

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

11 JANUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

REVIEW OF POLITICAL BALANCE – CHANGES TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Purpose of Report.

1.1 The purpose of this report is to:

- advise Council of the outcome of a review of the political balance of the Authority resulting from changes to the membership of the Labour Group.
- seek approval of the revised political balance.
- receive nominations and appoint the necessary members to Committees to reflect the changes in the political balance.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

2.1 This report supports all of the Corporate Priorities:

1. **Supporting a successful economy** – taking steps to make the county a good place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions of all people in the county.
2. **Helping people to be more self-reliant** – taking early steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services.
3. **Smarter use of resources** – ensuring that all its resources (financial, physical, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the development of resources throughout the community that can help deliver the Council's priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 The Council is required by legislation and the provisions of Part 4 of the Rules of Procedure (Council Procedure Rules) of the Constitution, to undertake arrangements which will continue to facilitate and carry out the decision making processes of the Authority. On 18 May 2016 Council approved the political balance and made appointments to Committees to reflect the political make-up of the Authority.
- 3.2 Since October 2016 a number of changes have occurred to the membership of the Labour group requiring the political balance to be reviewed.

4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 The political composition of Council is now as follows:

Group	No of Cllrs	Percentage
Labour	33	61.11
Independent Alliance	9	16.67
Independent Annibynwr	4	7.41
Plaid Cymru	1	1.85
Independent (LE)	1	1.85
Independent (DKE)	1	1.85
Independent (EMH)	1	1.85
Independent (GWD)	1	1.85
Independent (PJ)	1	1.85
Independent (RT)	1	1.85
Independent (HM)	1	1.85
Totals	54	100

4.2 Following the review of political balance the membership of committees has been updated to reflect the composition of Council accordingly. The updated political balance figures are shown at **Appendix 1** of the report. The variation of the political balance is between -0.3 seats and + 0.33 seats.

4.3 The changes required to committee membership to reflect the revised political balance are as follows:

4.3.1 Labour

The Labour Group are required to relinquish 18 seats as outlined in Appendix 1.

4.3.2 Independent Alliance

No change

4.3.3 Independent Annibynwr

No change

4.3.4 Plaid Cymru

No change

4.3.5 Independent Members

3 committee seats have been allocated to each of the Independent Members to ensure that all members are able to engage in the Council's decision making processes.

4.4 Scrutiny Chairperson Allocation

4.4.1 The current political balance does not change the allocation of Scrutiny Chairpersons.

4.5 It should be noted that the political groups can interchange their representatives appointed to committees within the limits shown in **Appendix 1**. A list of the current membership of the committees is shown at **Appendix 2**. Should any of the

existing Chairpersons be removed from any Committee, Council will be requested to appoint a new Chairperson from the revised Committee membership.

4.6 Group Leaders have been informed of these proposals and have not raised any objections or concerns.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.

5.1 The provisions and recommendations of the report accord with the Council's Constitution.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. Recommendations.

8.1 Council is recommended to:-

- (1) note the change to the political composition of the Council;
- (2) approve the allocation of seats to political groups in accordance with the political balance rules as set out in **Appendix 1** of the report;
- (3) seek nominations as shown in paragraph 4.3 to be removed from or to be appointed to serve on each of the Committees, Panels and other bodies;
- (4) appoint the nominations identified in Paragraph 8.1 (3) to their respective committees.

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Background documents: None.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**Appeals Panel**

Labour to relinquish 1 seat (TBC) to be replaced by Cllr EM Hughes

	Member	Group	Role
1.	PA Davies	Labour	
2.	C Westwood	Labour	
3.	N Clarke	Independent Alliance	
4.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
5.	P James	Labour	
6.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
7.	JE Lewis	Labour	
8.	JR McCarthy	Labour	Chairperson
9.	DBF White	Labour	
10.	RM James	Plaid Cymru	
11.	D Patel	Labour	
12.	RE Young	Labour	

