

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	30 May 2013
TITLE OF REPORT:	POLITICAL BALANCE ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE COUNCIL
REPORT BY:	INTERIM HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
PURPOSE OF REPORT:	TO ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL BALANCE FOLLOWING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION ON 2nd MAY 2013

- 1.0 Following the recent changes in the membership of the Political Groups following the Election, the Council needs to review the political balance arrangements on its Committees.
- 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 Attached is a table setting out the political balance of the Council’s Committees in accordance with the above legislation. The table now shows the three political groups 13, 12, and 3 Members respectively and 2 Members not subject to political balance.
- 4.0 Consideration has been given to the nature of each Council Committee and the ones that come within the Political Balance requirements and they are grouped as follows:-

- Scrutiny:-
 - Corporate Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
 - Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (10 members)
- Regulatory:-
 - Planning and Orders
 - Audit
 - Appointments
 - Appeals
 - Licensing
 - Democratic Services
- Other Committees:-
 - Joint Planning (Local Development Plan)
 - SACRE
 - Standards Committee Appointments
 - SEN
 - Pay and Grading
 - Indemnities Sub-Committee

5.0 The total number of seats to be allocated is 114.

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 the political management protocols it will be necessary for Group Leaders and the Leader of the Council to meet with the Interim Head of Democratic Services prior to the Council meeting to provide a list of the names of their Group representatives and the Members not subject to political balance on each committee and their proposals for which Councillor will be the Chair and Vice Chair of each committee in readiness for the meetings scheduled immediately after the Council meeting on 30th May 2013 to elect Chairs and Vice Chairs to committees.

9.0 Although not subject to political balance requirements, it is necessary for the Council to appoint 2 Elected Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the duration of the Council.

10.0 Recommendations:-

The Council is requested:

- (i) to note the new appropriate political balance arrangements and the number of seats attributable to each of the Groups under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, and the number of seats given by custom and practice to the Members not subject to political balance;
- (ii) to agree the whole numbers of seats to be allocated to the Members not subject to political balance and that the Group Leaders and the Leader of the Council shall determine the allocation of those seats to those Members (by agreement where possible);
- (iii) to confirm the names of Members to sit on the under mentioned committees in readiness for the meetings to elect Chairs and Vice Chairs to be held immediately after this meeting:
 - Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
 - Corporate Scrutiny Committee
 - Audit Committee
 - Planning and Orders Committee
 - Licensing Committee
- (iv) in relation to other Committees detailed in the appendix to this report that Group Leaders to provide details of membership to the Committee Services Manager as soon as possible;
- (v) to appoint two Members to serve on the Standards Committee for the duration of the Council in accordance with para. 9 above.

Appendix 1

OUTSIDE BODIES, JOINT COMMITTEES AND PARTNERSHIPS - MAY 2013

TO BE DECIDED BY COUNCIL (Some of the under-mentioned Outside Bodies will also require an Executive Member to be appointed by the Leader) (See overleaf):-

No	Title	No Required	Names
1.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (1) <i>(3 members to be appointed up until next Local Authority Election in May 2017)</i>	3	L Davies, Jim Evans, Jeff Evans
2.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Executive Panel (1.1) <i>(2 members from the 3 above)</i>	2	L Davies, Jeff Evans
3.	North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority Audit Committee (1.2) <i>(the remaining member)</i>	1	Jim Evans
4.	Anglesey Community Health Council (9) <i>(3 members to serve on the Ynys Môn Local Committee up until Local Authority Elections in May 2017)</i>	3	R Jones, Jeff Evans, A Griffith
5.	W.L.G.A. (13.1) <i>(Leader and Deputy Leader)</i>	2	I Williams, J Arwel Roberts
6.	Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group (16) <i>(7 members consisting of the local members for Talybolion and Twrcelyn Wards plus 1 member of the Authority)</i>	7	A Rowlands
7.	Horizon Nuclear Project Liaison Group (105) <i>(Any Member of the Authority may attend but the County Council representation should be 7 members, consisting of the local members for Talybolion and Twrcelyn Wards plus 1 member of the Authority)</i>	7	D.R.Thomas
8.	Gwynedd Liaison Committee (Superannuation Fund) (90)	1	H E Jones
9.	A.O.N.B.(92) <i>(Four Members from coastal Wards ideally covering the four compass points on the Island)</i>	4	R Dew, L Davies, D R Hughes, Victor Hughes
10.	North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Joint Committee	1	Victor Hughes
11.	North Wales Police and Crime Panel (1 independent member) <i>(Can be for the municipal year but it is customary for continuity purposes, for appointments to be made up until the next Local Authority Election in May 2017)</i>	1	W T Hughes
12.	Anglesey CAB (35) <i>(Individual member)</i>	1	R LI Jones
13.	Medrwn Môn (37) <i>(Observer with no vote)</i>	1	I Williams
14.	Anglesey Access Group (58) <i>(Individual member)</i>	1	A Griffith
15.	Age Concern Gwynedd and Anglesey (69) <i>(Individual member)</i>	1	Jim Evans
16.	Owen Lloyd Penrhoslligwy Educational Trust (76) <i>(local member)</i>	1	D R Hughes
17.	TALNET (Joint Bibliographic Society) (78) <i>(Two members)</i>	2	R Dew, Vaughan Hughes
18.	Cwmni Frân Wen (100) <i>(Observer)</i>	1	R M Jones
19.	TAITH Joint Committee (33)	1	B Parry
20.	CYNNAL Management Committee (73.1)	2	R M Jones, I Williams
21.	Gofal a Thrwsio Mon Management Committee (now known as Canllaw) (56)	1	A Mummery

(For administrative purposes, the numbers shown in brackets after the heading refers to the file references within the original list of Outside Bodies)

MAI 2013 Cyngor Sir 5 Mawrth 2013 ac etholiad
MAY 2013 County Council 5 March 2013 and election

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

Balans ar y Cyngor Sir Balance on County Council	Pwyllgorau Committees	Aelodaeth Membership	Partneriaeth Partnership		Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	12		4	4	8	8
Llafur Labour	3		1	1	2	2
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	13		4.333333	4.33333	8.66667	9
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	2		0.666667	0.66667	1.33333	1
	30		10	10	20	20

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 Erail Total Others
	Cynllunio a Gorchymnion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Apeliadau Appeals	Trwyddedu Licensing	CYSAG SACRE	Anghenion Addysgol Arbennig Special Educational Needs	Cynllunio ar y cyd Joint Planning	Tal a Graddio Pay and Grading	Penodi Safonau Standards Appointing	Is-Bwyllgor Indemniadau Indemnities sub Committee	
Aelodaeth Membership	11	8	10	10	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	94
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	4.4	3.2	4	4	4	4.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	2.4	1.2	2	37.6
Llafur Labour	1.1	0.8	1	1	1	1.1	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.3	0.5	9.4
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	4.76667	3.46667	4.33333	4.33333	4.33333	4.76667	2.6	3.03333	3.03333	2.6	1.3	2.16667	40.73333
Heb Ymaelodi Unaffiliated	0.73333	0.53333	0.66667	0.66667	0.66667	0.73333	0.4	0.46667	0.46667	0.4	0.2	0.33333	6.26667
	11	8	10	10	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	94

CYFANSWM LLAWN GRAND TOTAL	114
	45.6
	46
	11.4
	11
	49.4
	49
	7.6
	8
	114
	114