



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

16th SEPTEMBER 2020

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2020-2021
MUNICIPAL YEAR**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES &
COMMUNICATION.**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees for the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject to the appointment of such Committees at Agenda Item 5:

2.1 To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the under-mentioned Committees viz:

- Planning and Development
- 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 and RCT Independent 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 seek nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairs to 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

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- 3.1 Subject to the appointment of the Committees at Agenda Item 4 the Council is requested to appoint Chairs and Vice-Chairs to the under-mentioned Committees:
- Planning and Development Committee
 - 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 the 2018 Annual 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 the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.

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 4 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 - 1
RCT Independent Group - 1
Conservatives Group - 0
Unallocated - 0

3.10 The Council must determine, which of the following two Scrutiny Committees are to be chaired by the Plaid Cymru/RCT Independent 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 Scrutiny Chair posts.

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

3.13 **APPOINTMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND 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 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.

3.15 To note the appointment of the Presiding Member and Deputy Presiding Member as the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Corporate Governance and Constitution Committee.

3.16 **CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

- 3.17 Members will recall that the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('JOSC') rotates on an annual basis between this Council and Merthyr Tydfil CBC. It is proposed that at the next meeting of the JOSC, the terms of reference will be amended to reflect that the rotational arrangement will cease and the Chair will be appointed by the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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