

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

COUNCIL

4th October 2023

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC
SERVICES**

Mr. Craig Griffiths.

SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

**CHANGES TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND COMMITTEE
MEMBERSHIP**

Purpose of the Report

To authorise changes to the allocation of seats on council committees to the political groups.

Summary

The Chief Executive received notification from Cllr Angharad Aubrey on the 5th September 2023 that she had resigned from the Labour Group and on the 8th September 2023 the Chief Executive received notification that Cllr Angharad Aubrey had joined the Coedffranc Liberal and Green Group.

Accordingly, the political makeup of the Council has changed and changes are needed to the allocation of seats between political groups and to the membership of certain committees.

The proposed proportional allocation of seats to each relevant committee is enclosed at Appendix 1 for Council approval.

Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders of the impacted political groups on the proposed allocations and Group Leaders have

notified the Head of Legal and Democratic Services of changes that they propose should be made to the membership of committees specified below:

Labour Group Changes:

That Cllr S Thomas be removed as a member of the Registration and Licensing Committee.

That Cllr S Thomas be removed as a member of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee.

That Cllr A Aubrey be removed as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee.

That Cllr S Grimshaw be appointed as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee

That Cllr S Thomas be removed as a member of the Democratic Services Committee

That Cllr S Reynolds be appointed as a member of the Democratic Services Committee

Cllr S Reynolds replaces Cllr S Thomas on Democratic Services Committee

That Cllr A Aubrey be removed as a member of the Appeals Panel

That Cllr S Paddison be appointed as a member of the Appeals Panel

That Cllrs S Grimshaw and S Freeguard be removed as members of the Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee

That Cllrs S Thomas and R Wood be appointed as members of the Environment, Regeneration and Streetscene Services Scrutiny Committee

That Cllrs A Aubrey and A Lockyer be removed as members of the Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee

That Cllrs D Whitlock and S Freeguard be appointed as members of the Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee.

That Cllr A Aubrey be removed as member of the Corporate Parenting Panel

That Cllr S Freeguard be appointed as member of the Corporate Parenting Panel

That Cllr D Whitlock be removed as member of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

That Cllr D Keogh be appointed as member of the Education, Skills and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

That Cllrs A Lockyer and S Renkes be appointed as substitutes to the Appeals Panel

Coeddfranc Liberal and Green Group Changes/Nominations

That Cllr A Aubrey be appointed as a member of the Registration and Licensing Committee.

That Cllr A Aubrey be appointed as a member of the Licensing and Gambling Acts Committee

That Cllr N Goldup John be removed as a member of the Planning Committee

That Cllr A Aubrey be appointed as a member of the Planning Committee

Independent Group Changes/Nominations

That Cllr K Morris be removed as a member of the Personnel Committee

That Cllr J Jones be appointed as a member of the Personnel Committee.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as the issues within the report relate to constitutional matters only.

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 no risk management issues that require attention.

Consultation

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

Recommendations

That Council approves:-

1. The proportional allocation of seats to the political groups as contained in Appendix 1
2. The changes to the membership of committees as contained in the report.

Reason for Proposed Decisions:

To update the Council's membership arrangements.

Implementation of Decisions

The decisions are for immediate implementation.

List of Background Papers

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Constitution.

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