Today, the first full-house assembly of a dawning legislative session of the Formentera Council came with confirmation of a newly configured organisational structure and the roster of councilmembers set to head administration departments.

A coalition between Gent per Formentera (GxF) and the Socialist Worker's Party (PSIB-PSOE), the governing team is composed of Alejandra Ferrer (president and councillor of planning and tourism), Ana Juan (vice-president and councillor of housing, trade and entrepreneurship), Susana Labrador (deputy vice-president and councillor of culture and education), Rafael Ramírez (associate vice-president and councillor of social welfare, governance and transparency), Bartomeu Escandell (economy, tax office and general services councillor), Antonio Sanz (environment and inspection services), Rafael González (mobility and land), Raquel Guasch (patrimony, language policies and training), Josep Marí (infrastructure, primary sector and interior), Vanessa Parellada (youth services, citizen participation, new technologies, equality and LGTBI) and Paula Ferrer (sport, human resources and island services).

Of the new governing team's 11 consellers, or “councillors”, six belong to GxF (spokesperson: Bartomeu Escandell) and five to PSIB-PSOE Formentera (spokesperson: Rafael Ramírez). The opposition party, Sa Unió de Formentera, is a coalition of the People's Party (PP) and Compromís that comprises Lorenzo Córdoba (spokesperson), Ana Negre, Verónica Castelló, Javier Serra, Cristina Costa and Óscar Portas.

Appointed positions were announced as well, including chief of tourism promotions Carlos Bernús, communications chief Elena Trinidad and president's office secretary Isabel Juan.

Councilmembers were united in their backing of a motion to set plenary sessions at 9.00am on the last Friday of every month.

Wage structure

With “yes” votes from the governing team and despite the abstention of Sa Unió, councilmembers granted approval to proposed governing team remuneration, compensation for

session attendance and political party allowances.

Wages for the full-time offices of the president, vice-presidents and councillors are identical to the previous term. The president receives €52,950.00 in gross yearly compensation, the vice-presidents receive €51,400.00 and five councillors with full-time positions receive €50,300.00. Councillor Raquel Guasch, who is on a 10-hour per week scheme, will earn €13,413.33 in annual pay.

Assemblymembers approved a €34,794.79 pay arrangement for Sa Unió Formentera's (maximum two) designated full-time or part-time opposition councillors. Councillors without a pay arrangement will receive €200 for attending ordinary and extraordinary sessions of the Formentera Council plenary assembly, and €120 to attend gatherings of advisory committees.

With the support of the governing team and despite a “no” from the opposition, assemblymembers passed a wages plan covering €42,000.00 for the chief of tourism promotions, €35,000.00 for the communications chief and €30,000.00 for the secretary of the president's office.

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