COUNTY COUNCIL

10TH APRIL 2019

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING POLITICAL GROUP CHANGES

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

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

1. **To note the establishment of a new political group to be known as the New Independent Group.**
2. **To adopt the changes to the number of seats held by the Labour Group and the seats allocated to the New Independent Groups as detailed within Tables1, 2 and 3 of the report.**
3. **In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2 (2) (n) to approve changes in Committee membership as a result of recommendation 2 above (as detailed within the report/reported at the meeting).**
4. **To note that there are no changes to the number of seats held by the Plaid Cymru Group, Independent Group and Unaffiliated Member.**
5. **In accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to agree the revised calculation for the allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Chairs and that the Community Scrutiny Chair be appointed by members of that Committee.**

REASONS:

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, requires 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**

Executive Board Portfolio Holder – Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

Directorate	**Chief Executive's**	**Tel Nos.**
		01267 224012 LRJ
Name of Head of Service:	**Designations:**	**01267 224026 GM**
Linda Rees Jones	**Head of Administration & Law**	**E Mail Addresses:**
Report Author	**Democratic Services Manager**	**Lrjones@carmarthenshire.gov.uk**
Gaynor Morgan		**GMorgan@carmarthenshire.gov.uk**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COUNTY COUNCIL

10TH APRIL 2019

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING POLITICAL GROUP CHANGES

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.

The Chief Executive received notice from Councillors Sharen Davies, Jeff Edmunds, Eryl Morgan, Shahana Najmi and Louvain Roberts on the 6th March 2019 that they had resigned from the Labour Group. On the 19th 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. 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, 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, as far as possible.

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

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 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:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

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		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/I/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made