

WLGA COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND POLITICAL BALANCE 2021 - 2022**Purpose**

1. This report sets out the membership and political balance of the Association's Council for the 2021-2022 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 Constitution of the WLGA. 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authority ceases to be in membership of the Association, or their nomination to serve on the Council has been withdrawn in writing by their authority.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 is as set out below (awaiting confirmation of nominee to Council from Caerphilly but we understand it will be a Labour member):

Breakdown of Political Balance of WLGA Council as of June 2021:

	Number of seats	Percentage (%)
Conservative	4	6%
Independent	20	28%
Labour	39	55%
Plaid Cymru	8	11%
Total	71	100

6. The Membership of Council, which has a total of 71 Members (subject to all nominations being received in line with paragraph 3 above) is set out in **Appendix 1** to this report and the Annexes thereto.

Voting at Council

7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. The local authorities in full membership have indicated that their representatives will express their votes as set out in **Appendix 2**.

Recommendations

12. Members are asked:

- 12.1 To note the political balance of the WLGA Council;**
- 12.2 To note the membership of the WLGA Council;**
- 12.3 To note the manner in which local authorities in full membership will express their votes through their nominated representatives;**
- 12.4 To have regard to the information provided in this report and annexes there to in setting out the broad framework for the allocation of places to committees, working groups and outside bodies.**

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The Membership of the WLGA Council

Annex A

**Council Members
listed by nominating local authority**

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**Council Members
listed alphabetically in order by surname**

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**Council Members
listed by reference to Political Groups**

ANNEX A

Council Members Listed by Nominating Local Authority

BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Nigel Daniels
Independent



Cllr Dai Davies
Independent

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Huw David
Labour



Cllr Hywel Williams
Labour



Cllr Cheryl Green
Independent Alliance
representative

*Party: Liberal Democrat

CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Philippa Marsden
Labour



Cllr Nigel George
Labour



Cllr Eluned Stenner
Labour

TBC

CARDIFF COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Huw Thomas
Labour



Cllr Peter Bradbury
Labour



Cllr Susan Elsmore
Labour



Cllr Russell Goodway
Labour



Cllr Sarah Merry
Labour



Cllr Michael Michael
Labour



Councillor Lynda Thorne
Labour



Cllr Christopher Weaver
Labour

CARMARTHENSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Emlyn Dole
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Linda Evans
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Mair Stephens
Independent



Cllr David M Jenkins
Plaid Cymru

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Ellen ap Gwynn
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Ray Quant MBE
Independent

CONWY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Charlie McCoubrey
Independent



Cllr Goronwy
Edwards
Independent



Cllr Nigel Smith
Independent

DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Hugh Evans OBE
Independent



Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill
Conservative

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Ian Roberts
Labour



Cllr Christine Jones
Labour



Cllr Michelle Perfect
Labour



Cllr Billy Mullin
Labour

GWYNEDD COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Dyfrig L Siencyn
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Dafydd Meurig
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Gareth Thomas
Plaid Cymru

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Llinos Medi
Plaid Cymru



Cllr Ieuan Williams
Independent

MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Lisa Mytton
Independent



Cllr Chris Davies
Independent

MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Richard John
Conservative



Cllr Sara Jones
Conservative

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Leader



Cllr Edward Latham
Labour



Cllr Leanne Jones
Labour



Cllr Carol Clement-
Williams
Labour

NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Jane Mudd
Labour



Cllr Roger Jeavons
Labour



Cllr Mark Spencer
Labour

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr David Simpson
Independent



Cllr Paul Miller
Labour



Cllr Neil Prior
Independent

POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Rosemarie Harris
Independent



