

## ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>Meeting:</b>	County Council
<b>Date:</b>	3 December 2024
<b>Title of report:</b>	Political Balance of Committees
<b>Report by:</b>	Head of Democracy
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	To review political balance on committees following a County Council by-election in October.

### Background

1. The Council needs to review political balance arrangements on its committees on an annual basis. That happened in May this year, but following the result of the Talybolion ward by-election in October, there is a change in the Council's political balance affecting the allocation of seats on some committees.
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>1</sup> Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Sections 15(5)(a) to (d)

3. The position in terms of political group membership on the Council since the by-election on 24 October is as follows:

Plaid Cymru -	20
Anglesey Independents -	8
Y Grŵp Annibynnol -	4
Welsh Labour -	3
<b>Total -</b>	<b>35</b>

### **Allocation of Seats on Committees**

4. 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.
5. The change in the political balance on the County Council has an impact on the membership of three committees, namely the Governance and Audit Committee, the Planning Policy Committee and the Standing Advisory Council (SAC). It is also necessary to reconcile the membership of two other committees that do not meet regularly, namely the Appointments Committee and the Indemnities sub-committee. Further detail is in Appendix A.
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, Group Leaders have been consulted on the change to the allocation of seats as outlined in this report.
8. Recommendations
  - a. That the Council considers **Appendix A** and confirms the political balance arrangements for allocating committee seats.
  - b. That group leaders advise the Head of Democracy as soon as possible of any changes to group membership on Committees.

Rhagfyr / December 24

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	20
Llafur Cymru Welsh Labour	3
Y Grwp Annibynnol	4
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	8
	35

PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau Committees	Partneriaeth	Corfforaethol	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
	Partnership	Corporate	
Aelodaeth Membership	12	12	24
	7	7	14
	1	1	2
	1	1	2
	3	3	6
	12	12	24

ALLWEDD	KEY
<i>Chwith uchaf, italic = hawl ffracsynol 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 Democratidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYS SAC	Pwyllgor Polisi Cynllunio Planning Policy Committee	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau sub-Committee	
Aelodaeth Membership	13	8	9	12	3	3	12	13	6	11	3	5	98
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	8	4	5	7	2	2	7	8	3	6	2	3	57
Llafur Labour	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	8
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	9
Annibynwyr Mon Anglesey Independents	3	2	2	3	1	1	3	3	1	3	1	1	24
Cyfanswm	13	8	9	12	3	3	12	13	6	11	3	5	98

CYFANSWM LLAWN	Newid / change
GRAND TOTAL	
	122
	71
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	0
	11
	0
	30
	3
	122