

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	31 May 2022
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND INTERIM 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 5 May 2022:

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	- 21
Welsh Labour	- 3
Y Grwp Annibynnol	- 4
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 124.

- 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 political management protocol (5.8 in the Council's Constitution), Group Leaders have been consulted on political management arrangements.
- 9.0 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.
 - (i) That Group Leaders advise the Deputy Chief Executive and Interim Head of Democratic Services as soon as possible if there are any changes to Group Membership on Committees.

Rhys H Hughes
Deputy Chief Executive / Interim Head of Democratic Services
16th May 2022

Mai / May 2022

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	7
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PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth	Corfforaethol	Cyfanswm Craffu
	Partnership	Corporate	Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	12	12	24
	7.20	7.20	14.4
	7	7	14
	1.03	1.03	2.1
	1	1	2
	1.37	1.37	2.7
	1	1	2
	2.40	2.40	4.8
	3	3	6
	0	0	0
	0	0	0
	12	12	24
	12	12	24

ALLWEDD	KEY
<i>Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsiynol damcaniaethol</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
	Cynllunio a Gorchmynion Planning and Orders	Llywodraethu ac Archwilio Governance & Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau Indemnittee sub-Committee			
Aelodaeth Membership	13	8	9	12	3	3	12	13	6	7	6	3	5	100		
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	7.8 8	4.8 5	5.4 5	7.2 7	1.8 2	1.8 2	7.2 7	7.8 8	3.6 4	4.2 4	3.6 3	1.8 2	3.0 3	60 60		
Llafur Labour	1.1 1	0.7 1	0.8 1	1.0 1	0.3 0	0.3 0	1.0 1	1.1 1	0.5 0	0.6 0	0.5 1	0.3 0	0.4 1	9 8		
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	1.5 1	0.9 1	1.0 1	1.4 2	0.3 0	0.3 0	1.4 1	1.5 1	0.7 1	0.8 1	0.7 1	0.3 0	0.6 0	11 10		
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	2.6 3	1.6 1	1.8 2	2.4 2	0.6 1	0.6 1	2.4 3	2.6 3	1.2 1	1.4 2	1.2 1	0.6 1	1 1	20 22		
Cyfanswm	13 13	8 8	9 9	12 12	3 3	3 3	12 12	13 13	6 6	7 7	6 6	3 3	5 5	100 100		

CYFANSWM LLAWN	
GRAND TOTAL	124
	124
	74.4
	74
	10.6
	10
	14.2
	12
	24.8
	28
	124
	124