

## APPENDIX

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<b>MEETING</b>	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>18 MAY 2017</b>
<b>TITLE OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE (additional paper to coincide with item 12)</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>Submit the recommendations of the Business Group to the Council</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>Allocation of seats on the Council's Committees and Confirm the Allocation of the Posts and Hours of the Members' Support Officers.</b>
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## 1. THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

1.1.1 Following the May 2017 Local Government elections, the Gwynedd Council political balance is as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Number</u>
Plaid Cymru	41
Independent	24
Llais Gwynedd	6
Liberal/Labour	2
Individual members	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>

## 2. ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

2.1 The seats are allocated on the various committees in accordance with the information noted in the appendix to this report.

## 3. CHAIRPERSONSHIPS AND AND VICE-CHAIRPERSONSHIPS

3.1 The only committees for which the chairs are to be allocated on the basis of political balance are the Scrutiny Committees. Specific rules must be followed when calculating entitlement to chairs of the scrutiny committees based on the political balance. The rules aim to ensure that groups that are not represented on the executive are given a fair proportion of the chairpersonships. In accordance with the rules, the chairpersonships are allocated as follows:

Independent Group – 2 Chairs, Plaid Cymru Group – 1 Chair

## 4. MEMBER SUPPORT OFFICERS

4.1 The hours of political support are allocated between the eligible groups as follows:

Plaid Cymru Group 35 hours  
 Independent Group 20 hours

**5. OUTSIDE BODIES**

5.1 It is the Council that decides on allocations of the seats to bodies that require political balance. There are two of these, namely

- Snowdonia National Park Authority, and
- North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

5.2 The seats on the two outside authorities are allocated as follows:

BODY	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Llais Gwynedd	Liberal/ Labour	Individual Members
Snowdonia National Park Authority	5	3	1	0	0
North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority	3	2	0	0	0

5.3 The allocation of seats will stand for the term of this Council unless a review is required due to changes in the political balance.

5.4 Police and Crime Panel. As noted in the original report, the Full Council must nominate members to represent the Council on the Police and Crime Panel. Gwynedd’s representation on the Panel is two members – one from Plaid Cymru Group and one from the Independent Group.

5.5 It is essential that the members nominated to the Police and Crime Panel have the necessary knowledge and experience to assist the Police and Crime Panel to discharge its functions effectively, and this should be taken into consideration whilst nominating members. Nominations will be submitted to the Home Secretary for approval.

5.6 The Council is asked to nominate members from the two groups named above. It is recommended that the appointments will stand until the next Local elections are held.

## ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

A	Plaid Cymru	Independent Group	Llais Gwynedd	Lib/Lab	Individual Members	Total
Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee	10	5	2	0	1	18
Communities Scrutiny Committee	10	5	2	1	0	18
Care Scrutiny Committee	10	6	1	0	1	18
Audit and Governance Committee	10	6	1	1	0	18
B	Plaid Cymru	Independent Group	Llais Gwynedd	Lib/Lab	Individual Members	Total
Democratic Services Committee	8	5	1	0	1	15
Planning Committee	8	5	1	1	0	15
Central Licensing Committee	8	5	1	1	0	15
Language Committee	8	5	1	0	1	15
Chief Officers Appointment Committee	8	5	2	0	0	15
Employment Appeals Committee	4	2	1	0	0	7
<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>154</b>
C	Plaid Cymru	Independent Group	Llais Gwynedd	Lib/Lab	Individual Members	Total
Pensions Committee	4	2	0	1	0	7
Local Joint Consultative Committee	6	3	1	0	1	11
SACRE	4	3	0	0	0	7
Joint Planning Policy Committee	5	2	1	0	0	8
<b>Total seats</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>187</b>