

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

**COUNCIL
7 November, 2018**

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND CHIEF
DIGITAL OFFICER**

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

**CHANGES TO COMMITTEES TO REFLECT THE POLITICAL
BALANCE OF THE COUNCIL**

Purpose of the Report

1. To agree changes to the allocation of seats on the Council's committees to the political groups so as to reflect changes to the overall political balance of the Council.
2. To approve the resultant changes to the memberships of the various committees.

Proposals

1. Allocation of seats to the Political Groups

Following changes to the overall political balance of the Council it is necessary to review the allocation of seats on the Council's committees to the political groups. The proposed allocation of seats is set out at in Appendix 1 for approval.

2. Committee Membership

Provided that Council approves the proposed allocation of seats, it is also necessary for Council to approve changes to the membership of the various committees. The proposals received from Group leaders are set out below for Council to consider and approve:

a. Labour Group

Cllr.J.Warman and Cllr.H.N.James be removed from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and replaced by Cllr.L.Jones
Cllr.R.L.Taylor be removed from Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee and Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Sub Committee and replaced by Cllr.H.N.James on that Sub Committee
Cllr.A.N.Woolcock be removed from Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Cllr.S.Pursey be removed from Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee

b. Independent Group

Cllr. S.Knoyle be added to the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee
Cllr.J.Jones be added to the Education, Skills and Culture Scrutiny Committee
Cllr.S.Knoyle be added to the Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Cllr. J.Jones be added to the Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee

In addition the Plaid Cymru Group has also asked that the following changes be approved:-

c. Plaid Cymru Group

Replace Cllr.J.Evans with Cllr N.T.Hunt on Cabinet Scrutiny Committee.
Replace Cllr.N.T.Hunt with Cllr.S.Bamsey on Regeneration and Sustainable Development Scrutiny Committee and the Community Safety and Public Protection Sub-Committee.

In relation to the nominations to the Council's Outside Bodies the following amendments/additions be approved:-

d. Outside Bodies

City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee – Cllrs.A.N.Woolcock, S.Freeguard and A.Llewelyn
Cllr.R.L.Taylor be replaced on the Schools Admissions Forum by Cllr. R.Mizen and as a substitute on the Schools Standards Partnership by Cllr.D.Whitelock

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Equality Impact Assessment

There are no Equality Impacts.

Workforce Impacts

There are no Workforce Impacts.

Legal Powers

Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/contents>

Risk Management

There are none.

Consultation

There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

1. That Council approves the proposed allocation of seats on the various committees to the political groups as set out in Appendix 1.
2. That Council approves the changes set out in Section 2 of this report to the memberships of the various committees and the outside bodies listed.

Reason for Proposed Decisions:

To update the Council's membership arrangements as a result of the change in the political balance of the Council and to confirm which Members will take up the Council's seats on the Joint Scrutiny Committee established under the City Deal arrangements

Implementation of Decisions

The decisions are for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

The Constitution and the City Deal Joint Working Agreements

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APPENDIX 1**SIZE OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND APPORTIONMENT OF SEATS TO THE POLITICAL GROUPS -
2018/2019 as at 1 NOVEMBER 2018**

COUNCIL COMMITTEES	TOTAL NO. OF SEATS 64	Labour (41)	Plaid Cymru (15)	Independent Democrats (8)
CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	16	10	4	2
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	13	8	3	2
EDUCATION, SKILLS AND CULTURE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	15† (+8)	9	3	3
LEISURE AND CULTURE SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE	9	6	2	1
REGENERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	12	7	3	2
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND PUBLIC PROTECTION SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE	9	6	2	1

STREETSCENE AND ENGINEERING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	12	8	3	1
PLANNING COMMITTEE	12	8	3	1
REGISTRATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE ϕ	15	10	3	2
*LICENSING AND GAMBLING ACTS COMMITTEE ϕ	15	10	3	2
<i>*Licensing and Gambling Acts Sub Committee</i>	3	2	1	0
AUDIT COMMITTEE	12† (+1)	8	3	1
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE	12	8	3	1
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	12	8	3	1
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE	9	6	2	1
TOTALS	176	114	41	21

*APPEALS PANEL	(5)	3	1	1
*(Appeals Panel Substitutes)	(20)	13	5	2
*(STANDARDS COMMITTEE)	(2)	2	-	-
*(Standards Committee Substitute)	(1)	1	-	-
STAFF COUNCIL	12	Cabinet Members	Opposition Leader or sub	Opposition Leader or sub

- Notes:** (1) † In context of voting co-optees - 4 voting Co-optees (with 4 non voting Co-optees) for the Scrutiny Committee; 1 voting Lay Member for the Audit Committee.
(2) φ Registration and Licensing / Licensing and Gambling Acts Committees – same Chair/Vice Chair and Committee Membership.
(3) # Comprises Chair & Vice Chair of the Committee plus one other Member on a rota/availability basis
(4) * 1989 Act does not apply. Separate substitute arrangements also.