

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

04 OCTOBER 2017

### REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

#### APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND OTHER COUNCIL BODIES

##### 1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request that Council approve the revised political balance and appointment to Council Committees and other Council bodies following changes to the political groupings of the Council.

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

- 2.1 The establishment of the Committees and other bodies will fulfil the requirements of the Constitution and enable the Council to work towards the successful achievement of all the following 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. The recommendations of this report, if adopted, will seek to ensure that this will be successfully achieved.
- 3.2 It is a requirement that Council's committees and panels have memberships which as far as reasonably practicable reflect the political balance of the Council. The Council is also required to review the political balance, when the political make-up of the Council changes or when requested to do so.

#### 4. Current situation / proposals.

4.1 The recent changes to the political make-up of the Council has required a review of the political balance to be undertaken. The current political make-up of the Council is as follows:

• Labour	26 seats	48.15%
• Independent Alliance	10 seats	18.52%
• Conservatives	8 seats	14.81%
• Plaid Cymru	3 seats	5.56%
• Llynfi Independents	3 seats	5.56%
• Independent (JHT)	1 seat	1.85%
• Independent (AW)	1 seat	1.85%
• Independent (JW)	1 seat	1.85%
• Independent Conservative (KW)	1 seat	1.85%

4.2 The revision to the political balance has required the re-distribution of the committee seat allocation to the political groups as shown at **Appendix A**.

4.3 The changes in detail are as follows:

- Appeals Panel - Cllr L Walters to replace Cllr J Williams
- Appointments Committee - Cllr T Giffard to replace Cllr K Watts
- Audit Committee - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr Alex Williams
- Democratic Services Committee - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr K Watts
- Development Control Committee - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr K Watts
- Licensing Act 2003 Committee - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr J Williams
- Licensing Committee - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr J Williams
- TCC Forum - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr Alex Williams
- Scrutiny Subject Committee 1 - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr Alex Williams  
Conservative Group nominates Cllr C Webster as Chairperson
- Scrutiny Subject Committee 2 - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr K Watts
- Scrutiny Subject Committee 3 - Conservative group to relinquish 1 seat  
One seat to be allocated to Cllr J Williams
- Corporate Scrutiny Committee - Cllr T Giffard to replace Cllr K Watts

Cllr C Webster to replace Cllr Alex Williams  
(Chairperson of SOSC 1)

4.3.1 Political groups are able to make one for one changes to their representative on the committees and panels. The following details the known changes that have been requested by the political groups:

- Audit Committee - Cllr Hussain to replace Cllr C Webster
- Democratic Services Committee - Cllr Webster to replace Cllr K Rowlands
- Licensing Act 2003 Committee - Cllr Hussain to replace Cllr Giffard
- Licensing Committee - Cllr Hussain to replace Cllr Giffard
- TCC Forum - Cllr Pucella to replace Cllr Giffard
- SOSC 1 - Cllr Rowlands to replace Cllr Voisey
- Cllr Webster to replace Cllr Walters
- SOSC 2 - Cllr Walters to replace Cllr Giffard
- SOSC 3 - Cllr Voisey to replace Cllr Webster
- Cllr Beedle to replace Cllr R Thomas

4.3.2 These changes have been included in the revised Committee Membership list shown at **Appendix B**.

#### 4.4 Chairpersons of Overview and Scrutiny Committees

4.4.1 In accordance with Statutory Guidance made under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, as the Council has more than 2 political groups and multiple scrutiny committees, political groups represented in the Executive can only appoint as many chairs as are proportionate to their combined share of the Council's overall membership, rounding down if this does not equal the whole number of chairs. The rest of the scrutiny chairs are the "property" of those groups not represented in the Executive. If there is more than one non-executive group, each gets a share of the chairs in proportion to their membership, rounding to the nearest whole number, including zero.

Political Group	% of Seats in Council	Number of Chairs to be allocated
Labour	48.15%	1.93 chairs = 1 chairperson
Independent Alliance	18.67%	0.74 of a chair = 1 chairperson
Conservative	14.81%	0.59 of a chair = 1 chairperson
Lynfi Independents	05.56%	0.22 of a chair = 0 Chairpersons
Plaid Cymru	05.56%	0.22 of a chair = 0 Chairpersons

Notes:

1. The number of scrutiny chairs allocated to the Executive group must be rounded down to the nearest whole number of chairs.
2. The number of chairs provided to non-executive groups are rounded to the nearest whole number (including zero.)

