

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Council
2nd March 2023

Report Author: Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer
Lead Officer: Wyn Richards, Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services
Report Title: Proposal for Revisions to the Scrutiny Committee Structure and Numbers of Seats on Committees

Report For: Decision

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report asks Council to consider a recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee to reduce the numbers of seats on some of the Council's Committees with effect from the Annual General Meeting in May 2023 and to revise the Scrutiny Committee structure and. These matters were considered by the Democratic Services Committee on 17th February, 2023 and its recommendations are set out below.

2. Background

- 2.1 There are a number of reasons which led to the need to review the current Scrutiny Committee structure as well as the numbers of seats on committees including:
- Following the elections Political Group Leaders asked officers to review the numbers of seats on committees following the reduction in numbers of Members in May 2022 from 73 to 68 (-6.85%)
 - Smaller political group numbers meaning groups are having difficulty filling seats on committees.
 - More Members having other employment limiting their ability to sit on multiple committees.
 - A need to review the remits of Scrutiny Committees following the development of the new Corporate Improvement Plan
 - An acceptance that the remit of the current Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee is too wide
 - A need to review the composition of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee as the model being currently used is not delivering the challenge expected to the Public Service Board.
 - A review of the numbers of seats on Planning Committee across authorities in Wales was undertaken and this indicated that the Powys Planning Committee is only one of three in Wales with 21 Members with the majority of Councils having 17 seats or less on their planning committees. **(See Appendix 1)**
- 2.2 The numbers of current vacancies on the Committees affected by the proposals below are listed at **Appendix 3**. The numbers of seats taken by non-affiliated Members is listed at **Appendix 4**.

3. Timeline.

3.1 The timeline for consultation on the proposal is as follows:

Inform EMT / SLT	January 2023
Cabinet / EMT	17-01-2023
Initial Discussion with Group Leaders	January 2023
Engagement with Chair and VC of Scrutiny Committees	w/c 16 January 2023
Engagement with Chairs and VCs of all Committees (except Scrutiny)	w/c 23 January 2023
Explanation to external partners as to why PSB SC being amended	w/c 30 January Feb 2023
Final proposal Considered	Democratic Services Committee – 17-02-2023
Proposal Agreed by Council	Council – 2 March 2023
Revisions Implemented from	18 May 2023 Council AGM

4. Recommendations from Democratic Services Committee

4.1 The recommendations for consideration are set out below.

4.2 That there be no changes to the following committees:

- Pensions and Investment Committee; (only 5 Members currently)
- Governance and Audit Committee; (only amended last year)
- Finance Panel (only amended last year)

RECOMMENDATION to Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
(1) that there is no change to the following committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pensions and Investment Committee• Governance and Audit Committee• Finance Panel	To respond to the request by political group leaders to review the numbers of seats on committees following the reduction in the numbers of Members in May 2022.

4.3 The Number of Councillors on Scrutiny Committees

4.3.1– The Democratic Services Committee considered the possible reduction in the number of seats on all three scrutiny committees from 14 currently (plus the addition of co-opted members where required) to either :

- A Committee of 12 (formula 11 +1 additional seat) **(See Appendix 2)**
Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (4); Labour (2); Plaid Cymru (1); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seat allocated to Conservatives (1)
- A Committee of 11 (formula 8+3 additional seats) **(See Appendix 2)**
Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (3); Labour (1); Plaid Cymru (0); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seats allocated to Plaid Cymru (1), Labour (1) and Independents (1).

The reference to “additional seats” in the above is a reference to the formula which must be used to ensure that scrutiny committees are politically balanced according to the current make up of political groups within the Council. By way of example, members will see from Appendix 2 that the application of the Formula for a committee of 12, results in 11 seats being allocated to political groups with the 12th seat (“the additional seat”) being allocated to the next nearest group, namely the Conservative Group.

