

30th June 2023

WLGA COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND POLITICAL BALANCE 2023-24

Purpose

1. This report sets out the membership and political balance of the WLGA Council for the 2023-24 Council year based on the nominations received from the local authorities in full membership of the WLGA.

Background

2. Whilst the WLGA is not a statutory body, the Association is nevertheless guided by the relevant legislation deriving from Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.
3. The procedure for determination of the political management of the Association follows from the formation of the Council and derives from the WLGA Constitution. The key provisions are that a local authority in full membership is entitled to appoint one member of the Council for each 50,000 population (or part thereof).
4. The period of office for members shall commence with effect from the Annual General Meeting and shall end immediately before the next Annual Meeting subject to the provision that those individuals shall cease to be eligible for membership of the Council if they cease to hold office as a member of the local authority which nominated them, the nominating authority ceases to be in membership of the Association, or their nomination to serve on the Council has been withdrawn in writing by their authority.

Membership

5. From the information provided to date by the local authorities in membership of the WLGA, the political balance of the WLGA Council (as of 23rd June 2023) is:

	Number of seats	Percentage (%) (rounded down/up to nearest %)
Conservative	1	1
Independent	13	18
Labour	44	61
Liberal Democrat	3	4
Plaid Cymru	11	15
Total	72	100

6. The WLGA Council also includes 6 non-voting members from Associate Member Authorities, one member each from the National Park Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities. As non-voting members, these members are not included in any political

balance calculations. Not all Associate Members have been able to submit their members to the WLGA Council in advance of the AGM given the timing of their own AGMs.

7. Membership of the WLGA Council is set out in Annex 1 and 2.

Political Groups

8. The constitution (section 8) sets out the process for determining political groups within the Association, including:
 - “8.1 Any group of members of the Council may elect to form themselves into a political group; political groups may combine to form a coalition.
 - 8.2 The Council shall afford accreditation to any political group which comprises two or more members, which must be from two or more Member Councils. Any individual member of the Council may not belong to more than one political group and not more than one group shall be afforded accreditation for any single party.”
8. As of 23rd June 2023, based on the allocation of members and votes within Council, there are three political groups on the Council: Labour, Independent and Plaid Cymru

Voting at Council

9. Each member of the Council appointed by a local authority in full membership shall be entitled to one vote to be cast at the Council of the Welsh Local Government Association.
10. A local authority shall have the facility to vest all the votes of its appointed members of the Council with one of its appointed members (*en bloc*), or these can be exercised individually.
11. A member of the Council may nominate another councillor to attend on his or her behalf and exercise his or her vote(s), provided written notice is given to the Chief Executive by the constituent authority.
12. This substitute must be another elected member of the same authority, and a member of the same political group as the member being substituted for.
13. The local authorities in full membership have indicated that their representatives will express their votes as set out in Annex 3.

Recommendations

14. **The WLGA Council is invited to:**

- 14.1 **Note the political balance of the WLGA Council;**
- 14.2 **Note the membership of the WLGA Council ANNEXES 1 & 2; and**
- 14.3 **Note the manner in which local authorities in full membership will express their votes through their nominated representatives ANNEX 3.**

WLGA Council Members 2023-24 (listed by Member Authority)

BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Stephen Thomas
Labour



Cllr Helen Cunningham
Deputy Leader, Labour

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Huw David
Labour



Cllr Jane Gebbie
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell
Labour

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Sean Morgan
Labour



Cllr James Pritchard
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Eluned Stenner
Labour



Cllr Nigel George
Labour

CARDIFF COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Huw Thomas
Labour



Cllr Sarah Merry
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Russell Goodway
Labour



Cllr Peter Bradbury
Labour



Cllr Norma Mackie
Labour



Cllr Ashley Lister
Labour



Councillor Lynda Thorne
Labour



Cllr Christopher Weaver
Labour

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Darren Price
Leader, Plaid Cymru



Cllr Linda Evans
Deputy Leader, Plaid
Cymru



Cllr Alun Lenny
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Jane Tremlett
Independent