4.4.2 There are 3 appointable Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SOSC) Chairpersons with the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) having an un-allocated chairperson. The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) appointed Councillor CA Green as its Chairperson on 31 July 2017 and this appointment remains extant.

4.4.3 The revised political balance does not affect the current allocation of Scrutiny Chairpersons to the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SOSC). The Conservative group have nominated Cllr C Webster as the new Chairperson of SOSC 1 and she is recommended to be appointed by Council.

#### 4.5 Remuneration

4.5.1 The allocation of Senior Salaries was made by Council on 17 May 2017. The revised political balance as shown in paragraph 4.1 has resulted in a change to the largest opposition group from the Conservative to the Independent Alliance group.

4.5.2 The Senior Salary for the Largest Opposition Group will now be paid to the Leader of the Independent Alliance group with the Leader of the Conservative Group receiving remuneration for a Leader of an opposition group with at least 10% of the membership of the Council.

4.5.3 The Senior Salary for the Chairperson of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1 will be allocated to Cllr C Webster of the Conservative group following her appointment by Council as recommended in paragraph 4.4.3 above.

### **5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules.**

5.1 The provisions and recommendations of the report accord with the Council's Procedure Rules outlined in Part 4 of the Constitution.

### **6. Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equality implications attached to this report.

### **7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

### **8. Recommendations.**

8.1 Council is recommended to:-

- a. Approve the revised political balance as shown in Appendix A;
- b. Receive nominations from political groups for any one for one changes to their representation on committees and appoint those Councillors to serve on these committees as shown at Appendix B;
- c. Appoint Councillor C Webster as Chairperson of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee 1.

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### **Background documents**

None.

**REVISED POLITICAL BALANCE**

Committee	Total	Labour			Conservative			Independent Alliance			Llynfi Independents			Plaid Cymru		
		No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change
Appeals	12	6	50.00	0	2	16.67	0	2	16.67	0	1	8.33	0	1	8.33	0
Appointments Committee	6	3	50.00	0	1	16.67	0	1	16.67	0	0	0.00	0	1	16.67	0
Audit Committee	12	6	50.00	0	2	16.67	-1	3	25.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Democratic Services Committee	11	5	45.45	0	2	18.18	-1	2	18.18	0	0	0.00	0	1	9.09	0
Development Control Committee	18	9	50.00	0	2	11.11	-1	3	16.67	0	1	5.56	0	1	5.56	0
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	14	7	50.00	0	2	14.29	-1	2	14.29	0	1	7.14	0	1	7.14	0
Licensing Committee	14	7	50.00	0	2	14.29	-1	2	14.29	0	1	7.14	0	1	7.14	0
Town & Community Council Forum	19	8	42.11	0	3	15.79	-1	4	21.05	0	1	5.26	0	1	5.26	0
Scrutiny 1	16	7	43.75	0	2	12.50	-1	3	18.75	0	1	6.25	0	1	6.25	0
Scrutiny 2	16	8	50.00	0	3	18.75	-1	3	18.75	0	1	6.25	0	0	0.00	0
Scrutiny 3	16	8	50.00	0	2	12.50	-1	4	25.00	0	1	6.25	0	0	0.00	0
Scrutiny 4 Corporate	12	6	50.00	0	2	16.67	0	2	16.67	0	1	8.33	0	1	8.33	0
<b>Totals</b>	166	80	48.19	0	25	15.06		31	18.67		9	5.42		9	5.42	
<b>Councillors</b>	54	26	48.15		8	14.81		10	18.52		3	5.56		3	5.56	
<b>Variation as %</b>			<b>0.04</b>			<b>0.25</b>			<b>0.16</b>			<b>-0.13</b>			<b>-0.13</b>	
<b>Variation as Seats(1% = 1.66 seats)</b>	<b>1.66</b>		<b>0.03</b>			<b>0.41</b>			<b>0.26</b>			<b>-0.22</b>			<b>-0.22</b>	

  

