

COUNTY COUNCIL
20TH FEBRUARY 2019

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR R. EVANS' RESIGNATION FROM THE INDEPENDENT
GROUP AND NOTIFICATION OF WISH TO JOIN THE LABOUR 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 Labour Groups as detailed within Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the report, specifically the allocation of seats in respect of the Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee, and the Audit Committee.
2. 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).
3. To note that there are no changes to the number of seats held by the Plaid Cymru Group and Unaffiliated Member.
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:

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

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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 R. Evans to resign from the Independent Group and become a member of the Labour Group, the overall political composition of the Council has changed and this will need to be reflected in the allocation of seats. The Independent Group will lose one Scrutiny and one Regulatory seat and the Labour Group will gain one Scrutiny and one Regulatory seat.

The allocation of seats to the Plaid Cymru Group and unaffiliated member are unchanged.

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

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		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		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/II/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