



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018 – 2019

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

23RD MAY, 2018

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2018-2019
MUNICIPAL YEAR**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees for the Municipal Year 2018-2019.

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 (x1) and the Alliance Group (x1).
- 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 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
- 2.8 Agree to discontinue the Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator post for the reasons outlined in paragraph 3.13 of the report.
- 2.9 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.
- 2.10 To note that for Municipal Year 2018-2019 the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('JOSC') is to be appointed by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.
- 2.11 To appoint the Vice-Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board JOSC who must be a Member of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- 3.1 Subject to the appointment of the Committees at Agenda Item 5 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 2017 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 2018-19.

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 7 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
 Alliance Group - 1
 Conservatives Group - 0
 Unallocated - 0

3.10 The Council must determine, which of the following Scrutiny Committees are to be chaired by the Plaid Cymru (x1) and Alliance (x1) Groups.

- 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 The Council has previously appointed a Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator. The functions attributed to this role have recently been undertaken by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and it is therefore proposed to discontinue appointing a separate Scrutiny Performance Management Co-ordinator on this basis. In addition Members will be aware that regular Scrutiny Chair and Vice-Chair meetings are held in order to co-ordinate and inform the work of the various Scrutiny Committees.
- 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.
- 3.17 **CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**
- 3.18 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. For Municipal Year 2018-2019 the Chair will therefore be appointed by Merthyr Tydfil CBC.
- 3.19 Council will need to appoint the Vice-Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board JOSC. The appointed Member must be a Member of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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