Committee	Total	Independent			Independent			Independent			Independent Conservative		
		JH Tildesley			A Williams			J Williams			K Watts		
		No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change
Appeals	12	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Appointments Committee	6	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Audit Committee	12	0	0.00	0	1	8.33	+1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Democratic Services Committee	11	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	9.09	+1
Development Control Committee	18	1	5.56	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	5.56	+1
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	14	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	7.14	+1	0	0.00	0
Licensing Committee	14	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	7.14	+1	0	0.00	0
Town & Community Council Forum	19	1	5.26	0	1	5.26	+1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Scrutiny 1	16	1	6.25	0	1	6.25	+1	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
Scrutiny 2	16	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	6.25	+1
Scrutiny 3	16	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	6.25	+1	0	0.00	0
Scrutiny 4 Corporate	12	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0
<b>Totals</b>	166	3	1.81		3	1.81		3	1.81		3	1.81	
<b>Councillors</b>	54	1	1.85		1	1.85		1	1.85		1	1.85	
<b>Variation as %</b>			<b>-0.04</b>			<b>-0.04</b>			<b>-0.04</b>			<b>-0.04</b>	
<b>Variation as Seats(1% = 1.66 seats)</b>	<b>1.66</b>		<b>-0.07</b>			<b>-0.07</b>			<b>-0.07</b>			<b>-0.07</b>	

**REVISED COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP****Appeals Panel**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Pam Davies	Labour	
2.	David Lewis	Labour	
3.	Janice Lewis	Labour	Vice Chairperson
4.	John McCarthy	Labour	Chairperson
5.	Gareth Howells	Labour	
6.	Nicole Burnett	Labour	
7.	Matthew Voisey	Conservative	
<b>8.</b>	<b>Lyn Walters</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr J Williams</b>
9.	Norah Clarke	Independent Alliance	
10.	Elaine Venables	Independent Alliance	
11.	Keith Edwards	Llynfi Independents	
12.	James Radcliffe	Plaid Cymru	

**Appointments Committee**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Huw David	Labour	Chairperson
2.	Hywel Williams	Labour	
3.	Cabinet Member	Labour	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Tom Giffard</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Watts</b>
5.	Norah Clarke	Independent Alliance	
6.	Malcolm James	Plaid Cymru	

**Audit Committee**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Mike Kearn	Labour	
2.	Bridie Sedgebeer	Labour	
3.	Rod Shaw	Labour	
4.	Janice Lewis	Labour	
5.	John McCarthy	Labour	
6.	Richard Granville	Labour	
7.	Lyn Walters	Conservative	Chairperson
<b>8.</b>	<b>Altaf Hussain</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Webster</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Alex Williams</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Change of group</b>
10.	Cheryl Green	Independent Alliance	
11.	Amanda Williams	Independent Alliance	Vice Chairperson
12.	Michael Clarke	Independent Alliance	

**Democratic Services Committee**

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Gareth Howells	Labour	
2.	Steve Smith	Labour	
3.	Richard Granville	Labour	
4.	Bridie Sedgebeer	Labour	
5.	Gary Thomas	Labour	
6.	Sadie Vidal	Conservative	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Carolyn Webster</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Rowlands</b>

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
8.	<b>Ken Watts</b>	<b>Independent Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Pucella</b>
9.	Elaine Venables	Independent Alliance	
10.	Sean Aspey	Independent Alliance	
11.	Malcolm James	Plaid Cymru	Chairperson

#### Development Control Committee

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
1.	Jane Gebbie	Labour	
2.	David Lewis	Labour	
3.	Janice Lewis	Labour	
4.	Nicole Burnett	Labour	
5.	Jon-Paul Blundell	Labour	
6.	John Spanswick	Labour	
7.	Gary Thomas	Labour	Chairperson
8.	Richard Collins	Labour	
9.	Rod Shaw	Labour	Vice Chairperson
10.	Carolyn Webster	Conservative	
11.	Matthew Voisey	Conservative	
12.	<b>Ken Watts</b>	<b>Conservative Independent</b>	<b>Change of Group</b>
13.	Sorell Dendy	Independent Alliance	
14.	Amanda Williams	Independent Alliance	
15.	Roz Stirman	Independent Alliance	
16.	Tom Beedle	Llynfi Independents	
17.	Tim Thomas	Plaid Cymru	
18.	Jefferson Tildesley	JH Tildesley	

#### Licensing Act 2003/ Licensing Committee

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
1.	Pam Davies	Labour	
2.	Gary Thomas	Labour	
3.	Stuart Baldwin	Labour	
4.	David Lewis	Labour	Chairperson
5.	Janice Lewis	Labour	
6.	Richard Collins	Labour	
7.	Mike Kearn	Labour	Vice Chairperson
8.	Aniel Pucella	Conservative	
9.	<b>Altaf Hussain</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Tom Giffard</b>
10.	<b>Julia Williams</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Change of Group</b>
11.	David Owen	Independent Alliance	
12.	Brian Jones	Independent Alliance	
13.	Keith Edwards	Llynfi Independents	
14.	Malcolm James	Plaid Cymru	

