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# **SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

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O GYNGOR SIR YNYS MÔN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

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TUESDAY 21 MAY 2024 → at 2:00 pm ← Please note that meetings are streamed for live and subsequent broadcast on the Council's website. The Authority is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act and data collected during this live stream will be retained in accordance with the Authority's published policy.

#### AGENDA

#### 1. **ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**

To elect a Chairperson of the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2024/25.

(Members are referred to the 'Order of Business' regarding the ceremony or election of Chairperson of the County Council).

#### 2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON

To elect a Vice-Chairperson for the Isle of Anglesey County Council for 2024/25.

#### 3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

To receive any declaration of interest from any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements from the Chairperson or the Chief Executive and any closing remarks from the out-going Chair upon her term of office.

#### 5. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

In accordance with Paragraph 4.1.1.2.7 of the Constitution, to be informed by the Leader of the names of Councillors she has chosen to be Members of the Executive, together with their Portfolio responsibilities.

#### 6. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

In accordance with Paragraph 3.4.12.3 of the Constitution, to appoint the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee for the municipal year.

#### 7. CONFIRMATION OF THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION

The Chairperson will confirm such part of the Scheme of Delegation as the Constitution determines it is for the Council to agree (as set out in Paragraph 3.2 of the Constitution).

#### 8. CONFIRMATION OF COMMITTEES

The Chairperson will confirm the re-appointment of the following Committee structure as referred to in Section 3.4 of the Council's Constitution, together with the following:-

- Standards Committee Appointments Panel
- Standing Advisory Council (SAC)
- Indemnities Sub-Committee

#### 9. PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR 2024/25

To approve the following programme of meetings of the County Council for the ensuing year: -

26 September 2024 - 2:00pm
 3 December 2024 - 2:00pm
 6 March 2025 - 2:00pm

· May 2025 (Annual Meeting) - date to be confirmed

### 10. POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL

To submit a report by the Head of Democracy.

#### 11. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To submit a report by the Head of Democracy.

# 12. <u>INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES - ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024/25</u>

To submit a report by the Head of Democracy, as presented to the Democratic Services Committee on 20 March 2024.



ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL			
Meeting:	County Council		
Date:	21 May 2024		
Title of report:	Political Balance Arrangements within the Council		
Report by:	Head of Democracy		
Purpose of Report:	To review political balance on committees		

#### **Background**

- 1. The Council needs to review political balance arrangements on its committees on an annual basis.
- 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."<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Sections 15(5)(a) to (d)

3. The position in terms of political group membership has not changed during the municipal year, so it continues to be as follows:

Plaid Cymru 7

Y Grŵp Annibynnol 4

Anglesey Independents

Welsh Labour 3

Total 35

#### **Committee Arrangements**

- 4. There has also not been any change to the Council's committees during the year. So the political allocation for each committee stays the same as is noted in the attached table.
- 5. Unless the calculation arrives at whole numbers for the total number of seats or the number of seats on each committee, then it is necessary to achieve the best possible compliance on the figures in accordance with the principles set out in paragraph 2 above.
- 6. Each political group on the Council can only allocate the seats it receives under the political balance arrangements to its own members and not to elected members who are not members of the same political group.
- 7. In accordance with political management protocol (5.8 in the Council's Constitution), group leaders have been consulted on the political management arrangements in this report.
- 8. Recommendations
  - a. That the Council considers **Attachment A** and confirms the political balance arrangements for allocating committee seats.
  - b. That group leaders advise the Head of Democracy as soon as possible if there any changes to group membership on Committees.

Mai / May 2024

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council				
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	21			
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	3			
Y Grwp Annibynnol	4			
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents				
	35			

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG							
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES							
Pwyllgorau	Partneriaeth	Corfforaethol	Cyfanswm Craffu				
Committees	Partnership	Corporate	Total Scrutiny				
Aelodaeth Membership		12	24				
	7.20 7	7.20 7	<i>14.4</i> 14				
	1.03 1	1.03 1	2.1 2				
	1.37 1	1.37 1	2.7 2				
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ည Cammittees	Planning and Orders	Governance & Audit	Democratic Services	Appointments	Investigation	Disciplinary	Appeals	Licensing	SACRE		Planning Policy Committee	Standards Appointing	Indemnities sub-Committee	Total Others
ω Aelodaeth Membership		8	9	12	3	3	12	13		6	11	3	5	98
Plaid Cymru	7.8	4.8	5.4	7.2	1.8	1.8	7.2	7.8	3.6		6.6	1.8	3.0	58.8
Party of Wales	8	5	5	7	2	2	7	8		4	7	2	3	60
Llafur	1.1	0.7	0.8	1.0	0.3	0.3	1.0	1.1	0.5		0.9	0.3	0.4	8
Labour	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1		0	1	0	1	8
Grwp Annibynnol	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.4	0.3	0.3	1.4	1.5	0.7		1.3	0.3	0.6	11
Independent Group	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1		1	1	0	0	9
Annibynwyr Mon	2.6	1.6	1.8	2.4	0.6	0.6	2.4	2.6	1.2		2.2	0.6	1	19.6
Anglesey Independents	3	1	2	2	1	1	3	3		1	2	1	1	21
Cyfanswm	13 13	<i>8</i> 8	9	<i>12</i> 12	3	3	12 12	<i>13</i> 13	6	6	<i>11</i> 11	3	5 5	98 98

