

# BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO COUNCIL

16 DECEMBER 2015

### 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 the election of Cllr D Patel in the Ogmore Vale ward.
- 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 The establishment of Committees and other bodies will fulfil the requirements of the Constitution and enable the Council to work towards the successful achievement of its Corporate 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 13 May 2015 Council approved the political balance and made appointments to Committees to reflect the political make-up of the Authority.

3.2 On 01 September 2015 Cllr D Hughes (Independent) resigned as the elected member for the Ogmore Vale ward. A by-election was held on 12th November 2015 with Cllr D Patel (Labour) being elected as the new elected member for the Ogmore Vale ward.

##### 4. Current situation / proposal.

4.1 The political composition of Council is now as follows:

Group	No of Cllrs	Percentage
Labour	39	72.22
Independent Alliance	9	16.67
Independent Annibynwr	4	7.41
Plaid Cymru*	1	1.85
Independent*	1	1.85
Totals	54	100

\*This is not a group but the details have been included for completeness

- 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 have an additional 3 seats which have initially been allocated to the Appeals Panel, the Partnerships and Governance and to the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 4.3.2 Independent Alliance  
The Independent Alliance Group is required to reduce its number of seats. It has been initially identified that they should relinquish seats on the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Act 2003 Committee, the Development Control Committee and the Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In order to maintain the best possible balance the Group has been allocated an additional seat on the Town and Community Council Forum.
- 4.3.3 Independent Annibynwr  
No change
- 4.3.4 Plaid Cymru  
Plaid Cymru is not a political group of Council, because it has less than 2 Council representatives and is not required to be allocated a specific percentage of Committee seats. Therefore, it is proposed that Cllr RM James remain on the Community Renewal and Environment Overview Scrutiny and Democratic Services Committees. He will no longer be a member of the Appeals Panel but he will become a member of the Development Control Committee.
- 4.3.5 Independent  
Cllr L Ellis is a stand-alone independent member and like Plaid Cymru is not required to have a specific percentage of committee seats. Council is requested to maintain his seat on the Appeals Panel, withdraw his seats on the Partnerships and Governance Overview and Scrutiny Committee and on the Town and Community Council Forum and re-allocate a seat on each of the Licensing Committee and the Licensing Act 2003 Committee.
- 4.4 Scrutiny Chairperson Allocation
- 4.4.1 The revised political balance does not impact 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 attached to this report.

**7. Financial Implications.**

7.1 There are no financial implications

**8. Recommendations.**

8.1 Council is recommended to:-

- (1) to 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.

**REVISED POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL**

Committee	Total	Labour			Independent Alliance			Independent Annibynwr			Plaid Cymru			Independent		
		No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change	No	%	Change
Appeals	12	9	75.00	+1	2	16.67		0	0.00			0.00	-1	1	8.33	
Audit Committee	12	9	75.00		2	16.67		1	8.33			0.00			0.00	
Licensing Committee	14	10	71.43		2	14.29	-1	1	7.14			0.00		1	7.14	+1
Licensing Act 2003 Committee	14	10	71.43		2	14.29	-1	1	7.14			0.00		1	7.14	+1
Development Control Committee	18	13	72.22		3	16.67	-1	1	5.56		1	5.56	+1		0.00	
Town & Community Council Forum	19	14	73.68		4	21.05	+1	1	5.26			0.00			0.00	-1
Partnerships & Governance	12	9	75.00	+1	2	16.67		1	8.33			0.00			0.00	-1
Corporate Resources & Improvement	12	9	75.00		2	16.67		1	8.33			0.00			0.00	
Children & Young People	12	9	75.00		2	16.67		1	8.33			0.00			0.00	
Community, Environment & Leisure	12	8	66.67		2	16.67		1	8.33		1	8.33			0.00	
Adult Social Care	12	9	75.00	+1	2	16.67	-1	1	8.33			0.00			0.00	
Democratic Services Committee	11	7	63.64		2	18.18		1	9.09		1	9.09			0.00	
Appointments Committee	6	4	66.67		1	16.67		1	16.67			0.00			0.00	
<b>Totals</b>	166	120	72.29		28	16.87		12	7.23		3	1.81		3	1.81	
<b>Councillors</b>	54	39	72.22		9	16.67		4	7.41		1	1.85		1	1.85	
<b>Variation as %</b>			0.07			0.20			-0.18			-0.04			-0.04	
<b>Variation as Seats(1% = 1.66 seats)</b>	1.66		0.04			0.33			-0.30			-0.07			-0.07	

**APPEALS PANEL**

1.	Cllr L Ellis	Independent	
2.	Cllr N Clarke	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
4.	Cllr PA Davies	Labour	
5.	Cllr RD Jenkins	Labour	
6.	Cllr C Westwood	Labour	
7.	Cllr P James	Labour	
8.	Cllr D Lewis	Labour	
9.	Cllr JE Lewis	Labour	
10.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	Chairperson
11.	Cllr DBF White	Labour	
12.	Cllr RM James	Plaid Cymru	

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1.	Cllr G Davies	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr E Dodd	Independent Annibynwyr	Chairperson
4.	Cllr GW Davies MBE	Labour	
5.	Cllr RC Jones	Labour	
6.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	
7.	Cllr JE Lewis	Labour	
8.	Cllr M Reeves	Labour	
9.	Cllr C Westwood	Labour	
10.	Cllr D Sage	Labour	
11.	Cllr CL Jones	Labour	
12.	Cllr DK Edwards	Labour	