#### Town & Community Council Forum

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
1.	Huw David	Labour	Chairperson
2.	Steve Smith	Labour	
3.	Paul Davies	Labour	
4.	Bridie Sedgebeer	Labour	
5.	Jon-Paul Blundell	Labour	



<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
6.	Charles Smith	Labour	
7.	Richard Granville	Labour	
8.	Stuart Baldwin	Labour	
9.	Matthew Voisey	Conservative	
10.	Kay Rowlands	Conservative	
11.	<b>Aniel Pucella</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Giffard</b>
12.	<b>Alex Williams</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Hussain</b>
13.	Roz Stirman	Independent Alliance	
14.	Sean Aspey	Independent Alliance	
15.	Brian Jones	Independent Alliance	
16.	Michael Clarke	Independent Alliance	
17.	Ross Thomas	Llynfi Independents	
18.	Tim Thomas	Plaid Cymru	
19.	Jefferson Tildesley	Independent	

### Scrutiny Subject Committee 1

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	Jon-Paul Blundell	Labour	
2.	Nicole Burnett	Labour	
3.	Richard Collins	Labour	
4.	Martyn Jones	Labour	
5.	Bridie Sedgebeer	Labour	
6.	Richard Granville	Labour	
7.	Jane Gebbie	Labour	
8.	<b>Kay Rowlands</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Voisey.</b>
9.	<b>Carolyn Webster</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Walters Nominated as Chairperson</b>
10.	<b>Alex Williams</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Change of Group</b>
11.	Sorell Dendy	Independent Alliance	
12.	Amanda Williams	Independent Alliance	
13.	David Owen	Independent Alliance	
14.	Keith Edwards	Llynfi Independents	
15.	James Radcliffe	Plaid Cymru	
16.	Jeferson Tildesley	Independent	

### Scrutiny Subject Committee 2

<b>Ser</b>	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	David White	Labour	
2.	Jane Gebbie	Labour	
3.	Janice Lewis	Labour	
4.	John McCarthy	Labour	
5.	Martyn Jones	Labour	
6.	Mike Kearn	Labour	
7.	Gary Thomas	Labour	
8.	Steve Smith	Labour	
9.	Aniel Pucella	Conservative	
10.	Sadie Vidal	Conservative	
11.	<b>Lyn Walters</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Giffard</b>

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
12.	<b>Ken Watts</b>	<b>Independent Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr K Rowlands</b>
13.	Sorell Dendy	Independent Alliance	
14.	Cheryl Green	Independent Alliance	Chairperson
15.	Michael Clarke	Independent Alliance	
16.	Tom Beedle	Llynfi Independents	

### Scrutiny Subject Committee 3

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
	<b>Member</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1.	John Spanswick	Labour	Chairperson
2.	Gary Thomas	Labour	
3.	Stuart Baldwin	Labour	
4.	Gareth Howells	Labour	
5.	Richard Granville	Labour	
6.	David Lewis	Labour	
7.	Paul Davies	Labour	
8.	Rod Shaw	Labour	
9.	Altaf Hussain	Conservative	
10.	<b>Matthew Voisey</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Webster</b>
11.	<b>J Williams</b>	<b>Independent</b>	<b>Change of Group</b>
12.	Norah Clarke	Independent Alliance	
13.	Roz Stirman	Independent Alliance	
14.	Elaine Venables	Independent Alliance	
15.	David Owen	Independent Alliance	
16.	<b>Tom Beedle</b>	<b>Llynfi Independents</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr R Thomas</b>

### Scrutiny Corporate Committee

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
1.	John Spanswick	Labour	
2.	Bridie Sedgebeer	Labour	
3.	Martyn Jones	Labour	
4.	Jane Gebbie	Labour	
5.	Rod Shaw	Labour	
6.	Jon-Paul Blundell	Labour	
7.	<b>Tom Giffard</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Watts</b>
8.	<b>Carolyn Webster</b>	<b>Conservative</b>	<b>Replacing Cllr Alex Williams</b>
9.	Norah Clarke	Independent Alliance	
10.	Cheryl Green	Independent Alliance	Chairperson
11.	Tim Thomas	Plaid Cymru	
12.	Ross Thomas	Llynfi Independents	

### Standards Committee

Ser	Member	Group	Notes
1.	DRW Lewis	Labour	
2.	M Clarke	Independent Alliance	