

**LLANTWIT FARDRE COMMUNITY COUNCIL
CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANILLTUD FAERDREF**



COUNCIL MEETING

25TH SEPTEMBER, 2023

REPORT OF THE CLERK

1. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

- 1.1 Following Community Councillor B.James being elected to Llantwit Fardre Community Council on the 22nd June, 2023, a recent request has been made by Community Councillor J.James to the Chair that the Committees be expanded to ensure political balance is taken into account and that Councillor B.James could be nominated to serve on a Committee.
- 1.2 In December, 2020, in a report presented to Council, the Clerk indicated that Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989 in respect of political balance applies to Principal Authorities. There is no statutory requirement for the composition of a Committee to represent the proportions that the Town or Community Council is divided by membership of a political party. It is for the respective Town or Community Council to decide the number of Councillors and their terms of office on a Committee.
- 1.3 Therefore, if the Council agreed to increase the membership of its standing Committees it would not have to adhere to the regulations set out in Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act, 1989.
- 1.4 As indicated in paragraph 1.2 above, it is also a matter for the Council to decide on the number of Councillors and their terms of office on a Committee.
- 1.5 A solution to the request made is that should a vacancy arise on one of the Committees following a Member giving up their seat on that particular Committee, then Councillor B.James' name could be put forward as a nomination.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To consider the request of Councillor James taking on board the guidance presented by the Clerk.