

COUNTY COUNCIL
10TH NOVEMBER 2021

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR S. NAJMI FROM THE NEW
INDEPENDENT GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

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 New Independent Group and Unaffiliated Members as detailed within Tables 1, and 3 of the report.
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, Labour Group and the Independent Group on the Council.
4. In accordance with Part 6 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to note that the existing arrangements for the allocation of the 5 Scrutiny Chairs remains 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

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder – Cllr Emlyn Dole (Leader)

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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.

The Chief Executive received notice from Councillor Shahana Najmi on the 24th October 2021 that she had resigned from the New Independent Group as she had become a member of the Welsh Conservative Party, with effect from 19th October 2021.

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 New Independent Group and the unaffiliated Members.

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
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/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
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