Appointments Committee

Labour to replace Cllr GW Davies MBE

	Member	Group	Role
1.	HJ David	Labour	Chairperson /Leader
2.	HM Williams	Labour	Deputy Leader
3.	Cabinet Member	Labour	Portfolio holder
4.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
5.	JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwr	
6.	GW Davies MBE TBC	Labour Labour	

Audit Committee

Labour to relinquish 1 seat to be replaced by Cllr DK Edwards

Labour to replace Cllr GW Davies MBE

	Member	Group	Role
1.	G Davies	Independent Alliance	
2.	GW Davies MBE TBC	Labour Labour	
3.	E Dodd	Independent Annibynwr	
4.	DK Edwards DK Edwards	Labour Independent	
5.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
6.	M Gregory	Labour	
7.	CL Jones	Labour	
8.	JE Lewis	Labour	
9.	JR McCarthy	Labour	Chairperson
10.	D Sage	Labour	
11.	C Westwood	Labour	

	Member	Group	Role
12.	RE Young	Labour	
	J Williams		Lay-Member

Democratic Services Committee

Labour to replace Cllr DK Edwards

	Member	Group	Role
1.	DK Edwards TBC	Labour Labour	
2.	L Ellis	Independent	
3.	N Farr	Labour	
4.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
5.	M Gregory	Labour	
6.	P James	Labour	
7.	M Reeves	Labour	
8.	G Thomas	Labour	
9.	JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwr	Chairperson
10.	RC Jones	Labour	
11.	E Venables	Independent Alliance	

Development Control Committee

Labour to relinquish 2 seats to be replaced by Cllr GW Davies MBE and Cllr HE Morgan

	Member	Group	Role
1.	N Clark	Independent Alliance	
2.	GW Davies MBE GW Davies MBE	Labour Independent	
3.	PA Davies	Labour	
4.	L Ellis	Independent	
5.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
6.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
7.	JE Lewis	Labour	
8.	HE Morgan HE Morgan	Labour Independent	
9.	LC Morgan	Labour	
10.	D Patel	Labour	
11.	JC Spanswick	Labour	
12.	G Thomas	Labour	
13.	M Thomas	Labour	Chairperson
14.	JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwr	
15.	C Westwood	Labour	
16.	R Williams	Labour	
17.	M Winter	Independent Alliance	
18.	RE Young	Labour	

Licensing Act 2003 Committee

Labour to relinquish 2 seats to be replaced by Cllr GW Davies MBE and Cllr P John
Labour to replace Cllr HE Morgan

	Member	Group	Role
1.	GW Davies MBE GW Davies MBE	Labour Independent	
2.	PA Davies	Labour	
3.	E Dodd	Independent Annibynwr	
4.	CJ James	Labour	
5.	P James	Labour	
6.	RM James	Plaid Cymru	
7.	P John P John	Labour Independent	
8.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
9.	JE Lewis	Labour	
10.	HE Morgan TBC	Labour Labour	
11.	DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
12.	D Patel	Labour	
13.	E Venables	Independent Alliance	
14.	R Williams	Labour	Chairperson

Licensing Committee

Labour to relinquish 2 seats to be replaced by Cllr GW Davies MBE and Cllr P John
Labour to replace Cllr HE Morgan

	Member	Group	Role
1.	GW Davies MBE GW Davies MBE	Labour Independent	
2.	PA Davies	Labour	
3.	E Dodd	Independent Annibynwr	
4.	CJ James	Labour	
5.	P James	Labour	
6.	RM James	Plaid Cymru	
7.	P John P John	Labour Independent	
8.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
9.	JE Lewis	Labour	
10.	HE Morgan TBC	Labour Labour	
11.	DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
12.	D Patel	Labour	
13.	E Venables	Independent Alliance	
14.	R Williams	Labour	Chairperson

Town & Community Council Forum

Labour to relinquish 3 seats to be replaced by Cllr EM Hughes, Cllr R Thomas and Cllr HE Morgan.

