

Political Balance Position

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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.

Cabinet	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	0	N/A
Independent	4	N/A
Conservative	4	N/A
Plaid Cymru	0	N/A
Comments: The Council's Constitution had offered seats on Cabinet to every political group with 5 or more members, with seats allocated in proportion to the size of the group. In February 2019 Council amended the Constitution by removing the requirement for Cabinet to be politically balanced, allowing the Leader to appoint Cabinet members without applying the rules of political balance. Action: None		

Corporate Governance Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	2
Independent	1	1
Conservative	2	2
Plaid Cymru	1	1
Comments: The membership of the Corporate Governance Committee is 6 councillors politically balanced plus a lay member. The constitutional requirement for the Vice Chair of Council to sit on the Corporate Governance committee and the restriction prohibiting Corporate Governance Committee members from being members of a Scrutiny Committee were removed with the adoption of the new Council constitution. Members of the committee may not be Chair of Council or a Cabinet member. Action: None.		

Communities Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	3	3
Independent	2	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments:		
Actions: None		

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	3	3
Independent	2	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments:		
Actions: None		

Performance Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	3	3
Independent	1	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
Comments:		
Action: Independent Group to appoint 1 member.		

Planning Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	4	6
Independent	4	4
Conservative	7	7
Plaid Cymru	4	4
<p>Comments: Welsh Government Regulations in 2017 mean that two members representing the same ward cannot both sit on the Planning Committee at the same time. Council agreed in May 2017 for Group Leaders to be given the responsibility for resolving multi-member ward nominations and if there is a failure to agree a single nomination none of the nominations would be accepted onto the Committee.</p> <p>Actions: Labour Group to nominate 2 additional members in consultation with the other groups to comply with the 2017 Regulations.</p>		

Licensing Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	3	3
Independent	2	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Actions: None</p>		

Democratic Services Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	3	3
Independent	1	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Actions: Independent Group to appoint 1 member.</p>		

Welsh Language Steering Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	3
Independent	2	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
<p>Comments: This Committee was established by full Council on the 6 December 2016.</p> <p>The membership of this committee is 11 councillors, politically balanced, and where possible to include the lead Cabinet member with responsibility for Welsh language issues (the lead member will count towards the political balance calculation). The aim of the Committee is to provide a public forum and steer to support the Welsh language strategy in Denbighshire.</p> <p>Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts is the lead member for the Welsh Language and a member of the committee.</p> <p>Actions: Labour Group to appoint 1 member.</p>		

Joint Consultative Committee for Health and Safety and Employee Relations	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	0	2
Independent	0	1
Conservative	0	2
Plaid Cymru	0	1
<p>Comments: This is an internal consultative forum of employer and trade union representatives on staffing and health and safety issues. Subject to Council, approval it will replace the LJCC and Corporate Health, Safety and Welfare committees.</p> <p>The employer-side membership is proposed to be 6 elected councillor members appointed on a politically balanced basis, including at least one Cabinet Member (preferably with responsibility for HR and / or health and safety matters), plus two Officers. These Officers to be the Chief Executive or Corporate Director and the Head of HR.</p> <p>Actions: Political Groups to make their appointments in line with the political balance column.</p>		

Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	2
Independent	0	2
Conservative	2	3
Plaid Cymru	1	1
<p>Comments: This committee is a statutory committee advising on RE provision in schools.</p> <p>Action: Independent Group to appoint 2 members, Conservative Group to appoint 1 member.</p>		

Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board Joint Scrutiny Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	2	2
Independent	2	2
Conservative	3	3
Plaid Cymru	1	1
<p>Comments: This formal joint Scrutiny committee with Conwy establish in October 2018 has 16 non-Cabinet members with 8 members from each council.</p> <p>Action: In May 2019 the Conservative Group have indicated they will replace Cllr Holland on the committee with the out-going Chair of Council, Cllr Peter Scott.</p>		

Appeals and complaints Committee	Current Membership	Political Balance
Labour	0	3
Independent	1	2
Conservative	4	4
Plaid Cymru	2	2
<p>Comments: This appeal 'committee' is a pool of members which could be called upon in exceptional circumstances where it was felt that a panel involving members would be appropriate, for example in relation to appeals relating to schools.</p> <p>Actions: Labour Group to appoint 3 members, Independent Group to appoint 1 member.</p>		