4.3.2 The recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee is that that the numbers of seats on all three scrutiny committees should be reduced to 11 Members, plus the addition of co-opted Members where required)

4.3.3 Attendance Data for meetings 9 May 2022 – 22 February 2023 :

Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee

- 7 November – 8 (57.1%)
- 12 December – 9 (64.3%)
- 19 January – 11 (78.6%)
- 30 January - 11 (78.6%)
- 13 February - 11 (78.6%)

Learning & Skills Scrutiny

- 29 June – 12 (85.7%)
- 15 July – 11 (78.6%)
- 28 September – 12 (85.7%)
- 14 December – 12 (85.7%)
- 18 January – 8 (57.1%)
- 30 January – 9 (64.3%)
- 10 February - 7

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee -

- 29 June – 7 (50%)
- 25 July – 11 (78.6%)
- 7 October – 9 (64.3%)
- 15 December – 7 (50%)
- 27 January – 8 (57.1%)
- 30 January - 8 (57.1%)

4.3.3 Group Leaders Comments:

The majority of Group Leaders agree that Scrutiny Committee numbers should be reduced to either 11 or 12 Members plus Co-Opted Members, but this was not agreed by the Leader of the Conservative Group.

4.3.4 Scrutiny Chairs' Comments:

The Chairs of the Economy, Residents, and Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee are supportive of the proposed changes. The views of the Chair of the Health and Care Scrutiny Committee on a possible reduction are not known.

RECOMMENDATION to Council:	Reason for Recommendation:	
(2) that the numbers of seats on all three scrutiny committees should be reduced to 11 Members, (plus the addition of co-opted Members where required)	To respond to the request by political group leaders to review the numbers of seats on committees following the reduction in the numbers of Members in May 2022.	
(3) that the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer prepare revisions to Section 7 of the Constitution to reflect the decision in recommendation 2 above		
(4) that the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer monitor attendance by Members at scrutiny meetings.		

4. Other Committees

4.4.1 Democratic Services Committee also considered the number of members sitting on other committees and in particular the options for committees of 9 -12 members. The political balance for committees of these sizes would be as follows:-

- Committee of 12 (formula 11 +1 additional seat) **(See Appendix 2)**
 - Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (4); Labour (2); Plaid Cymru (1); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seat allocated to Conservatives (1).
- Committee of 11 (formula 8+3 additional seats) **(See Appendix 2)**
 - Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (3); Labour (1); Plaid Cymru (0); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seats allocated to Plaid Cymru (1), Labour (1) and Independents (1). **(See Appendix 2)**
- Committee of 10 – (formula 8+2 additional seats) **(See Appendix 2)**
 - Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (3); Labour (1); Plaid Cymru (0); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seat allocated to Plaid Cymru (1). **(See Appendix 2)**
- Committee of 9 – (formula 8+1 additional seats) **(See Appendix 2)**
 - Political balance - Independents (1); Conservatives (2); Liberal Democrats (3); Labour (1); Plaid Cymru (0); Independents for Powys (1). Additional seat allocated to Plaid Cymru (1) **(See Appendix 2)**

4.4.2 Democratic Services Committee (14); and Employment and Appeals Committee (14); and Licensing Act 2003 Committee(14)

Democratic Services Committee currently has 14 members with 2 vacancies ; Employment and Appeals Committee has 14 members with 3 vacancies and the Licensing Act 2003 Committee has 14 members with 1 vacancy.

4.4.3 Attendance Data for meetings 9 May 2022 – 22 February 2023 :

Democratic Services Committee (14)

- 5 September – 8 (57.1%)
- 9 January – 8 (57.1%)

- 17 February – 7 (50%)

Employment and Appeals Committee – (14)

- 27 June - 11 (78.6%)
- 14 October – 8 57.1%)

Licensing Act 2003 Committee (14)

- 1 July - 9 (64.3%)

4.4.4 The Chairs of these 3 committees were generally supportive of the proposal but indicated that they would not wish to see committee numbers reduced below 12.

