

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Meeting:	County Council
Date:	20 May 2025
Title of report:	Political Balance of Committees
Report by:	Head of Democracy
Purpose of Report:	To review political balance on committees in accordance with the Council's constitution.

Background

1. The Council needs to review political balance arrangements on its committees on an annual basis in accordance with its constitution.
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.”¹*

¹ Local Government and Housing Act 1989 Sections 15(5)(a) to (d)

3. The position in terms of political group membership on the Council is as follows:

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

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. There is only one change to committees and the allocation of seats since the Council last considered the issue. Following agreement on arrangements for a Scrutiny Committee for the Corporate Joint Committee for North Wales, the Isle of Anglesey County Council has been allocated 2 seats on the committee. The committee is subject to political balance arrangements and has been added to the list 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 confirms the political balance arrangements for allocating committee seats as outlined in Appendix A.
 - b. That group leaders advise the Head of Democracy as soon as possible of any changes to group membership on Committees.

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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 Partnership	Corfforaethol Corporate	Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig CJC	Cyfanswm Craffu Total Scrutiny
Aelodaeth Membership	12	12	2	26
	7	7	1	15
	1	1		2
	1	1		2
	3	3	1	7
	12	12	2	26

ALLWEDD	KEY
<i>Chwith uchaf, italic = hawf ffracsiynol damcaniaethol</i> <i>Top left, italic, theoretical fractional entitlement</i>	
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 Gorchymnion Planning and Orders	Llywodraethu ac Archwilio Governance & Audit	Gwasanaethau Democratiaidd 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 Indemnïadau sub-Committee	Cyfanswm Eraill Total Others
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	
GRAND TOTAL	
	124
	72
	10
	11
	31
	124