

COUNTY COUNCIL
14TH FEBRUARY 2018

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

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, and a request to review arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups:

1. To consider and approve the revised nominations for members to sit on the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority as detailed within Appendix A of the report.
2. To note that there are no changes required to the membership and allocation of seats for the:

Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel
Constitutional Review Working Group
Pay Policy Advisory Panel.

REASONS:

Councillor A. James resigned from the Independent Group and become a Member of the Plaid Cymru Group on the 10th January 2018. 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.

Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require unitary authorities to appoint County Councillors according to the political balance of the individual unitary authority.

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

Executive Board Portfolio Holder – Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Council at its Annual Meeting held on the 24th May 2017 considered the appointment of members to the following Advisory Panels & Outside bodies (Minutes 17 and 18 refer):

Cross Party Constitutional Review Working Group
Pay Policy Advisory Panel
Brecon Beacons National Park Authority
Mid and West Wales Fire Authority and
Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel

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 allocation of seats to political groups for the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority have changed. There are no changes to the Dyfed Powys Police and Crime Panel, the Cross Party Constitutional Review Working Group and the Pay Policy Advisory Panel.

Following discussions with Group Leaders, the nominations received for the new arrangements for representation on the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority are detailed within Appendix A.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Appendix A

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

Appointments to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and 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. Schedule 7, paragraph 2(4) of the Environment Act 1997 also requires authorities to have regard to the desirability of appointing Councillors to NPA's with wards wholly or partly situated within the relevant park.

The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012 explanatory note "paragraph 24 of Schedule 6 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, "Balanced appointment objective" means the objective that local authority members of a police and crime panel (when taken together) represent all parts of the police area, *represent the political make-up of the relevant local authority* or the relevant local authorities when taken together, and have the skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the panel to discharge its functions effectively".

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
The Police and Crime Panels (Nominations, Appointments and Notifications) Regulations 2012		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/1433/pdfs/uksi_20121433_en.pdf
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
Environment Act 1995 - Schedule 7		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/schedule/7
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24 th May 2017		http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g675/Printed%20minutes%2024th-May-2017%2011.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1