4.4.5 The Democratic Services Committee took the view that if 11 members was an appropriate number for Scrutiny committees, the same number should be appropriate an number for these committees

RECOMMENDATION to the Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
(5) that the numbers of members on Other Committees (Democratic Services Committee; Employment and Appeals Committee; Licensing Act 2003 Committee) be reduced to 11 Members.	To respond to the request by political group leaders to review the numbers of seats on committees following the reduction in the numbers of Members in May 2022.
(6) that the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer prepare revisions to Section 9 of the Constitution to reflect the decision in recommendation 5 above	
(7) that the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer monitor attendance by Members at scrutiny meetings.	

4.5 Planning, Taxi Licensing & Rights of Way Committee: (21)

4.5.1 The current Committee has 21 members which represents approximately 31% of the total membership of the Council and has 2 vacancies. Democratic Services Committee considered the number of Councillors on other Planning Committees throughout Wales (see Appendix 1) and recommended that the number of seats on the Planning Committee should be reduced to 17. This would equate to the Committee being 25% of the membership of the Council.

4.5.2 The political balance for a committee of 17 (formula 16 + 1 Additional Seat) is as follows:-

Independents (2); Conservatives (4); Liberal Democrats (5); Labour (2); Plaid Cymru (1); Independents for Powys (2). Additional seat allocated to Labour (1)

4.5.3 Attendance Data for meetings 9 May 2022 – 22 February 2023 :

- 30 May – 15 (71.4%)
- 16 June – 15 (71.4%)

- 7 July – 17 (81%)
- 18 August – 14 (66.7%)
- 5 October – 16 (76.2%)
- 20 October – 19 (90.5%)
- 1 December – 12 (57.1%)

4.5.4 The Chair of the Committee was of the view that the numbers on this committee should not be reduced.

RECOMMENDATION to Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>(8) that the numbers of seats on the Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee be reduced to 17 Members.</p> <p>(9) that the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer prepare revisions to Section 9 of the Constitution to reflect the decision in recommendation 8 above</p>	<p>To respond to the request by political group leaders to review the numbers of seats on committees following the reduction in the numbers of Members in May 2022.</p>

5. Revised Scrutiny Structure

5.1 The current scrutiny structure is as follows:

- Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee
- Health and Care Scrutiny Committee
- Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee
- PSB Scrutiny Committee (comprising external partners)
- Finance Panel

5.2 At present the Learning and Skills Committee focuses on Education, Health and Care focuses on Adult Social Care and Children’s Services and the Economy, Residents and Communities Committee focuses on the rest of the Council; Housing, Highways, Transport and Recycling, Planning, Public Protection and Property, Community Services, Economy and Digital Services, Transformation and Democratic Services, Workforce and Organisational Development, Legal Services, and Financial Services.

The remit of the Economy, Residents and Communities Committee is too broad, and it is suggested that the committee structures are reviewed to spread the remit more evenly.

5.3 The Chairs of the Economy, Residents, and Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee are supportive of the proposed changes set out in the table below.

However, The Chair of the Health and Care Scrutiny has expressed of the following reservations. It is regretted that the Chair’s reservations were not fully provided to the Democratic Services Committee;

- “I can see the reason behind wanting to align committees to directors in terms of capacity and them not having to attend two lots of scrutiny meetings. I can also appreciate that there are strategic crossovers between Children & Education and Adults and Housing which have sat behind the new SMT structure. However, I

already do not expect directors to attend the parts of scrutiny meetings which are not relevant to their service areas and there are just as many if not more cross over areas between Children's and Adult's Service (e.g. budget and officer in charge of this (Jackie), transition from children's to adults, Complaints data, CHC, North Powys Wellbeing Hwb etc).