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GRAND TOTAL	
	122
73.2	74
10.5	10
13.9	11
24.4	27
122	122

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL				
Meeting:	County Council			
Date:	21 May 2024			
Title of report:	Representation on outside bodies			
Report by:	Head of Democracy			
Purpose of Report:	To confirm the Council's representation on outside bodies			

#### **Background**

- 1. In accordance with section 5.8 of the constitution, the Council is required to confirm the list of councillors appointed to outside bodies.
- The Leader in consultation with the Head of Democracy will decide on the representation on outside bodies where that representative is required to be a member of the Executive. All other Council appointments to outside bodies are subject to confirmation by the full Council.
- 3. Appointments to outside bodies will normally be for a period of five years, up to the next local government elections (May 2027) and subject to an annual review or confirmation. Where modifications are required to the Council's representation on outside bodies between annual meetings, the Chief Executive has the authority to make the modifications in consultation with group leaders.
- 4. Changes were made to the representatives of some outside bodies during the year in order to reflect the changes in responsibilities on the Executive Group.
- 5. In the case of outside bodies whose activities are confined wholly or mainly to a single ward, the ward Councillors will normally agree which of them will be the representative. The multi member ward protocol in the Council's constitution, includes guidance on engagement with local representative groups such as community councils and local forums.

- 6. In accordance with the Council's constitution, a Councillor taking part in the activities of an outside body must still comply with the Members' Code of Conduct, including the declaration of personal and/or prejudicial interests.
- 7. A Councillor appointed to an outside body should seek to represent the views and interests of the Council as a whole, including its policies and decisions. The Councillor may indicate that their own view, or that of their Group, differs from the Council's position.
- 8. A Councillor appointed to an outside body should seek a briefing from relevant Council officers prior to any significant meeting of the body concerned, particularly if decisions are made that could impact the Council's budget or plans. The Councillor should also report back to the lead officer, or the chief executive on such matters.

#### Recommendation

9. The Council to confirm the appointments to outside bodies listed in Appendix 1.

# **APPENDIX 1**

### REPRESENTATION TO BE CONFIRMED BY FULL COUNCIL

No	Title	No of members required	Names of representatives
1.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority *	3	Jeff Evans, Dylan Rees, John Ifan Jones
2.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Executive Panel (2 members from the 3 above)	2	Dylan Rees, John Ifan Jones
3.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Audit Committee (the remaining member)	1	Jeff Evans
4.	WLGA (Leader and Deputy Leader)	2	Llinos Medi, Robin Williams / Gary Pritchard
5.	Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group (7 members consisting of the local members for Talybolion and Twrcelyn Wards plus 1 member of the Authority)	7 (Local members + 1 other member)	Jackie Lewis, Llinos Medi, Llio Owen, Aled M. Jones, Derek Owen, Liz Wood a Gwilym O. Jones
6.	AONB Joint Advisory Committee	5	Neville Evans, Paul Ellis, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Pip O' Neill, John I. Jones
7.	North Wales Police and Crime Panel **	1	Non Dafydd
8.	Anglesey CAB	1	Gary Pritchard
9.	Medrwn Môn (observer with no vote)	1	Llinos Medi
10.	Anglesey Access Group	1	Liz Wood
11.	Owen Lloyd Penrhoslligwy Education Trust (local member)	1	Margaret M. Roberts

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12.	Gwynedd and Anglesey Adoption Panel	1	Alun Roberts
13.	Fostering Panel	1	Gary Pritchard
14.	Joint Council for Wales (WLGA) (2 members, one of which must be the portfolio holder for HR)	1	Carwyn Jones, Robin Williams
15.	Sustainable Development Fund Partnership	1	Llinos Medi
16.	Voluntary Sector Liaison Committee (membership to be politically balanced)	5	Jeff Evans, Gwilym O. Jones, Jackie Lewis, Keith Roberts Arfon Wyn
17.	Anglesey Language Forum (to include portfolio holder for the Welsh language)	4	Dafydd Roberts, Llinos Medi, Gwilym O. Jones, Arfon Wyn
18.	Standards Committee	2	Margaret Roberts, Dafydd Rhys Thomas

<sup>\*</sup> Political balance requirements apply to these appointments

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Panel is politically balances across the region. Anglesey's representative is to be a Plaid Cymru Group member.

