Life as a County Councillor – What to expect over the next few weeks

Following your election today, you need to know what will happen over the next few weeks.

Political Groups

- The following Political Groups have been established in the Council:
  - Welsh Liberal Democrats Group
  - Welsh Conservative Group
  - Welsh Labour Group
  - Independent Group
  - Independent's for Powys Group
  - Plaid Cymru Group
- You may be approached by Group Leaders asking you to join a group.
- If you join a Group you will be allocated a seat on a committee or committees. Information about committees is provided in the document - Committee information – the role of various committees.
- You do not have to join a political group and can decide to remain as 'Non-Affiliated'. The Council will decide on which committees Non-Affiliated members will sit.

The Cabinet

- After the election in May 2022 the Welsh Liberal Democrats and Welsh Labour Group (the two groups who comprise the majority of members of the Council) nominated a councillor as Leader, which was confirmed by Full Council.
- The Leader decided on the number of councillors to form the Cabinet and allocated portfolios to these individuals. Details of the Cabinet are available on the website - Cabinet

Member Development Induction Programme

Arrangements will be made with you to meet with relevant officers as part of your induction. You will be given access to the recordings of some induction training that has already taken place and you will also be given access to eLearning. Much of this initial training will be mandatory and includes the Members Code of Conduct and training to enable you to sit on various committees.

Further Member Development Sessions will be held on a monthly basis during your term of office, some of which may be Mandatory. You will receive diary invitations to these sessions.

What happens if the public ask me to sort out a problem for them or if they have a complaint?

Members of the public may contact you as soon as you have been elected to sort out a problem or to complain about services.

We have a Member Support Officer, Mel Hardwick and you will be able to contact her for help and support.

Mel can assist you if you have to respond to any issues raised by residents. If you need help regarding any issues please contact her:

- Melanie Hardwick, Members Officer – Tel no: 01597 826160

Town and community council meetings

Within your ward a number of town and / or community councils may exist. Attending their meetings is one way to make links with your local community, although you do not have to attend these meetings . Such links, however, can help you in communicating issues and developments within the County Council to your local community and also enable them to raise issues and opportunities with you.

Outside Bodies

- You may be invited to attend meetings of organisations within your electoral division as you are the “Local Member”.
- There are a number of other organisations to which the Council makes appointments / nominations. You will be able to put your name forward by means of political groups, when any vacancies occur.

Annual Meetings of Committees will take place during June and July to appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs of:

- Planning, Taxi Licensing and Rights of Way Committee
- Licensing Act 2003 Committee
- Employment and Appeals Committee
- Pensions and Investment Committee
- Governance and Audit Committee

Bywyd fel Cynghorydd Sir – Beth i'w ddisgwyl dros yr ychydig wythnosau cyntaf

Yn dilyn cael eich ethol heddiw, mae angen i chi wybod beth fydd yn digwydd dros yr ychydig wythnosau nesaf.

Grwpiau Gwleidyddol

- Mae'r Grwpiau Gwleidyddol canlynol wedi cael eu sefydlu yn y Cyngor:
    - Grŵp Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru
    - Grŵp Ceidwadwyr Cymru
    - Grŵp Llafur Cymru
    - Grŵp Annibynnol
    - Grŵp Annibynwyr Powys County Council
    - Grŵp Plaid Cymru

- Hwyrach y daw Arweinwyr Grwpiau atoch i ofyn i chi ymuno â grwp.
- Os byddwch yn ymuno â grwp, bydd y grwp yn dynodi sedd ar bwyllgor neu bwyllgorau ichi. Darperir gwybodeth am bwyllgorau yn y ddogfen – Gwybodaeth am Bwyllgorau – rôl y pwyllgorau amrywiol.
- Nid oes raid i chi ymuno â grŵp gwleidyddol a gallwch benderfynu parhau i fod "heb ymlyniad gwleidyddol". Bydd y Cyngor yn penderfynu ar ba bwyllgorau y bydd yr aelodau heb ymlyniad gwleidyddol yn eistedd.

