

**GWYNEDD COUNCIL
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities
(Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)**

19 May 2022

Multi-location Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Elwyn Jones (Chair)
R Medwyn Hughes (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Glyn Daniels, Anwen Davies, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, Iwan Huws, Elin Hywel, Nia Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Gwilym Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Kim Jones, Linda A. Jones, June Jones, Menna Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Beca Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Gareth A Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Williams, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Peter Thomas, Rob Triggs, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, Einir Wyn Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Sasha Williams.

Officers:

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Dewi Morgan (Statutory Finance Officer), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Geraint Owen (Head of Democracy Services), Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor - Corporate), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Apology:

Councillor Elfed Williams.

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SUBJECT

Item 1: CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor Elwyn Jones as Chair for 2022/23.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	67
Against	0
Abstentions	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 2: VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor R.Medwyn Hughes as Vice-chair for 2022/23.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour of Councillor Medwyn Hughes	44
In favour of Councillor Beth Lawton	21

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn as Council Leader.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	55
Against	2
Abstentions	9

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

DECISION

- 1. To adopt the list of committees and sub-committees to be established for the 2022/23 municipal year, as noted in Appendix A below, and to adopt the allocation of seats as noted in the appendix.**
- 2. To delegate the authority to the Head of Democratic Services to make appointments to the committees on the basis of political balance, and in accordance with the wishes of the political groups**
- 3. To adopt the chairpersonships of scrutiny committees on the basis of political balance, as follows:**

**Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee - Independent Group
Communities Scrutiny Committee – Plaid Cymru Group
Care Scrutiny Committee - Independent Group**
- 4. To adopt the higher salaries for 2022/23, and to ask the Democratic Services Committee to review the list for 2023/24.**
- 5. To confirm the allocation of the political groups support officers' posts and hours for the duration of this Council term unless a substantial change takes place in the political balance of the Council or that a political group has fewer than 10% of members.**
- 6. To adopt the seat allocation for the Snowdonia National Park Authority and the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority for the term of this Council unless a review is required because of changes in the political balance or a lack of commitment from an individual member.**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	66
Against	0
Abstentions	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 11: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

DECISION

1. **Adopt the amendments to the Constitution (Appendix 1 of the report) to allow for the implementation of Section 57 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**
 2. **To accept for information the amendments made to the Constitution (Appendix 1) by the Monitoring Officer to incorporate the provisions of Section 58 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.**
 3. **To authorise the Monitoring Officer to make the further amendments to the Constitution that derive directly as a result of this change.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	63
Against	0
Abstentions	4

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

APPENDIX - ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

A	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Individual Member	Total
Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee	12	6	0	18
Communities Scrutiny Committee	11	6	1	18
Care Scrutiny Committee	11	6	1	18
Governance and Audit Committee	8	4	0	12

B	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Individual Member	Total
Democratic Services	9	5	1	15
Planning	9	5	1	15
Central/General Licensing	10	5	0	15
Language	10	5	0	15
Chief Officers Appointment	10	5	0	15
Employment Appeals	5	2	0	7

Number of seats	95	49	4	148
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C	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Individual Member	Total
Pensions	4	2	1	7
Local Joint Consultative Committee	7	4	0	11
SACRE	4	3	0	7
Joint Planning Policy Committee	5	2	0	7

Total seats	115	60	5	180
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Note that the 17 higher salaries allocated for the 2022/23 financial year are as follows:

- Leader
- Deputy Leader
- Up to 8 other Cabinet members
- The Leader of the largest Opposition*
- Committee Chairs
 - Scrutiny Committees (x3)
 - Planning Committee
 - Licensing Committee (the Central and General Licensing committees count as one Committee)
 - Pensions Committee