Cllr Aled Davies
Conservative



Cllr Rachel Powell
Independent

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Andrew Morgan
Labour



Cllr Robert Bevan
Labour



Cllr Christina Leyshon
Labour



Cllr Rhys Lewis
Labour



Cllr Maureen Webber
Labour

CITY & COUNTY OF SWANSEA



Leader

Cllr Rob Stewart
Labour



Cllr Andrea Lewis
Labour



Cllr David Hopkins
Labour



Cllr Louise Gibbard
Labour



Cllr Mark Thomas
Labour

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Anthony Hunt
Labour



Cllr Richard Clark
Labour

VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Neil Moore
Labour



Cllr Lis Burnett
Labour



Cllr Ben Gray
Independent

WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL



Leader

Cllr Mark Prichard
Independent



Cllr T Alan Edwards
Independent



Cllr David A Bithell
Independent

ANNEX B

WLGA Council Members

(Listed in alphabetical order by surname)

ap GWYNN Councillor Ellen	Ceredigion County Council
BEVAN Councillor Robert	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
BITHELL Councillor David A	Wrexham County Borough Council
BRADBURY Councillor Peter	City of Cardiff Council
BURNETT Councillor Lis	Vale of Glamorgan Council
CLARK Councillor Richard	Torfaen County Borough Council
CLEMENT-WILLIAMS Councillor Carol	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
DANIELS Councillor Nigel	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
DAVID Councillor Huw	Bridgend County Borough Council
DAVIES Councillor Dai	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
DAVIES Councillor Aled	Powys County Council
DAVIES Councillor Chris	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
DOLE Councillor Emlyn	Carmarthenshire County Council
EDWARDS Councillor T Alan	Wrexham County Borough Council
EDWARDS Councillor Goronwy	Conwy County Borough Council
ELSMORE Councillor Susan	City of Cardiff Council
EVANS Councillor Linda	Carmarthenshire County Council
EVANS OBE Councillor Hugh	Denbighshire County Council
GEORGE Councillor Nigel	Caerphilly County Borough Council
GOODWAY Councillor Russell	City of Cardiff Council
GRAY Councillor Ben	Vale of Glamorgan Council
GREEN Councillor Cheryl	Bridgend County Borough Council
HARRIS Councillor Rosemarie	Powys County Council
HUNT Councillor Anthony	Torfaen County Borough Council
JEAVONS Councillor Roger	City of Newport Council
JENKINS Councillor David M	Carmarthenshire County Council
JOHN Councillor Richard	Monmouthshire County Council
JONES Councillor Christine	Flintshire County Council
JONES Councillor Leanne	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
JONES Councillor Sara	Monmouthshire County Council
LATHAM Councillor Edward	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
LEWIS Councillor Andrea	City and County of Swansea
LEWIS Councillor Rhys	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
LEYSHON Councillor Christina	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
LLOYD Councillor Clive	City and County of Swansea

McCOUBREY Councillor Charlie	Conwy County Borough Council
MARSDEN Councillor Philippa	Caerphilly County Borough Council
MEDI Councillor Llinos	Isle of Anglesey County Council
MERRY Councillor Sarah	City of Cardiff Council
MEURIG Councillor Dafydd	Gwynedd Council
MICHAEL Councillor Michael	City of Cardiff Council
MILLER Councillor Paul	Pembrokeshire County Council
MOORE Councillor Neil	Vale of Glamorgan Council
MORGAN Councillor Andrew	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
MORGAN Councillor Sean	Caerphilly County Borough Council
MUDD Councillor Jane	City of Newport Council
MULLIN Councillor Billy	Flintshire County Council
MYTON Councillor Lisa	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
PERFECT Councillor Michelle	Flintshire County Council
POWELL Councillor Rachel	Powys County Council
PRIOR Councillor Neil	Pembrokeshire County Council
PRITCHARD Councillor Mark	Wrexham County Borough Council
QUANT MBE Councillor Ray	Ceredigion County Council
ROBERTS Councillor Ian	Flintshire County Council
SIENCYN Councillor Dyfrig L	Gwynedd Council
SIMPSON Councillor David	Pembrokeshire County Council
SMITH Councillor Nigel	Conwy County Borough Council
SPENCER Councillor Mark	City of Newport Council
STENNER Councillor Eluned	Caerphilly County Borough Council
STEPHENS Councillor Mair	Carmarthenshire County Council
STEWART Councillor Rob	City and County of Swansea
THOMAS Councillor Gareth	Gwynedd Council
THOMAS Councillor Huw	City of Cardiff Council
THOMAS Councillor Mark	City and County of Swansea
THOMPSON-HILL Councillor Julian	Denbighshire County Council
THORNE Councillor Lynda	City of Cardiff Council
WEAVER Councillor Christopher	City of Cardiff Council
WEBBER Councillor Maureen	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
WILLIAMS Councillor Hywel	Bridgend County Borough Council
WILLIAMS Councillor Ieuan	Isle of Anglesey County Council