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Bryan Davies
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Alun Williams
Plaid Cymru

CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Charlie McCoubrey
Independent



Cllr Emily Owen
Deputy Leader,
Labour



Cllr Julie Fallon
Independent

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Jason McLellan
Leader, Labour



Cllr Gill German
Deputy Leader, Labour

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Ian Roberts
Labour



Cllr Dave Hughes
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Bernie Attridge
Independent



Cllr Andrew Parkhurst
Welsh Liberal Democrats

GWYNEDD COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Dyfrig L Siencyn
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Nia Wyn Jeffreys
Deputy Leader, Plaid Cymru



Cllr Dafydd Meurig
Plaid Cymru

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Llinos Medi
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Robin Williams
Deputy Leader, Plaid
Cymru

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Geraint Thomas
Independent



Cllr Andrew Barry
Deputy Leader,
Independent

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby
Labour



Cllr Paul Griffiths
Deputy Leader, Labour

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Steve Hunt
Leader, Independent



Cllr Simon Knoyle
Independent



Cllr Alun Llewelyn
Plaid Cymru

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Jane Mudd
Leader, Labour



Cllr Deb Davies
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr James Clarke
Labour



Cllr Mark Spencer
Labour

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr David Simpson
Independent



Cllr Paul Miller
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Neil Prior
Independent

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr James Gibson-Watt
Welsh Liberal
Democrats



Cllr Matthew Dorrance
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Jackie Charlton
Welsh Liberal
Democrats

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Andrew Morgan
Labour



Cllr Maureen Webber
Deputy Leader,
Labour



Cllr Christina Leyshon
Labour



Cllr Ann Crimmings
Labour



Cllr Rhys Lewis
Labour

CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA



Leader

Cllr Rob Stewart
Labour



Cllr Andrea Lewis
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr David Hopkins
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Louise Gibbard
Labour



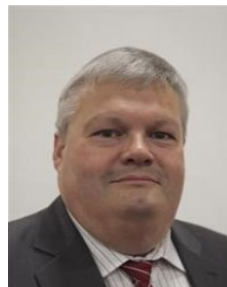
Cllr Robert Francis-
Davies
Labour

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Anthony Hunt
Labour



Cllr Richard Clark
Deputy Leader, Labour

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Lis Burnett
Labour



Cllr Bronwen Brooks
Deputy Leader, Labour



Cllr Gwyn John
Independent

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Mark Prichard
Independent



Cllr David A Bithell
Deputy Leader,
Independent



Cllr Jeremy Kent
Conservative

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS



NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Cllr Dylan Rees (Ynys
Mon)



MID & WEST WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Cllr Gwynfor Thomas
(Powys)



SOUTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Cllr Steve Bradwick
(Rhondda Cynon Taf)



PARC CENEDLAETHOL EYRI NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Cllr Dilwyn Roberts
(Conwy)



PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Cllr Di Clements
(Pembrokeshire)



BANNAU BRYCHYEINIOG NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe
(Powys)

WLGA Council Members listed by reference to Political Party/Group



Conservative Member

1. Cllr Jeremy Kent	Wrexham
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Independent Group Members

1. Cllr Jane Tremlett	Carmarthenshire
2. Cllr Charlie McCoubrey	Conwy
3. Cllr Julie Fallon	Conwy
4. Cllr Bernie Attridge	Flintshire
5. Cllr Andrew Barry	Merthyr Tydfil
6. Cllr Geraint Thomas	Merthyr Tydfil
7. Cllr Simon Knoyle	Neath Port Talbot
8. Cllr Steve Hunt	Neath Port Talbot
9. Cllr David Simpson	Pembrokeshire
10. Cllr Neil Prior	Pembrokeshire
11. Cllr Gwyn John	Vale of Glamorgan
12. Cllr David A Bithell	Wrexham
13. Cllr Mark Pritchard	Wrexham