- Due to the above, there would need to be a clear structure in place for combined working with two scrutiny committees for these crossover areas. This cannot result in more meetings being put in the diary due to capacity issues of officers, members and portfolio holders which already exist. I can envisage difficulties here with practicalities and chair autonomy/oversight of work programming (something which has been criticised in previous audit/inspections).
- I am also concerned about how each committee will have the capacity to do worthwhile deep dives, particularly for the Education /Children's committee. This was a previous structure pre 2018 and the committee was primarily only able to focus on looking at each service area under considerable pressure at any one time – in one sense this became fire fighting. Where there are huge transformation projects planned (e.g. schools/sixth form etc, this will take up the majority of programmed meetings and the other service will be left without as much scrutiny. Under this previous structure, I felt that members had limited understanding of services in detail and this restricted the difference scrutiny made. Much of meetings was spent explaining things to members rather than members asking probing questions of officers and portfolio holders. I recall this previous structure was criticised during a review or audit and in the 2017 Children's inspection report it was noted that members had not adequately challenged children's services.
- Members of the H&SC Committee have spent many hours getting up to speed with Member Development sessions provided in both service areas and also on each service's budget. The value of this has been really good and I would not want this to be lost. A new committee structure could not just hit the ground running for a new service area coming under their remit; appropriate training would need to be given.
- In terms of my personal interest, I put my name forward to chair an area which I felt I had a good knowledge of already (due to my professional background and experience to date as a councillor). I would be disappointed to lose Children's services from my committee. I do think it is important to get the right people in the right place aligned to their strengths and experiences.
- In terms of the overall Budget breakdown % of each service area, the three committees are fair.
- I realise that there are a lot of varying topics sitting under Angela's committee and so there are many heads of services and directors. However, I feel scrutiny work programming should be informed by performance data, service pressures and transformation projects, rather than trying to look at each service area in turn. One restriction for that committee is there is not the same type of monthly performance data systems in place for Highways and Waste as there is for other services. Perhaps if this was developed (and I have put public questions in on this previously and briefly spoken to Emma P about it), then there would be clearer indicators for where scrutiny is needed and this would help inform and streamline work programming.
- In conclusion given the above points, I would not like to see a new structure split Adults and Children's services and feel they should be kept in one committee for the duration of this council term."

5.3 The Democratic Services Committee decided to make the following recommendations for consideration by Council:-

Recommended New Scrutiny Committees:

RECOMMENDATION to Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>10. That the following three scrutiny committees should be established with effect from the AGM in May 2023:-</p> <p>(a) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee (**See Note below)</p> <p>11 Members (Politically balanced) + 2 co-opted members for Education + 1 Church in Wales and Roman Catholic Church Representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children’s Services • Education • Legal Services
<p>(b) Economy and Environment Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>11 Members (Politically balanced) + 1 Co-Opted Member for Crime and disorder</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HTR • Property, Planning and Public Protection • Digital and Economy • Finance Service
<p>(c) Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee (**See Note below)</p> <p>11 Members (Politically balanced)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults Services • Commissioning • Housing • Community Services • Workforce and OD
<p>11. That the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer prepare revisions to Section 7 of the Constitution to reflect the decision in recommendation 10 above</p>	

As is the case currently, where there are issues which are cross cutting or span the remits of two or more scrutiny committees, joint working between those scrutiny committees can be facilitated using joint working groups.

Note – For Information only:

In April 2023 the current Community Health Council is to be replaced by the Citizen Voice Body for health and social care. The following is an extract from a Welsh Government consultation document Foreword by the Minister for Health and Social Services:

“From April 2023, the Citizen Voice Body for health and social care will be in place, to independently represent the interests of the public in relation to health and social care. Amongst its roles will be to actively seek and listen to the views of service users, carers and wider public and to make representations to NHS bodies and local authorities about the provision of health or social services, helping ensure people’s experiences drive continuous improvement in local, regional and national plans and policy.”

