



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

6 MARCH 2019

RESIGNATION OF THE SENIOR CORONER FOR THE SOUTH WALES CENTRAL CORONER AREA

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To advise Council of the resignation of Mr. Andrew Barkley, the Senior Coroner for the South Wales Central Coroner Area and the interim arrangements to be put in place until his successor is appointed.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended Council:

- 2.1 Notes the resignation of the Senior Coroner for the South Wales Central Coroner Area.
- 2.2 Notes the interim arrangement whereby the existing Area Coroner, Mr. Graeme Hughes, will assume the role of Acting Senior Coroner from 1st April 2019 to ensure continuity of service delivery.
- 2.3 In accordance with past practice agrees a panel of 3 elected Members, consisting of the Leader, the Deputy Leader (as Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Coroner Service) and Leader of the largest Opposition Group (or their nominated substitutes) be constituted as a Senior Coroner Appointment Panel.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Mr. Andrew Barkley, the Senior Coroner for the South Wales Central Coroner Area has resigned after securing a Senior Coroner position in another Coroner Area thereby leaving a vacancy to be filled.
- 3.2 In accordance with the relevant legislation the Area Coroner for the South Wales Central Coroner Area, Mr. Graeme Hughes, will assume the role of Acting Senior Coroner from 1st April 2019 to ensure continuity of service delivery until such time as a permanent appointment is made.

- 3.3 In accordance with past practice it is proposed that a Panel of three elected Members consisting of the Leader, the Deputy Leader (as Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Coroner Service) and Leader of the largest Opposition Group (or their nominated substitutes) be constituted as a Senior Coroner Appointment Panel.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

COUNCIL

6 MARCH 2019

**JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES
AND DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

REPORT

**RESIGNATION OF THE
SENIOR CORONER FOR THE SOUTH
WALES CENTRAL CORONER AREA**

OFFICERS TO CONTACT

Chris Jones - Director of
Legal and Democratic Services
Tel: 01443 424105

Richard Evans - Director of
Human Resources
Tel : 01443 424117

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Coroners and Justice Act 2009