Labour Group Members

1. Cllr Stephen Thomas	Blaenau Gwent
2. Cllr Helen Cunningham	Blaenau Gwent
3. Cllr Huw David	Bridgend
4. Cllr Jane Gebbie	Bridgend
5. Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell	Bridgend
6. Cllr Sean Morgan	Caerphilly
7. Cllr James Pritchard	Caerphilly
8. Cllr Nigel George	Caerphilly
9. Cllr Eluned Stenner	Caerphilly
10. Cllr Huw Thomas	Cardiff
11. Cllr Sarah Merry	Cardiff
12. Cllr Ashley Lister	Cardiff
13. Cllr Lynda Thorne	Cardiff
14. Cllr Norma Mackie	Cardiff
15. Cllr Peter Bradbury	Cardiff
16. Cllr Russell Goodway	Cardiff
17. Cllr Chris Weaver	Cardiff
18. Cllr Emily Owen	Conwy
19. Cllr Jason McLellan	Denbighshire

20. Cllr Gill German	Denbighshire
21. Cllr Ian Roberts	Flintshire
22. Cllr Dave Hughes	Flintshire
23. Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby	Monmouthshire
24. Cllr Paul Griffiths	Monmouthshire
25. Cllr Jane Mudd	Newport
26. Cllr Deb Davies	Newport
27. Cllr James Clarke	Newport
28. Cllr Mark Spencer	Newport
29. Cllr Paul Miller	Pembrokeshire
30. Cllr Matthew Dorrance	Powys
31. Cllr Andrew Morgan	Rhondda Cynon Taf
32. Cllr Maureen Webber	Rhondda Cynon Taf
33. Cllr Ann Crimmings	Rhondda Cynon Taf
34. Cllr Christina Leyshon	Rhondda Cynon Taf
35. Cllr Rhys Lewis	Rhondda Cynon Taf
36. Cllr Rob Stewart	Swansea
37. Cllr Andrea Lewis	Swansea
38. Cllr David Hopkins	Swansea
39. Cllr Rob Stewart	Swansea
40. Cllr Robert Francis-Davies	Swansea
41. Cllr Anthony Hunt	Torfaen
42. Cllr Richard Clark	Torfaen
43. Cllr Lis Burnett	Vale of Glamorgan
44. Cllr Bronwen Brooks	Vale of Glamorgan



Welsh Liberal Democrat Members

1. Cllr Andrew Parkhurst	Flintshire
2. Cllr James Gibson-Watt	Powys
3. Cllr Jackie Charlton	Powys



Plaid Cymru Group Members

1. Cllr Darren Price	Carmarthenshire
2. Cllr Linda Evans	Carmarthenshire
3. Cllr Alun Lenny	Carmarthenshire
4. Cllr Bryan Davies	Ceredigion
5. Cllr Alun Williams	Ceredigion
6. Cllr Dyfrig L Siencyn	Gwynedd
7. Cllr Nia Wyn Jeffreys	Gwynedd
8. Cllr Dafydd Meurig	Gwynedd
9. Cllr Llinos Medi	Isle of Anglesey
10. Cllr Robin Williams	Isle of Anglesey
11. Cllr Alun Llewelyn	Neath Port Talbot

WLGA Council Voting for 2023-24

Local Authority	WLGA seats	Use of votes
Blaenau Gwent	2	One per person
Bridgend	3	One per person
Caerphilly	4	One per person
Cardiff	8	En bloc
Carmarthenshire	4	One per person
Ceredigion	2	One per person
Conwy	3	One per person
Denbighshire	2	One per person
Flintshire	4	One per person
Gwynedd	3	En bloc
Isle of Anglesey	2	One per person
Merthyr Tydfil	2	En bloc
Monmouthshire	2	En bloc
Neath Port Talbot	3	One per person
Newport	4	En bloc
Pembrokeshire	3	One per person
Powys	3	One per person
Rhondda Cynon Taf	5	En bloc
Swansea	5	En bloc
Torfaen	2	En bloc
Vale of Glamorgan	3	En bloc
Wrexham	3	One per person
Total	72	