Discussions are ongoing between Council officers and the Citizen Voice Body to understand the implications and interactions between the Council's Scrutiny Committees dealing with social care and the new body as it could have implications for the membership of the scrutiny committees (possible requirements for co-option) as well as the remits of those committees. As the position is clarified further information will be made available to Members.

5.4 Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee:

5.4.1 The current PSB Scrutiny Committee is composed as follows:

Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee (from 1st April, 2016)
STATUTORY MEMBERS
DESIGNATION ORGANISATION
Leader Powys CC
Chief Executive Officer Powys CC
Chair Powys Teaching Health
Board
Chief Executive Officer Powys Teaching Health
Board
Head of Operations Mid Natural Resource Wales
Assistant Chief Officer Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue
Service
INVITED MEMBERS
Chair Powys Association of Voluntary
Organisations
Chief Executive Officer Powys Association of Voluntary
Organisations
Police & Crime
Commissioner Dyfed Powys OPCC
Superintendent Dyfed Powys Police
Head of Dyfed Powys
Local Delivery Unit Wales Community Rehabilitation Company
Head of Energy, Water
& Flood Welsh Government
Chief Executive Officer Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

A review of PSB Committees in Wales has been undertaken and it showed that PSB in all Councils except Powys was comprised of councillors only. Powys had followed an earlier model used by Cardiff Council which had representatives of the bodies comprising the PSB

on the scrutiny committee. That situation has changed. The only similar structure to Powys is with Bridgend who have a panel which reports to a PSB Committee comprising of Councillors.

5.4.2 The non Powys County Council organisations that currently appoint representatives to the PSB scrutiny Committee have all been consulted with regard to the proposed changes and non have provided any comment.

5.4.3. The Democratic Services Committee has recommended to Council that the Membership of the PSB Scrutiny Committee should change

Proposed PSB Scrutiny Committee Structure:

RECOMMENDATION to Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
<p>12. That the membership of the Public Service Board Scrutiny Committee be amended as follows with effect from the AGM in May 2023:-</p> <p>PSB Scrutiny Committee 9 Members in total.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chairs of the 3 Scrutiny Committees <p>Plus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 additional representatives from each of the scrutiny committees (on a politically balanced basis based on a Committee of 6) <p>Political balance: Independents (1); Conservatives (1); Liberal Democrats (2) Labour (1), Independents for Powys (1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Towards 2040 • Transformation and Democratic Services
<p>13. That the Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer prepare revisions to Section 7 of the Constitution to reflect the decision in recommendation 12 above</p>	

6. Review of Senior Salaries

6.1 The Chairs of Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee, Health and Care Scrutiny Committee and the Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee receive a remuneration (“ a Senior Salary”) in accordance with the IRPW (Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales) report as a Chair of those Committees.

6.2 Chair of PSB Scrutiny Committee

PSB Scrutiny Committee does not receive a Senior Salary and for the sake of clarity , Council is asked to consider a recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee that the Chair of the PSB Scrutiny Committee should not be paid a remuneration in line

with other scrutiny Chairs. There is currently one Senior Salary in the Members Scheme of Remuneration which is unallocated. The additional cost would be £8800 (Chairs allowance £26400 – basic allowance £17600 from April 2023)

6.3 **Chair of the Employment Committee**

The terms of reference of the Employment Committee has been amended during 2022 with the Committee having no further involvement in officer appeals. As the Chair’s post is currently paid a Senior Salary , Council is asked to consider a recommendation from the Democratic Services Committee that Chair of the Employment Committee should continue to a Senior Salary. If the Senior Salary were not paid this would be a saving of £8800 per annum (Chairs allowance £26400 – basic allowance £17600 from April 2023)

6.4 **Group Leaders Comments:**

- That the Senior Salary payment to the Chair of the Employment Committee should be retained.
- That the Chair of the PSB Scrutiny Committee should not attract a Senior Salary.

