

COUNTY COUNCIL

10TH JULY 2024

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

REVIEW FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATION THAT COUNCILLOR DAI NICHOLAS HAS LEFT THE PLAID CYMRU GROUP AND JOINED THE INDEPENDENT GROUP

RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

1. To adopt the changes to the number of seats held by the, Plaid Cymru Group, and Independent Groups as detailed within Tables 2, and 3 of the report.
2. In accordance with Corporate Procedure Rule CPR 2 (2) (o) to approve changes in Committee membership as a result of recommendation 1 above (as detailed within the report).
3. 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.

Cabinet Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder – N/A

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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 Chief Executive received on the 13th May 2024 notice from Cllr Dai Nicholas that he no longer wished to be treated as a member of the Plaid Cymru Group. Subsequently on the 16th May 2024 notice was received that Councillor Nicholas had joined the Independent Group.

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.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES
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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: **Steve P Murphy - Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services**

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.

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 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: Steve P Murphy Head of Law, Governance and Civil Services

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