

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	27 SEPTEMBER 2016
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 W.T. Hughes from the Independent group, the Council needs to review 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 In terms of Group Membership the current position is as follows:-

Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	-	12
Labour	-	2
Independent Group	-	11
Revolutionist Group	-	2
Unaffiliated	-	3

- 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. Basically, there is an overall reduction of 4 seats allocated to the Independent Group across all Committees.
- 5.0 In accordance with political management protocols, political management arrangements have been discussed with Group Leaders.
- 6.0 **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, and the number of seats given by custom and practice to the Members not subject to political balance as set out in the matrix;
 - (ii) subject to (i) above confirm that the seats designated to the unaffiliated Members and appointments on Committees
 - (iii) that the Leader notifies the Head of Democratic Services with regard to the Independent Group's membership on various Committees as a result of changes.

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Balans ar y Cyngor Sir	
Balance on County Council	
Plaid Cymru Party of Wales	12
Llafur Labour	2
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	11
Grwp Chwyldroad Revolutionist Group	2
Heb Ymaelodi* Unaffiliated*	3
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PWYLLGORAU CRAFFU A THROSOLWG			
SCRUTINY AND OVERVIEW COMMITTEES			
Pwyllgorau	Partneriaeth	Corfforaethol	Cyfanswm Craffu
Committees	Partnership	Corporate	Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	10	10	20
	4	4	8
	4	4	8
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	1	0	1
	3.666667	3.66667	7.33333
	4	4	8
	0.666667	0.66667	1.33333
	0	1	1
	1	1	2
	1	1	2
	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	LLED-FARNWROL								PWYLLGORAU ERAILL Y CYNGOR							Cyfanswm Eraill Total Others
	QUASI-JUDICIAL								OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE COUNCIL							
Committees	Cynllunio a Gorchymnion Planning and Orders	Archwilio Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaid Democratic Services	Penodiadau Appointments	Ymchwilio Investigation	Disgyblu Disciplinary	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	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	
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	
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	
Grwp Annibynnol Independent Group	4.03333	2.93333	3.66667	3.66667	1.1	1.1	3.66667	4.03333	2.2	2.56667	2.56667	2.2	1.1	1.83333	36.66667	
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	
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	
	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	
	11	8	10	10	3	3	10	11	6	7	7	6	3	5	100	

CYFANSWM LLAWN	120
GRAND TOTAL	48
	8
	44
	8
	12
	120
	120

* Diffinir aelodau heb ymaelodi fel Aelodau nad yw'n rhan o o grŵp gwleidyddol yn y Cyngor
*Unaffiliated Members are defined as those Members who are not Members of political groups represented on the Council