

COUNCIL
28TH SEPTEMBER 2022

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING THE DECISION OF COUNCILLORS SHAREN DAVIES, LOUVAIN ROBERTS AND JASON HART TO JOIN THE INDEPENDENT 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 Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority (5) be amended as follows:-

Plaid Cymru (3) Labour (1) Independent (1)

- 2) the allocation of seats on the Council's Constitutional Review Panel (10) be amended as follows:-

Plaid Cymru (5) Labour (3) Independent (2)

- 3) As a result of recommendations 1 and 2 above, to approve the membership changes as detailed within the report/reported 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 & Crime Panel and the Pay Policy Advisory Panel.

REASONS:

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.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted N/A

Cabinet Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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ADVISORY PANELS AND OUTSIDE BODIES SUBJECT TO
POLITICAL BALANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Chief Executive has received notice from Councillors Sharen Davies, Jason Hart and Louvain Roberts that they had joined the Independent Group, and a request has been made to review arrangements.

As a result of revised political balance calculations: -

- the Labour Group will need to relinquish a seat on the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and,
- the Unaffiliated members will need to relinquish a seat on the Constitutional Review Working Group.

Following discussion with the Groups and unaffiliated members : -

- The Labour Group will confirm at the meeting the seat which they will relinquish on the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority . The Independent Group has nominated Councillor Hugh Shepardson to take this seat.
- The Unaffiliated members have relinquished the seat held by Councillor John Jenkins on the Cross Party Constitutional Review Group and the Independent Group has nominated Councillor Hugh Shepardson to take this seat.

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

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

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 NONE	Legal YES	Finance NONE	ICT NONE	Risk Management Issues NONE	Staffing Implications NONE	Physical Assets NONE
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These appointments are based on the political balance of the Authority.'

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
Political Group Forms		Democratic Services County Hall, Carmarthen