	Member	Group	Role
1.	S Aspey	Independent Alliance	
2.	M Butcher	Independent Annibynwr	
3.	HJ David	Labour	Chairperson
4.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
5.	EM Hughes EM Hughes	Labour Independent	
6.	CL Jones	Labour	
7.	HE Morgan HE Morgan	Labour Independent	
8.	MEJ Nott OBE	Labour	
9.	DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
10.	G Phillips	Labour	
11.	DR Pugh	Labour	
12.	C Reeves	Labour	
13.	M Reeves	Labour	
14.	D Sage	Labour	
15.	CE Smith	Labour	
16.	R Thomas R Thomas	Labour Independent	
17.	H Townsend	Labour	
18.	R Williams	Labour	
19.	RE Young	Labour	

Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Labour to relinquish 1 seat to be replaced by Cllr EM Hughes

Labour to replace Cllr P John

	Member	Group	Role
1.	M Butcher	Independent Annibynwr	
2.	N Clarke	Independent Alliance	
3.	PA Davies	Labour	
4.	N Farr	Labour	
5.	EM Hughes EM Hughes	Labour Independent	
6.	P John TBC	Labour Labour	
7.	RC Jones	Labour	
8.	JE Lewis	Labour	
9.	LC Morgan	Labour	
10.	D Sage	Labour	Chairperson
11.	M Thomas	Labour	
12.	E Venables	Independent Alliance	

Children & Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Labour to relinquish 2 seats to be replaced by Cllr DK Edwards and Cllr P John
Labour to replace Cllr R Thomas

	Member	Group	Role
1.	PA Davies	Labour	
2.	DK Edwards DK Edwards	Labour Independent	
3.	N Farr	Labour	
4.	EP Foley	Independent Annibynwr	Chairperson
5.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
6.	P John P John	Labour Independent	
7.	M Jones	Labour	
8.	G Phillips	Labour	
9.	R Thomas TBC	Labour Labour	
10.	C Westwood	Labour	
11.	DBF White	Labour	
12.	K Watts	Independent Alliance	

Community, Environment and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Labour to relinquish 1 seat to be replaced by Cllr HE Morgan
Labour to replace Cllr DK Edwards

	Member	Group	Role
1.	DK Edwards TBC	Labour Labour	
2.	L Ellis	Independent	
3.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
4.	CJ James	Labour	
5.	CL Jones	Labour	
6.	JR McCarthy	Labour	
7.	HE Morgan HE Morgan	Labour Independent	
8.	G Phillips	Labour	
9.	JC Spanswick	Labour	Chairperson
10.	JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwr	
11.	K Watts	Independent Alliance	
12.	R Williams	Labour	

Corporate Resources & Improvement Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Labour to relinquish 1 seat to be replaced by Cllr R Thomas

Labour to replace Cllr EM Hughes

	Member	Group	Role
1.	G Davies	Independent Alliance	
2.	GW Davies Cllr R Thomas	Labour Independent	
3.	E Dodd	Independent Annibynwr	
4.	CA Green	Independent Alliance	
5.	EM Hughes TBC	Labour Labour	
6.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
7.	JR McCarthy	Labour	
8.	D Patel	Labour	
9.	M Reeves	Labour	Chairperson
10.	JC Spanswick	Labour	
11.	G Thomas	Labour	
12.	RE Young	Labour	

Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Labour to relinquish 2 seats to be replaced by Cllr DK Edwards and Cllr R Thomas

Labour to replace Cllr HE Morgan

	Member	Group	Role
1.	N Clarke	Independent Alliance	Chairperson
2.	E Dodd	Independent Annibynwr	
3.	EM Hughes DK Edwards	Labour Independent	
4.	M Jones	Labour	
5.	JR McCarthy	Labour	
6.	HE Morgan TBC	Labour Labour	
7.	AD Owen	Labour	
8.	D Patel	Labour	
9.	M Thomas	Labour	
10.	R Thomas R Thomas	Labour Independent	
11.	K Watts	Independent Alliance	
12.	C Westwood	Labour	