**LICENSING COMMITTEE /LICENSING ACT 2003 COMMITTEE**

1.	Cllr B Jones	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr E Venables	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
4.	Cllr E Dodd	Independent Annibynwyr	
5.	Cllr P James	Labour	
6.	Cllr RD Jenkins	Labour	
7.	Cllr JE Lewis	Labour	
8.	Cllr HE Morgan	Labour	
9.	Cllr R Williams	Labour	Chairperson
10.	Cllr GW Davies MBE	Labour	
11.	Cllr PA Davies	Labour	
12.	Cllr CJ James	Labour	
13.	Cllr P John	Labour	
14.	Cllr DRW Lewis	Labour	

## DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr N Clarke	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
4.	Cllr M Winter	Independent Alliance	
5.	Cllr JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwyr	
6.	Cllr GW Davies MBE	Labour	
7.	Cllr PA Davies	Labour	
8.	Cllr RC Jones	Labour	
9.	Cllr DRW Lewis	Labour	
10.	Cllr JE Lewis	Labour	
11.	Cllr HE Morgan	Labour	
12.	Cllr LC Morgan	Labour	
13.	Cllr D Sage	Labour	
14.	Cllr JC Spanswick	Labour	
15.	Cllr G Thomas	Labour	
16.	Cllr M Thomas	Labour	Chairperson
17.	Cllr C Westwood	Labour	
18.	Cllr R Williams	Labour	

## TOWN & COMMUNITY COUNCIL FORUM

1.	Cllr L Ellis	Independent	
2.	Cllr S Aspey	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr DG Owen	Independent Alliance	
4.	Cllr M Winter	Independent Alliance	
5.	Cllr M Butcher	Independent Annibynwyr	
6.	Cllr EM Hughes	Labour	
7.	Cllr RD Jenkins	Labour	
8.	Cllr CL Jones	Labour	
9.	Cllr HE Morgan	Labour	
10.	Cllr MEJ Nott OBE	Labour	Chairperson
11.	Cllr G Phillips	Labour	
12.	Cllr DR Pugh	Labour	
13.	Cllr C Reeves	Labour	
14.	Cllr M Reeves	Labour	
15.	Cllr D Sage	Labour	
16.	Cllr CE Smith	Labour	
17.	Cllr R Thomas	Labour	
18.	Cllr HJ Townsend	Labour	
19.	Cllr R Williams	Labour	

## PARTNERSHIPS AND GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr L Ellis	Independent	
2.	Cllr N Clarke	Independent Alliance	Chairperson
3.	Cllr KJ Watts	Independent Alliance	
4.	Cllr E Dodd	Independent Annibynwyr	
5.	Cllr EM Hughes	Labour	
6.	Cllr M Jones	Labour	
7.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	
8.	Cllr HE Morgan	Labour	
9.	Cllr Alex Owen	Labour	
10.	Cllr M Thomas	Labour	
11.	Cllr R Thomas	Labour	
12.	Cllr C Westwood	Labour	

## ADULT SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

## CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr EP Foley	Independent Annibynwyr	Chairperson
3.	Cllr PA Davies	Labour	
4.	Cllr DK Edwards	Labour	
5.	Cllr N Farr	Labour	
6.	Cllr P John	Labour	
7.	Cllr M Jones	Labour	
8.	Cllr G Phillips	Labour	
9.	Cllr R Thomas	Labour	
10.	Cllr C Westwood	Labour	
11.	Cllr DBF White	Labour	

COMMUNITY, ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr KJ Watts	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwyr	
4.	Cllr DK Edwards	Labour	
5.	Cllr RD Jenkins	Labour	
6.	Cllr CL Jones	Labour	
7.	Cllr DRW Lewis	Labour	
8.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	
9.	Cllr G Phillips	Labour	
10.	Cllr JC Spanswick	Labour	Chairperson
11.	Cllr R Williams	Labour	
12.	Cllr RM James	Plaid Cymru	

CORPORATE RESOURCES & IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr G Davies	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr E Dodd	Independent Annibynwyr	
4.	Cllr GW Davies MBE	Labour	
5.	Cllr EM Hughes	Labour	
6.	Cllr RC Jones	Labour	
7.	Cllr DRW Lewis	Labour	
8.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	
9.	Cllr C Reeves	Labour	
10.	Cllr M Reeves	Labour	Chairperson
11.	Cllr JC Spanswick	Labour	
12.	Cllr G Thomas	Labour	

DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr E Venables	Independent Alliance	
3.	Cllr JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwyr	Chairperson
4.	Cllr DK Edwards	Labour	
5.	Cllr N Farr	Labour	
6.	Cllr P James	Labour	
7.	Cllr RC Jones	Labour	
8.	Cllr J McCarthy	Labour	
9.	Cllr M Reeves	Labour	
10.	Cllr G Thomas	Labour	
11.	Cllr RM James	Plaid Cymru	



## APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE

1.	Cllr CA Green	Independent Alliance	
2.	Cllr JH Tildesley MBE	Independent Annibynwyr	
3.	Cllr MEJ Nott OBE	Labour	Chairperson
4.	Cllr GW Davies MBE	Labour	
5.	Cllr HJ David	Labour	
6.	Cabinet Member Portfolio Holder	Labour	