

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	18 May 2021
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** The Council needs to review political balance arrangements on its Committees annually.
- 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** The position in terms of Group Membership is as follows following by elections on 6 May 2021:
- | | |
|----------------------------|---|
| Plaid Cymru Party of Wales | - 14 |
| Welsh Labour | - 2 |
| Y Grwp Annibynnol | - 7 |
| Anglesey Independents | - 7 (This includes 1 Liberal Democrat Member) |
- 4.0** The attached Matrix sets out the entitlement of seats on each Committee.
- 5.0** The total number of seats to be allocated is 113.
- 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 The attached Matrix sets out the overall entitlement of seats on Committees.

9.0 In accordance with political management protocols, Group Leaders have been consulted on political management arrangements.

10.0 Recommendations:-

- (i) The Council is requested to confirm political balance arrangements and the number of seats allocated to each of the Groups under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- (ii) That Group Leaders advise the Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible if there are any changes to Group Membership on Committees.

Huw Jones
Head of Democratic Services
10/5/21

Mai /May 2021

**PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES**

Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth Partnership	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	4.6667 5	4.66667 5	9.333333333 10
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	0.6667 1	0.66667 1	1.333333333 2
Y Grwp Annibynnol	2.3333 2	2.33333 2	4.666666667 4
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	2.3333 2	2.33333 2	4.666666667 4
	10 10	10 10	20 20

**Balans ar y Cyngor Sir
Balance on County Council**

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	14
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	2
Y Grwp Annibynnol	7
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	7
	30

ALLWEDD **KEY**

Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsiynol damcaniaethol
Top left, italic, theoretical fractional entitlement

Dde isaf, arferol = awgrym rhif llawn
Bottom right, normal = whole number suggestion

**LLED-FARNWROL
QUASI-JUDICIAL**

**PWYLLGORAU ERAILL Y CYNGOR
OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL**

Pwyllgorau Committees	Cynllunio a Gorchmynion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Cynllunio Joint	ar y cyd Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau sub-Committee	Cyfanswm Eraill Total Others
	Aelodaeth Membership	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6		7	6	3	5
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	5.13333 5	3.73333 4	4.66667 5	4.66667 5	1.4 1	1.4 1	4.66667 5	5.13333333 5	2.8 3		3.266666667 3	2.8 3	1.4 1	2.333333 2	43.4 43
Llafur Labour	0.73333 1	0.53333 0	0.66667 1	0.66667 1	0.2 0	0.2 0	0.66667 1	0.73333333 1	0.4 0		0.466666667 1	0.4 0	0.2 0	0.333333 0	6.2 6
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	2.56667 3	1.86667 2	2.33333 2	2.33333 2	0.7 1	0.7 1	2.33333 2	2.56666667 3	1.4 1		1.633333333 2	1.4 1	0.7 1	1.166667 1	21.7 22
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independent	2.56667 2	1.86667 2	2.33333 2	2.33333 2	0.7 1	0.7 1	2.33333 2	2.56666667 2	1.4 2		1.633333333 1	1.4 2	0.7 1	1.166667 2	21.7 22
	11 11	8 8	10 10	10 10	3 3	3 3	10 10	11 11	6 6		7 7	6 6	3 3	5 5	93 93

CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL
113
52.73333333
53
7.533333333
8
26.36666667
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