# Isle of Anglesey County Council

Committee:	Full Council
Date:	21 May 2024
Title of report:	Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales – Annual Report for 2024 to 2025
Report by:	Director of Function – Resources and Section 151 Officer / Head of Democratic Services
Purpose of report:	To accept the Panel's determinations and to confirm the number of senior salary payments for 2024-25

# 1.0 Background

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) is responsible for setting the levels and arrangements for the remuneration of members of the following organisations:

- Principal councils county and county borough councils
- Town and community councils
- National park authorities
- Fire and rescue authorities
- Corporate joint committees

The Panel is an independent body and is able to make decisions about:

- the salary structure within which members are remunerated
- the type and nature of allowances to be paid to members
- whether payments are mandatory or allow a level of local flexibility
- arrangements in respect of family absence
- arrangements for monitoring compliance with the Panel's decisions

The organisations listed above are required, by law, to implement the decisions it makes.

The IRPW's Annual Report was published on 28 February 2024 and came into effect on 1 April 2024. The report was taken into account when preparing the 2024-25 budget and sufficient funding has been set aside to cover member remuneration.

The main changes that are relevant to the Council are outlined in this report.

### 2.0 The Panel's final determinations for 2024-25

# 2.1 Payments to elected members

The following table lists the post holders entitled to receive senior and civic salaries in 2023-24 (as determined by the full Council on 23 May 2023) and compares 2023-24 salaries with the salaries payable from April 2024:

Schedule of Member Remuneration	2023-24	2024-25
Basic salary for all members, included in	£17,600	£18,666
all senior and civic salaries below		
Band 1:		
Leader	£56,100	£59,498
*Deputy Leader	£39,270	£41,649
Band 2:		
Executive Members	£33,660	£35,699
Band 3:		
Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny	£26,400	£27,999
Committee		
Chair of the Partnership and	£26,400	£27,999
Regeneration Scrutiny Committee		
Chair of the Planning and Orders	£26,400	£27,999
Committee		
Chair of the Council	£26,400	£27,999
Band 4:		
Leader of the largest opposition group	£26,400	£27,999
Band 5:		
Vice-Chair of the Council	£21,340	£22,406

<sup>\*</sup>The Council has two deputy leaders but the allowance is shared between the two individuals.

#### 2.2 Senior and Civic Salaries

The maximum number of senior salaries payable ("the cap") will remain in place in 2024-25, ie a total of 17 for Anglesey, including civic salaries. All senior and civic salaries include the basic salary payment.

#### 2.3 Payments to co-opted members

Currently, co-opted members should be remunerated on a day or half day basis. However, the Panel has noted a move towards more frequent use of online meetings and/or training courses. These are often short and committees tend to meet more regularly.

The Panel has therefore determined that there should be local flexibility for the relevant officer to decide when it will be appropriate to apply a day or half day rate, or to use an hourly rate where it is sensible to aggregate a number of short meetings.

The Panel also intends to provide examples of good practice and we have contacted the Panel to request further guidance.

Role	Hourly rate	Up to 4 hours	4 hours and over
Chairs of standards and audit committees	£33.50	£134	£268
Ordinary members of standards committees who also chair standards committees for town and community councils	£29.75	£119	£238
Ordinary members of standards committees, education scrutiny committees, crime and disorder scrutiny committees and audit committees	£26.25	£105	£210

## 2.4 Other payments

As there are no further changes to payments, previous determinations will still stand. All current determinations are published on the Panel's website.

#### 3.0 Recommendation

The Council is requested to:

- 3.1 accept the determinations of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales for 2024-25
- 3.2 confirm that holders of the same posts as 2023-24 will be entitled to receive senior salaries in 2024-25, ie:

Chair of the Council
Vice-Chair of the Council
Leader of the Council
Deputy Leader of the Council
Other Executive Members (7)
Leader of the largest opposition group
Chairs of Scrutiny Committees (2)
Chair of the Planning and Orders Committee

3.3 authorise officers to amend Part 6 of the Council's Constitution (Schedule of Member Remuneration) to reflect the determinations made in the 2024-25 Annual Report

Background paper: the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales Annual report, 2024 to 2025 (February 2024):

Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales: annual report 2024 to 2025 [HTML] | GOV.WALES