

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2014 – 2015

**COUNCIL
21 MAY 2014**

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

Agenda Item No.12
APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2014-2015 MUNICIPAL YEAR

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2014-2015.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- Development Control
- Licensing
- Appointments
- Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committees.

2.2 To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Democratic Services Committee subject to the conditions laid down in the Measure.

2.3 To note that under the requirements of the Measure, the Chair of the Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Committee.

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

2.5 To determine which Scrutiny Chair is to be allocated to the Plaid Cymru Group.

2.6 Subject to 2.5 above, to seek nominations from the appropriate Political Groups for the appointment of Chairs to the following Scrutiny Committees, viz:

- Overview and Scrutiny
- Education and Lifelong Learning

- Community and Children's Services
- Environmental Services
- Corporate Services.

2.7 To seek nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairs to following Scrutiny Committees, viz:

- Overview and Scrutiny
- Education and Lifelong Learning
- Community and Children's Services
- Environmental Services
- Corporate Services

2.8 To appoint the Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator.

2.9 To appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Corporate Governance Constitution Committee.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

3.1 The Council is requested to appoint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen to the under-mentioned Committees:

- Development Control Committee.
- Licensing Committee
- Appointments Committee
- Appeals/Employee Appeals/Chief Officer Appeals Committee

3.2 APPOINTMENT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

3.3 In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure, the Council must appoint the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee and that Chair must not be a Member of the Executive Group. Council may also appoint the Vice-Chair.

3.4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR

3.9 In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure, the Chair of the Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Committee.

3.10 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 2014/15.

3.5 APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

3.6 The appointment of the persons to Chair the Scrutiny Committees must comply with the requirements set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure.

3.7 In light of the Political Balance report presented at Agenda Item 11, 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 4
Plaid Cymru Group 1
Democratic Alliance Group 0

3.8 The Council must determine which Scrutiny Chair is to be allocated to the Plaid Cymru Group.

3.9 The Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Municipal Year 2013/14 were as follows:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee – R.K.Turner and G.Hopkins
- Corporate Services – G.Stacey and M.Norris
- Community & Children's Services – M.Davies and S.Rees
- Education & Lifelong Learning – C.Leyshon and C.Williams
- Environmental – G.R.Davies (Plaid Cymru) and S.Bradwick

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

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

3.12 The Council also needs to appoint the Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator.

3.13 APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

3.14 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to keep its Constitution under review and up to date and the Corporate Governance 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.

3.15 The Council is requested to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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