

### Political Balance Position at May 2014

The tables below summarise the position for each of the committees. The third column headed *Political Balance* shows the actual number of seats each Group is entitled to have on the committee.

Changes to committee memberships can occur at any time and the Groups are encouraged to ensure that each committee has a full contingent of members throughout the year. A general review of the political balance of the committees is undertaken annually to re-balance committees for the start of the new municipal year in May. This year the Annual Meeting of Council was held on the 13 May 2014.

Cabinet	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	0	3
Independent	4	2
Conservative	2	1 or 2*
Plaid Cymru	2	1 or 2*
<p>Comments: The political balance requirements have been achieved for the groups participating in the executive.</p> <p>In the event of a political group with 5 or more members declining to take up their seats on the Cabinet the Leader may appoint councillors to fill the vacancies and the rules of political balance do not apply to the filling of those vacancies. No further actions required.</p> <p>*With 8 members each both the Conservative and Plaid Cymru Groups have the same political balance weighting, so in respect of political balance, either could take a second seat on the committee.</p>		

Corporate Governance Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	2
Independent	2	2
Conservative	1	1
Plaid Cymru	1	1
<p>Comments: The membership of the Corporate Governance Committee is 6 councillors of whom one shall be the Vice Chair of the Council, politically balanced. The new Vice Chair of the Council, Councillor Gwyneth Kensler was already a member of the committee.</p> <p><b>Action: No action required.</b></p>		

Communities Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	3	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments: This committee is politically balanced.		
<b>Actions: None required.</b>		

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	3	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments: This committee is politically balanced. From the start of the 2014 / 15 municipal year Councillor Ray Bartley and Richard Davies (Independents) joined the committee whilst Councillors Bill Cowie and Joe Welch left.		
<b>Actions: None required.</b>		

Performance Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	1	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments: There are currently (May 2014) 2 vacancies for Independent Group member on this committee.		
<b>Action: Independent Group to nominate 2 members.</b>		

Planning Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	11	12
Independent	8	8
Conservative	5	5
Plaid Cymru	5	5
Comments: Labour have one vacant seat.		
<b>Actions: The Labour Group to appoint 1 member.</b>		

Licensing Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	3	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments: This committee is politically balanced.		
<b>Actions: None required.</b>		

Democratic Services Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	3	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments: The Chair and members of this committee are appointed by Council based on a politically balanced allocation. A report will be submitted to Council in June 2014 for a decision.		
<b>Actions: Council to confirm membership in June 2014.</b>		

Local Joint Consultative Committee (LJCC)	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	2
Independent	2	2
Conservative	1	1
Plaid Cymru	1	1
Comments: This committee is politically balanced.		
<b>Actions: None required.</b>		

Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	3
Independent	2	2
Conservative	2	1 or 2*
Plaid Cymru	2	1 or 2*
Comments: Labour are currently (May 2014) 1 member below their entitlement of 3 members on the committee. Both the Conservative and Plaid Cymru Groups have an additional member – see note*.		
<b>Actions: (i) Labour to appoint 1 additional member (ii) Following this, either the Conservative or Plaid Cymru Group to then withdraw 1 member.</b>		
*With 8 members each both the Conservative and Plaid Cymru Groups have the same political balance weighting so either (but only one of them) could take a second seat on the committee.		

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	3
Independent	1	2
Conservative	2	1 or 2*
Plaid Cymru	1	1 or 2*
<p>Comments: Both Labour and the Independents are entitled to 1 extra seat</p> <p><b>Action: Independent and Labour Groups to appoint 1 member each.</b></p> <p>*With 8 members each both the Conservative and Plaid Cymru Groups have the same political balance weighting so one of them would be entitled to take 2 seats</p>		

Appeals and complaints Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	4
Independent	3	3
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	2	2
<p>Comments: This 'committee' provides a pool of members for appeals and complaints work. It is currently balanced.</p> <p><b>Actions: None required.</b></p>		