

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 – 2018

**COUNCIL
17 MAY 2017**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL &
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 11
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2017-2018 MUNICIPAL YEAR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2017-2018.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the Committees listed in paragraph 3 of this report, viz:

- Planning and Development (subject to the approval of the change in name of this Committee as at Agenda Item 6)
- Licensing
- Appointments
- Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committees
- Pension Fund Committee

2.2 To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Democratic Services Committee subject to the conditions laid down in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

2.3 To note that under the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Chair of the Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Audit Committee.

2.4 To agree that the responsibility for the appointment of the Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee be delegated to the Audit Committee.

2.5 To determine which Scrutiny Committee Chairs are to be allocated to the Plaid Cymru Group.

2.6 To seek nominations from the appropriate Political Groups for the appointment of Chairs to the following Scrutiny Committees, viz:

- Overview and Scrutiny
 - Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee
 - Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
 - Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
 - Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee
- 2.7 To appoint the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee `JOSC` who must be a Member of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and will be Chair until May, 2018 (as agreed at the Inaugural Meeting of the JOSC on the 20th February, 2017).
- 2.8 To seek nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairs to the following Scrutiny Committees viz:
- Overview and Scrutiny
 - Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee
 - Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
 - Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
 - Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee
- 2.9 To note that the Vice-Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is to be nominated by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
- 2.10 To appoint the Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator.
- 2.11 That in accordance with the decision made at the Council's Annual Meeting held on the 20th May, 2015, to note the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- 3.1 The Council is requested to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the under-mentioned Committees:
- Planning and Development Committee (subject to the approval of the change in name of this Committee as at Agenda Item 6)
 - Licensing Committee
 - Appointments Committee
 - Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committee
 - Pension Fund Committee

3.2 APPOINTMENT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

3.3 In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (the 'Measure'), the Council must appoint the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee and that Chair must not be a Member who belongs to a group with Members in the Executive. Council may also appoint the Vice-Chair.

3.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR

3.5 In accordance with the requirements of the Measure, the Chair of the Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Audit Committee.

3.6 At last year's Annual General Meeting, the Council decided that the appointment of Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee would be delegated to that Committee and it is proposed to continue with this process for 2017/18.

3.7 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

3.8 The appointment of the persons to Chair the Scrutiny Committees must comply with the requirements set out in the Measure.

3.9 In light of the Political Balance report presented at Agenda Item 9 viz: two or more Political groups with multiple Scrutiny Committees, the application of the procedures set out in Section 70 of the Measure results in the allocation set out below:

Labour Group 3
Plaid Cymru Group 2
Unallocated 0

3.10 The Council must determine, which of the following Scrutiny Committees are to be Chaired by the Plaid Cymru Group.

- Overview and Scrutiny
- Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee
- Public Service Delivery, Communities & Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
- Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee
- Health & Well-Being Scrutiny Committee

3.11 Nominations can then be received from appropriate Group Officers to fill the outstanding Scrutiny Chair posts.

3.12 The Council will need to appoint the Vice-Chairs of the five Scrutiny Committees.

3.13 The Council also needs to appoint the Scrutiny Performance

Management Co-ordinator.

3.14 APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- 3.15 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to keep its Constitution under review and up to date and the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee has been appointed for this purpose. The Committee is a body to which the political balance requirement of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 applies.
- 3.16 The Council is requested to note that at the Annual Meeting held on the 20th May, 2015, the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee be allocated to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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