Y Cabinet

- Ar ôl yr etholiad ym mis Mai 2022, grwpiau Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru a Llafur Cymru yw'r ddau grŵp gwleidyddol sy'n cynnwys y mwyafrif o aelodau'r Cyngor) sydd wedi enwebu cynghorydd fel Arweinydd, a gadarnhawyd gan y Cyngor Llawn.
- Yr Arweinydd oedd yn gyfrifol am benderfynu ar y nifer o gynghorwyr a fydd yn ffurfio'r Cabinet gan ddyrannu portffolio i'r unigolion hynny. Mae manylion aelodau'r Cabinet ar gael ar y wefan – Cabinet.

Rhaglen Ymsefydlu Datblygu Aelodau

Bydd trefniadau'n cael eu gwneud ichi gwrdd â swyddogion perthnasol fel rhan o'ch rhaglen ymsefydlu. Byddwch yn cael mynediad at recordiadau o rai o'r sesiynau ymsefydlu a gynhaliwyd yn barod, a byddwch hefyd yn cael mynediad at gyfleusterau eDdysgu. Bydd llawer o'r hyfforddiant cychwynnol yma'n orfodol, ac mae'n cynnwys Cod Ymddygiad Aelodau, a hyfforddiant i'ch galluogi i eistedd ar bwyllgorau amrywiol

Caiff Sesiynau Datblygu Aelodau pellach eu cynnal bob mis yn ystod cyfnod eich swydd, rhai ohonynt yn Orfodol. Byddwch yn derbyn gwahoddiadau dyddiadur i'r sesiynau hyn.

Beth sy'n digwydd os bydd y cyhoedd yn gofyn i mi ddatrys problem iddynt neu os oes ganddynt gŵyn?

Gall y cyhoedd gysylltu â chi cyn gynted ag rydych chi wedi'ch ethol i ddatrys problem neu gwyno am wasanaethau.

Mae gennym Swyddog Cefnogi Aelodau, Mel Hardwick, a byddwch yn gallu cysylltu â hi am help a chymorth.

Gall Mel eich cynorthwyo chi os oes rhaid i chi ymateb i unrhyw un o'r materion y mae preswylwyr yn eu codi. Os oes angen help arnoch chi ynghylch unrhyw faterion cysylltwch â hi:

- Melanie Hardwick, Swyddog Aelodau – Rhif ffôn: 01597 826160

Cyfarfodydd Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned
Efallai y bydd nifer o gynghorau tref a/neu gymuned yn bodoli o fewn eich ward. Mae mynd i'w cyfarfodydd nhw'n un ffordd i greu cysylltiadau gyda'ch cymuned leol, er nid oes rhaid ichi fynd i'r cyfarfodydd hyn. Er hynny, gall y fath gysylltiadau eich helpu wrth gyfathrebu ar faterion a datblygiadau o fewn y Cyngor Sir gyda'ch cymuned leol, a hefyd eu galluogi nhw i godi materion a chyfleoedd gyda chi.

Cyrff Allanol

- Mae'n bosibl y cewch wahoddiad i fynychu cyfarfodydd sefydliadau oddi fewn i'ch adran etholiadol am mai chi yw'r "Aelod Lleol".
- Mae'r Cyngor yn gwneud apwyntiadau/enwebiadau i nifer o sefydliadau eraill. Byddwch yn gallu cyflwyno eich enw drwy'r grwpiau gwleidyddol os bydd lle gwag ar gael.

Cyfarfodydd Blynyddol Pwyllgorau – bydd y rhain yn digwydd yn ystod Mehefin a Gorffennaf i benodi Cadeiryddion ac Is-gadeiryddion:

- Pwyllgor Cynllunio, Trwyddedu Tacsis a Hawliau Tramwy
- Pwyllgor Deddf Trwyddedu 2003
- Pwyllgor Cyflogaeth ac Apeliadau
- Pwyllgor Pensiynau a Buddsoddiadau
- Pwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio