

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2015 - 2016

**AUDIT
26 OCTOBER 2015**

Agenda Item No.2

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To notify Members of recent correspondence with the Wales Audit Office a result of which Members are being asked to give consideration to whether they wish to elect a new Vice-Chair for the Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the recent correspondence with the Wales Audit Office regarding the appointment of the Audit Committee Vice-Chair as outlined in the report; and
- 2.2 To consider electing a new Vice-Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Municipal Year based on criteria that the Vice-Chair of the Committee must not be a member of an Executive group.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As Members are aware it is the responsibility of the Audit committee to appoint the person who is to chair the Committee. Under the provisions of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (the 'Measure') that person may be a lay member of the Committee but must not be a member of an Executive group.
- 3.2 However that same restriction/limitation placed on the appointment of the Chair is not specifically stated in the Measure to apply to the Vice-Chair of the Committee. Members have therefore selected the Vice-Chair from the Committee's membership on this understanding.
- 3.3 Hence at the first Committee meeting for this Municipal Year Members appointed Cllr. G. Smith, a member of the Executive group (Labour), as Vice-Chair of the Committee.
- 3.4 Recent correspondence with the Wales Audit Office however has suggested that whilst not specifically stated in the Measure it is the intention and within the spirit of the Measure, and as a matter of good governance, that the same restriction/limitation as applies to the

appointment of the Committee's Chair should apply to the appointment of the Committee's Vice-Chair.

- 3.5** Members are therefore asked to consider electing a new Vice-Chair of the Committee for the remainder of the 2015-2016 Municipal Year based on criteria that the Vice-Chair of the Committee must not be a member of an Executive group.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1972

as amended by

THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT, 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

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