfanswm Eraill Total Others	CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL
	Cynllunio a Gorchymnion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	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	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau Indemnities sub-Committee			
Aelodaeth Membership	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	120	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	4.4 5	3.2 3	4 4	4 4	1.2 1	1.2 1	4 4	4.4 5	2.4 2	2.8 3	2.8 3	2.4 2	1.2 1	2 2	40 40	48 48	
Llafur Labour	0.73333 1	0.53333 0	0.66667 1	0.66667 1	0.2 1	0.2 0	0.666667 0	0.733333 1	0.4 0	0.46667 0	0.46667 1	0.4 1	0.2 0	0.333333 0	6.666667 7	8 8	
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	4.4 5	3.2 3	4 4	4 4	1.2 1	1.2 1	4 4	4.4 5	2.4 2	2.8 3	2.8 3	2.4 2	1.2 1	2 2	40 40	48 48	
Grwp Chwyldroad Revolutionist Group	0.73333 0	0.53333 1	0.66667 1	0.66667 1	0.2 0	0.2 0	0.666667 1	0.733333 0	0.4 1	0.46667 1	0.46667 0	0.4 1	0.2 0	0.333333 0	6.666667 7	8 8	
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	0.73333 0	0.53333 1	0.66667 0	0.66667 0	0.2 0	0.2 1	0.666667 1	0.733333 0	0.4 1	0.46667 0	0.46667 0	0.4 0	0.2 1	0.333333 1	6.666667 6	8 8	
	11 11	8 8	10 10	10 10	3 3	3 3	10 10	11 11	6 6	7 7	7 7	6 6	3 3	5 5	100 100	120 120	

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