RECOMMENDATION to the Council:	Reason for Recommendation:
(14) that the Senior Salary for the Chair of the Employment Committee be retained in accordance with the IRPW report.	To consider consequential changes to the Members’ Schedule of Remuneration arising from the change to the Council’s scrutiny committee structure and changes to the terms of reference of the Employment Committee.
(15) that the role of Chair of the PSB Scrutiny Committee should not receive a Senior Salary in accordance with the IRPW report.	

6. **Legal implications**

6.1 Legal: the recommendations can be accepted from a legal point of view

6.2 The Head of Legal Services and the Monitoring Officer has commented as follows:“ I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report”.

7. **Financial implications**

7.1 In terms of financial implications, there is no change in respect of Senior Salaries as the numbers claiming a senior salary will remain as currently. With a reduction in the numbers of seats on committees, there could be some reduction in the Members travel budget, but this would only apply where Members were travelling to attend face to face meetings.

7.2

8. **Data Protection**

8.1 There is no processing of personal data resulting from the proposed changes.

9. **Comment from local member(s)**

9.1 The proposed changes do not impact on local Councillor areas.

10. Impact Assessment

10.1 Not required.

Contact Officer: Wyn Richards, Scrutiny Manager and Head of Democratic Services

Tel: 01597 826375

Email: wyn.richards@powys.gov.uk

Head of Service: Catherine James, Head of Transformation and Democratic Services

Corporate Director: Emma Palmer, Director of Corporate Services.

Welsh Councils – Numbers on Planning Committees

Council	Numbers on Planning Committees	Number of Council Members	Percentage of Council Members on Planning (1) smallest – (22) largest
Blaenau Gwent	11	33	33.33 (16)
Merthyr Tydfil	11	30	36.67 (19)
Newport	11	51	21.57 (5)
Rhondda Cynon Taf	11	75	14.67 (1)
Neath Port Talbot	12	60	20.00 (4)
Swansea	12	75	16.00 (2)
Torfaen	12	39	30.77 (13)
Cardiff	13	79	16.46 (3)
Anglesey	13	34	38.24 (20)
Gwynedd	15	69	21.74 (6)
Pembrokeshire	15	60	25.00 (8)
Caerphilly	16	69	23.19 (7)
Conwy	16	55	29.09 (12)
Monmouthshire	16	46	34.78 (17)
Wrexham	16	56	28.57 (11)
Flintshire	17	67	25.37 (10)
Vale of Glamorgan	17	54	31.48 (15)
Bridgend	18	51	35.29 (18)
Carmarthenshire	19	75	25.33 (9)
Ceredigion	21	38	55.26 (22)
Denbighshire	21	47	44.68 (21)
Powys	21	68	30.88 (14)

Committee of 9						
Group	Group Number	Multiplier from Ready Reckoner	Seats	Rounded	Differential to next whole seat	Vacant Seat
Independents	8	0.1176	1.06	1	0.94	D
Welsh Conservatives	14	0.2059	1.85	2	0.15	U
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	0.2941	2.65	3	0.35	U
Welsh Labour	9	0.1324	1.19	1	0.81	D
Plaid Cymru	3	0.0441	0.40	0	0.60	1
Independents for Powys	6	0.0882	0.79	1	0.21	U
0	0	0.0000	0.00	0	0.00	
Non- Affiliated	8	0.1176	1.06	1	0.94	
				8		
Vacant Seats to be allocated by Group Leaders				1		
Total Seats on Committee				9		

Committee of 10						
Group	Group Number	Multiplier from Ready Reckoner	Seats	Rounded	Differential to next whole seat	Vacant Seat
Independents	8	0.1176	1.18	1	0.82	D
Welsh Conservatives	14	0.2059	2.06	2	0.94	D
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	0.2941	2.94	3	0.06	U
Welsh Labour	9	0.1324	1.32	1	0.68	D
Plaid Cymru	3	0.0441	0.44	0	0.56	1
Independents for Powys	6	0.0882	0.88	1	0.12	U
0	0	0.0000	0.00	0	0.00	
Non- Affiliated	8	0.1176	1.18	1	0.82	
				8		
Vacant Seats to be allocated by Group Leaders				2		
Total Seats on Committee				10		