ANNEX C

Council Members listed by reference to Political Groups



Conservative Group Members

Councillor Aled Davies
Councillor Richard John
Councillor Sara Jones
Councillor Julian Thompson-Hill

Powys County Council
Monmouthshire County Council
Monmouthshire County Council
Denbighshire County Council

Independent Group Members and Representatives

Councillor David A Bithell
Councillor Nigel Daniels
Councillor Chris Davies
Councillor Dai Davies
Councillor Goronwy Edwards
Councillor T Alan Edwards
Councillor Hugh Evans OBE
Councillor Cheryl Green
Councillor Rosemarie Harris
Councillor Charlie McCoubrey
Councillor Lisa Mytton
Councillor Rachel Powell
Councillor Neil Prior
Councillor Mark Pritchard
Councillor Ray Quant MBE
Councillor David Simpson
Councillor Nigel Smith
Councillor Mair Stephens
Councillor Ieuan Williams
Councillor Ben Gray

Wrexham County Borough Council
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Denbighshire County Council
Bridgend County Borough Council
Powys County Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Powys County Council
Pembrokeshire County Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Ceredigion County Council
Pembrokeshire County Council
Conwy County Borough Council
Carmarthenshire County Council
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Vale of Glamorgan Council



Labour Group Members

Councillor Robert Bevan
Councillor Peter Bradbury
Councillor Lis Burnett

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Cardiff Council
Vale of Glamorgan Council

Councillor Richard Clark
Councillor Carol Clement-Williams
Councillor Huw David
Councillor Susan Elsmore
Councillor Nigel George
Councillor Louise Gibbard
Councillor Russell Goodway
Councillor David Hopkins
Councillor Anthony Hunt
Councillor Roger Jeavons
Councillor Christine Jones
Councillor Leanne Jones
Councillor Edward Latham
Councillor Andrea Lewis
Councillor Rhys Lewis
Councillor Christina Leyshon
Councillor Philippa Marsden
Councillor Jane Mudd
Councillor Billy Mullin
Councillor Sarah Merry
Councillor Michael Michael
Councillor Paul Miller
Councillor Neil Moore
Councillor Andrew Morgan
Councillor Michelle Perfect
Councillor Ian Roberts
Councillor Mark Spencer
Councillor Eluned Stenner
Councillor Rob Stewart
Councillor Huw Thomas
Councillor Mark Thomas
Councillor Lynda Thorne
Councillor Christopher Weaver
Councillor Maureen Webber
Councillor Hywel Williams

Torfaen County Borough Council
Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
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Cardiff Council
Cardiff Council
Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Bridgend County Borough Council



Plaid Cymru Group Members

Councillor Emlyn Dole
Councillor Linda Evans
Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn
Councillor David M Jenkins
Councillor Llinos Medi
Councillor Dafydd Meurig
Councillor Dyfrig L Siencyn
Councillor Gareth Thomas

Carmarthenshire County Council
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Isle of Anglesey County Council
Gwynedd Council
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APPENDIX 2

WLGA Council

Voting for 2021-22

Local Authority	WLGA seats	Use of votes
Blaenau Gwent	2	One per person
Bridgend	3	One per person
Caerphilly	4	En bloc
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	En bloc
Gwynedd	3	En bloc
Isle of Anglesey	2	One per person
Merthyr Tydfil	2	En bloc
Monmouthshire	2	En bloc
Neath Port Talbot	3	En bloc
Newport	3	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	One per person
Wrexham	3	One per person
Total	71	

Total number of seats = 71