

Allocation of Scrutiny Committee Chairs – in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

Step 1.

Calculate the percentage size of the “Executive” Group(s) (i.e. total number of members of the group(s) that form the Cabinet) as a proportion of the membership of the whole Council (68 Members):

Group Name	No in Group	Percentage of Whole Council (68 Members)
Welsh Liberal Democrats	20	29.41%
Welsh Labour	9	13.24%
Total	29	42.65%

Step 2.

Calculate the entitlement of the “Executive” Group(s) to a proportion of the scrutiny chairs.

$$3 \text{ (chairs)} \times 42.65\% = 1.28 \text{ (chairs)}$$

If less than a whole number then Rounding Down is required in accordance with the 2011 Measure.

Entitlement of “Executive” Group(s) to scrutiny chairs = 1 chair

Step 3.

As there is an entitlement to a scrutiny chair by the “Executive” Group(s) the remaining number of chairs (2) are therefore to be allocated to “Opposition” Groups.

Calculate the size of individual opposition groups as a percentage of the size of the total number of members on all opposition groups (i.e. 31 Members):

Group Name	No in Group	Percentage of Opposition Groups (31 Members)
Welsh Conservatives	14	45.16%
Independents	8	25.81%
Independents for Powys	6	19.35%
Plaid Cymru	3	9.68%
Total	31	

(Example: $14 \div 31 \times 100 \div 1 = 45.16\%$)

Step 4.

Calculate the entitlement of “Opposition” Groups to the proportion of remaining scrutiny chairs (2).

To do this multiply the number of chairs available (2) by the percentage for each individual group set out in step 3:

If less than whole number then Rounding Up is required in accordance with the 2011 Measure.

Group Name	Entitlement (2 chairs multiplied by percentage in step 3)	Rounding Up.	Ranking
Welsh Conservatives	0.90	1	1
Independents	0.52	1	2
Independents for Powys	0.39	0	3
Plaid Cymru	0.19	0	4

(Example: $2 \times 45.16 \div 100 \times 1 = 0.90$)

Conclusion:

The result of this exercise is as follows:

Entitlement to 3 scrutiny chairs:

Executive Group(s)	1 chair
Welsh Conservatives	1 chair
Independents	1 chair

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