Committee of 11						
Group	Group Number	Multiplier from Ready Reckoner	Seats	Rounded	Differential to next whole seat	Vacant Seat
Independents	8	0.1176	1.29	1	0.71	3
Welsh Conservatives	14	0.2059	2.26	2	0.74	D
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	0.2941	3.24	3	0.76	D
Welsh Labour	9	0.1324	1.46	1	0.54	2
Plaid Cymru	3	0.0441	0.49	0	0.51	1
Independents for Powys	6	0.0882	0.97	1	0.03	U
0	0	0.0000	0.00	0	0.00	
Non- Affiliated	8	0.1176	1.29	1	0.71	
				8		
Vacant Seats to be allocated by Group Leaders				3		
Total Seats on Committee				11		

Individual Committee Allocations Based on the Ready Reckoner					17/02/2023	
Committee of 12						
Group	Group Number	Multiplier from Ready Reckoner	Seats	Rounded	Differential to next whole seat	Vacant Seat
Independents	8	0.1176	1.41	1	0.59	D
Welsh Conservatives	14	0.2059	2.47	2	0.53	1
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	0.2941	3.53	4	0.47	U
Welsh Labour	9	0.1324	1.59	2	0.41	U
Plaid Cymru	3	0.0441	0.53	1	0.47	U
Independents for Powys	6	0.0882	1.06	1	0.94	D
0	0	0.0000	0.00	0	0.00	
Non- Affiliated	8	0.1176	1.41	1	0.59	
				11		
Vacant Seats to be allocated by Group Leaders				1		
Total Seats on Committee				12		

Committee of 17

Committee of 17						
Group	Group Number	Multiplier from Ready Reckoner	Seats	Rounded	Differential to next whole seat	Vacant Seat
Independents	8	0.1176	2.00	2	0.00	U
Welsh Conservatives	14	0.2059	3.50	4	0.50	U
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	0.2941	5.00	5	0.00	U
Welsh Labour	9	0.1324	2.25	2	0.75	1
Plaid Cymru	3	0.0441	0.75	1	0.25	U
Independents for Powys	6	0.0882	1.50	2	0.50	U
0	0	0.0000	0.00	0	0.00	
Non- Affiliated	8	0.1176	2.00	2	0.00	
				16		
Vacant Seats to be allocated by Group Leaders				1		
Total Seats on Committee				17		

Current Vacancies on Committees:

Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee:

4 Vacancies due to resignation – Conservatives (1); Liberal Democrats (3)

Health and Care Scrutiny Committee:

1 Vacancy - Liberal Democrats – seats not filled following election

Economy, Residents and Communities Scrutiny Committee:

2 Vacancies due to resignation – Liberal Democrats (2)

Democratic Services Committee:

2 Vacancies – Liberal Democrats (1) and Independent's for Powys (1) – seats not filled following elections.

Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee:

2 Vacancies – Liberal Democrats – seats not filled following election

Licensing Act 2003 Committee:

1 Vacancy – Labour – seat not filled following election.

Employment Committee:

3 Vacancies – Seat due to resignation Liberal Democrats (1) and Liberal Democrats (1) and Labour (1) – seats not filled following election.

Standards Committee:

1 Vacancy due to resignation – Liberal Democrats (1)

Finance Panel:

2 Vacancies due to resignation – Liberal Democrats (2)

Numbers of Seats taken by Non-Affiliated Members

Learning and Skills Scrutiny Committee (1)

Democratic Services Committee (1)

Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee (2)

Licensing Act 2003 Committee (1)

Employment and Appeals (1) * (Member now joined the Group offering the seat)

Standards Committee (1) * (Member now joined the Group offering the seat)