



# Election 2016 – The Results & Moving Forward

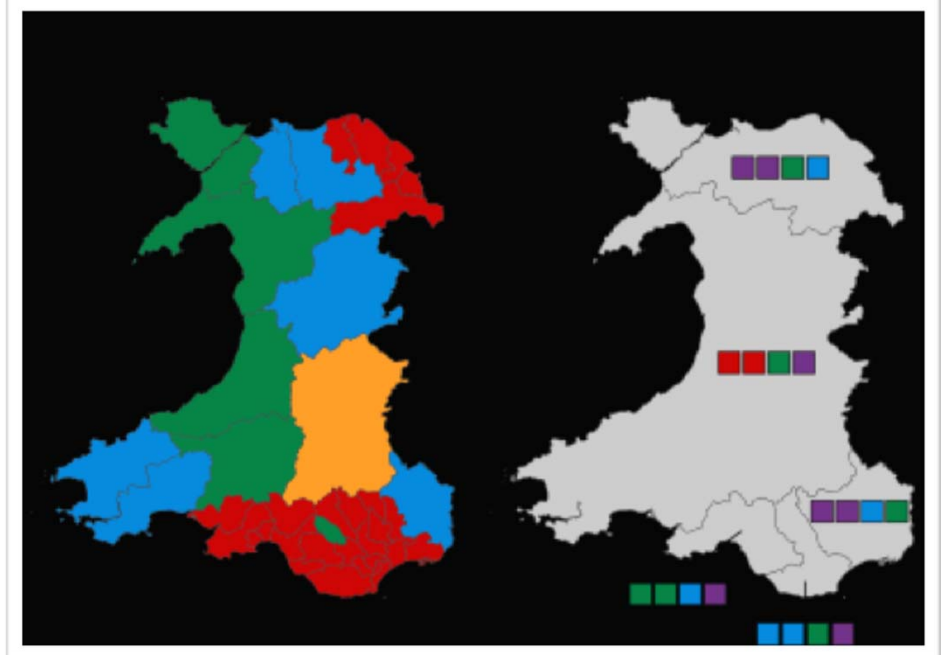
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# Election Result

► National Assembly of Wales Election 2016 Result:

Welsh Labour	29	(-1)
Plaid Cymru	12	(+1)
Welsh Conservatives	11	(-3)
UKIP	7	(+7)
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1	(-4)



# 22 new Assembly Members



# Opposition spokespeople



Housing, Poverty, Communities & Steel



Sustainable Future, including on the Environment,  
Planning, Housing and the Wales Bill



Communities, Childcare & Housing



# Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee



To examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising expenditure, administration and policy matters encompassing (but not restricted to): local government; housing, community regeneration, cohesion and safety; tackling poverty; equality of opportunity and human rights.

# What's happened so far post-election?

- Elin Jones AM (Plaid Cymru) appointed Presiding Officer
- Ann Jones AM (Labour) appointed Deputy Presiding Officer
- Carwyn Jones AM and Leanne Wood AM nominated for First Minister first week after election. Vote tied at 29-29.
- Second vote on 18<sup>th</sup> May: Carwyn Jones nominated unopposed

# The Deal

- ▶ Labour and Plaid Cymru have reached an agreement where Plaid can influence legislation and policy for the duration of the Fifth Assembly:
  - ▶ Standing committees on
    - ▶ legislation
    - ▶ finance
    - ▶ constitution
  - ▶ National Infrastructure Commission
  - ▶ Development Bank for Wales



# The new Welsh Government

- ▶ 4 senior Welsh Government members departed at the election – Huw Lewis, Edwina Hart, Leighton Andrews and senior special adviser Jo Kiernan.





# Cabinet Members

- ▶ Need to present a new, fresh image – virtually everyone gets a new job
- ▶ Except Kirsty Williams, everyone has been a minister before...
- ▶ Further reshuffle in a year or so to bring in truly new Members?
- ▶ Smaller government – overall number of Ministers reduced, less pressure on Labour backbenchers





# Housing priorities of the Welsh Government – manifesto commitments

- ▶ We will deliver an extra 20,000 affordable homes in the next term.
- ▶ We are protecting social housing by ending Right to Buy.
- ▶ Ensure that all social housing reaches the Welsh Housing Quality Standards by 2020
- ▶ Challenge the private rented sector to develop consistent and fair deposit schemes
- ▶ In our bid to end homelessness, especially for young people, we will take advantage of every opportunity to bring empty homes back into use.

# Annual Legislative Programme

- ▶ Move from a five year legislative programme to a year – first year the Welsh Government aim to deliver six Bills
- ▶ No new legislation will be introduced in the first 100 days of the Assembly
- ▶ A Bill to abolish the right to buy and the right to acquire - to protect social housing stock from further reductions.

# The Other Parties

- ▶ Plaid: position of influence, shown to be relevant, stronger and more robust team – proud of having set agenda and made Labour think again. Power without responsibility? Aligned opposition now, total opposition after 100 days?
- ▶ Conservatives: no PO or DPO, cut out of negotiations, not official opposition – shades of 2007-11?
- ▶ UKIP: one group or two? What happens now after the result?
- ▶ Liberal Democrat: Still a separate party? Can they survive?



# Big unanswered questions

- ▶ What happens to local government reform?
- ▶ What happens following the vote to leave the European Union?

