

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	28 FEBRUARY 2017
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO REVIEW POLITICAL BALANCE ON COMMITTEES

1.0 Following the resignation of Councillor Derlwyn R. Hughes, as a Member of the Council there is now a requirement to review political balance arrangements on Committees. Since the vacancy has occurred within 6 months of Council elections, the seat will not be filled until May 2017.

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 In terms of Group Membership the current position is as follows:-

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	-	12
Labour	-	2
Independent Group	-	10
Revolutionist Group	-	2
Unaffiliated	-	3 (includes 1 Liberal Democrat)
Vacant seat	-	1

- 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.
- 5.0 There is currently a reduction of 4 seats overall to the Independent Group as a result of the vacancy.
- 6.0 In accordance with political management protocols, political management arrangements have been discussed with Group Leaders.
- 7.0 **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, as set out in the matrix;
 - (ii) that the Leader provides details to the Head of Democratic Services in relation to the Independent Group Members serving on various Committees as a result of this review.

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Head of Democratic Services
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January 2017

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	12
Llafur Labour	2
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	10
Grwp Chwyldroad Revolutionist Group	2
Heb Ymaelodi* Unaffiliated*	3
Sedd Wag Vacant Seat	1
	30

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth	Corfforaethol	Cyfanswm Craffu
	Partnership	Corporate	Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
	4	4	8
	4	4	8
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	1	0	1
	3.333333	3.33333	6.66667
	3	4	7
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	0	1	1
	1	1	2
	1	1	2
	0.333333	0.33333	0.66667
	1	0	1
	10	10	20
	10	10	20

ALLWEDD	KEY
<i>Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsiynol damcaniaeth</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	CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL
	Cynllunio a Gorchmynion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaid Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Anghenion Addysgol Arbenrig Special Educational Needs	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemnitiadau 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	3.2	4	4	1.2	1.2	4	4.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.4	1.2	2	40	48	
Llafur Labour	0.73333	0.53333	0.66667	0.66667	0.2	0.2	0.66667	0.73333	0.4	0.46667	0.46667	0.4	0.2	0.33333	6.66667	8	
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	3.66667	2.66667	3.33333	3.33333	1	1	3.33333	3.66667	2	2.33333	2.33333	2	1	1.66667	33.33333	40	
Grwp Chwyldroad Revolutionist Group	0.73333	0.53333	0.66667	0.66667	0.2	0.2	0.66667	0.73333	0.4	0.46667	0.46667	0.4	0.2	0.33333	6.66667	8	
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	1.1	0.8	1	1	0.3	0.3	1	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	10	12	
Sedd Wag Vacant Seat	0.36667	0.26667	0.33333	0.33333	0.1	0.1	0.33333	0.36667	0.2	0.23333	0.23333	0.2	0.1	0.16667	3.33333	4	
	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	120	
	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	120	

* Diffinir aelodau heb ymaelodi fel Aelodau nad yw'n rhan o grŵp gwleidyddol yn y Cyngor

*Unaffiliated Members are defined as those Members who are not Members of political groups represented on the Council