

# **COUNCIL**

## **10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019**

### **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL ADVISORY PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES SUBJECT TO POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS**

REVIEW FOLLOWING THE CREATION OF THE NEW INDEPENDENT GROUP OF 5 MEMBERS  
PREVIOUSLY MEMBERS OF THE LABOUR GROUP

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

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

- 1) the allocation of seats on the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority be amended as follows:-**

**M&WWFR Plaid Cymru (3) Labour (1) Independent (1) Unaffiliated (0)**

- 2) the allocation of seats on the Constitutional Review Working Group be amended as follows:-**

**CRWG Plaid Cymru (5) Labour (2) Independent (2) New Independent (1) Unaffiliated (0)**

- 3) As a result of recommendations 1 and 2 above, to approve the membership changes as announced by the Groups at the meeting.**

- 4) To note that there are no political balance changes required to the membership and allocation of seats for the:**

**Brecon Beacons National Park Authority, Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel and the Pay Policy Advisory Panel.**

#### **REASONS:**

5 Councillors have notified the Chief Executive that they no longer wish to be members of the Labour Group and have alternatively formed a new Group to be known as the New Independent Group. Under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Council is required to undertake a review of the arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups.

<b>Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted</b> <b>N/A</b> <b>Exec Board Decision Required</b> <b>NO</b> <b>Council Decision Required</b> <b>YES</b>		
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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Chief Executive received notice from Councillors Sharen Davies, Jeff Edmunds, Eryl Morgan, Shahana Najmi and Louvain Roberts on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 that they had resigned from the Labour Group. On the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 notification was received by the Chief Executive that the 5 members had formed a new group to be known as the New Independent Group. Having reviewed the political balance of the authority changes are required to the membership of the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and the Constitutional Review Working Group.

The Labour Group will need to relinquish a seat on the Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority to the Plaid Cymru Group, and the Labour Group will need to relinquish a seat on the Cross Party Constitutional Review Working Group to the New Independent Group.

Group Leaders will put forward their changes in representation at the meeting.

There are no changes required to any other outside bodies/Council advisory Panels.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

None

## 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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

### Legal

Appointments to the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority are set out in Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 which requires unitary authorities to appoint County Councillors according to the political balance of the individual unitary authority.

The Constitutional Review Working Group was established as a politically balanced cross-party working group

## 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 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</a>
The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf</a>
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/I/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/I/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc</a>
Environment Act 1995 - Schedule 7		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/schedule/7">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/schedule/7</a>
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017		<a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g675/Printed%20minutes%2024th-May-2017%2011.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g675/Printed%20minutes%2024th-May-2017%2011.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1</a>