

# COUNTY COUNCIL

14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018

## COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL'S SCRUTINY, REGULATORY AND OTHER COMMITTEES AND THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE UPON THEM

REVIEW FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR A. JAMES' RESIGNATION FROM THE INDEPENDENT GROUP AND NOTIFICATION OF WISH TO JOIN THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP

### RECOMMENDATION

That as a result of changes to the overall political composition of the Council,

1. To adopt the changes to the number of seats held by the Independent and Plaid Cymru Groups as detailed within Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the report, specifically the allocation of seats in respect of the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee, and the Standards Committee.
2. To note that there are no changes to the number of seats held by the Labour Group and Unaffiliated Member.
3. In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2 (2) (n) to approve changes in Committee membership as a result of recommendation 1 above (as detailed within the report).
4. In accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to note that allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Chairs is unchanged.

### REASONS:

The Plaid Cymru Group have, under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, requested a review of the arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted	N/A
Exec Board Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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In accordance with the Constitution, the Council is required to appoint members to serve on its committees and to allocate those seats so that they reflect the overall political composition of the Council.

The allocation of seats on the Council's regulatory, scrutiny and other committees should therefore be made to reflect as closely as possible the political composition of the Council as a whole.

As a result of the decision by Councillor A. James to resign from the Independent Group and become a member of the Plaid Cymru Group, the overall political composition of the Council has changed and this will need to be reflected in the allocation of seats.

The allocation of seats to the Labour Group and unaffiliated member are unchanged, however the Independent Group will lose one Scrutiny and one Regulatory seat and the Plaid Cymru Group will gain one Scrutiny and one Regulatory seat.

The attached report sets out the suggested revised Committee allocations together with changes in Committee membership put forward by the Independent and Plaid Cymru Groups.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

YES

## IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

### Legal

Committees are to be appointed in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) regulations 1990, as amended, and the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

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The Council's constitution sets out arrangement for appointment to fill vacancies on Committees.

## CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

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1. **Scrutiny Committee** - Not applicable
2. **Local Member(s)** - Not applicable
3. **Community / Town Council** - Not applicable
4. **Relevant Partners** - Not applicable
5. **Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations** - Not applicable

### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

#### List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
The Local Government Act 2000		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</a>
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents</a>
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/II/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/II/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc</a>
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made</a>