

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION THAT 1) COUNCILLOR JOHN JAMES IS NO LONGER TO BE TREATED AS A MEMBER OF THE LABOUR GROUP 2) COUNCILLOR EMYR REES HAS LEFT THE LABOUR GROUP AND C) DISBANDMENT OF THE HOUSING REVIEW PANEL

**RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

**That as a result of changes to the overall political composition of the Council and the disbandment of the Housing Review Panel:-**

- 1. To reduce the number of Committee seats on the Council to 160, split as follows:-**
  - **Scrutiny 67**
  - **Regulatory and other 93**
- 2. To adopt the changes to the number of seats held by the Labour Group, Plaid Cymru Group, and Unaffiliated Members as detailed within Tables 2, and 3 of the report.**
- 3. In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2 (2) (o) to approve changes in Committee membership as a result of recommendation 2 above (as detailed within the report).**
- 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.

<b>Cabinet Decision Required</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Council Decision Required</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder – Cllr Darren Price (Leader)**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

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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.

#### Political Group Changes

The Chief Executive has received notice from the Leader of the Labour Group that Cllr John James was no longer a member of the Group as of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023. On the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 Councillor Emyr Rees notified the Chief Executive that he had left the Labour Group. Councillors James and Rees have chosen to remain as independent unaffiliated members. As a result a review of political balance arrangements has been conducted.

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.

#### Committee disbandment

The Council formally revoked its decision to use introductory tenancies in November 2022, all outstanding appeals have now been concluded therefore it is necessary to disband the Housing Review Panel which had been established to hear appeals against Introductory Tenancy notices served. This means that the 8 seats allocated to the Panel need to be removed from the political balance calculation, thereby reducing the total number of seats for allocation from 168 to 160.

The attached report sets out the suggested revised Committee allocations together with changes in Committee membership put forward.

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
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## 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		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part//crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part//crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc</a>
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/1990/1553/contents/made</a>
The Local Government Act 2000		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</a>
The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/22/contents</a>