



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

16TH SEPTEMBER 2020

**APPOINTMENT OF THE LAY MEMBER TO THE COUNCILS AUDIT COMMITTEE
FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020-2021**

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES AND
COMMUNICATION**

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report seeks Council's ratification of the decision of the Appointments Committee, regarding the appointment of the selected candidate to the post of Lay Member to the Council's Audit Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Council ratify the recommendation of the Appointments Committee that Mr. Christopher Jones be appointed to the post of Lay Member to the Audit Committee.

3. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with the current legislative requirement set out in the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 to appoint at least one Lay Member onto the Council's Audit Committee.
- 3.2 Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council must ensure that the necessary arrangements are in place to appoint for the position of Lay Member.

4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Following the resignation of the Lay Member from Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's Audit Committee, at its meeting held on [15th January 2020](#), the Council agreed to implement the arrangements as set out in the report, relating to the appointment of a new Lay Member to the Audit Committee for a term of office commencing from the beginning of the 2020/21 Municipal Year until the next ordinary Local Government Elections in 2022.

- 4.2 The Service Director for Democratic Services & Communication advertised the position for a Lay Member of the Audit Committee on behalf of the Council with the aim of having an individual appointed for the first meeting of the 2020-2021 Municipal Year.
- 4.3 The Council's Appointments Committee met virtually on the 3rd September 2020 to consider three candidates for the position of Lay Member to the Audit Committee.
- 4.4 Following consideration, the Appointments Committee determined to recommend to Council that Mr Christopher Jones be appointed to the position of Lay Member to the Audit Committee.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no equality or diversity implications aligned to this report

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 There are no consultation implications aligned to this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel states that a Member on an Audit Committee is entitled to remuneration and as such, the Rhondda Cynon Taf Member's Schedule of Remuneration for 2019-20 can be accessed [here](#).
- 7.2 This entitlement comprises the daily fee of £198 (£99 for a half day). Should the Lay Member be appointed Chairman of the Committee, the respective fees payable would increase to £256 and £128.
- 7.3 For the purposes of claiming, a half day meeting is defined as up to four hours, with a full day meeting defined as over four hours. The payment will be capped at a maximum of the equivalent of 10 full days a year for each Committee to which an individual may be co-opted or is eligible to attend.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Council is required to comply with the provisions of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 in relation to the membership of the Audit Committee.

9. LINKS TO CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT

- 9.1 The work of the Audit Committee supports the delivery of the priorities contained within the Council's Corporate Plan – *The Way Ahead*, in particular 'Living Within Our Means' through ensuring that appropriate internal controls are in place to effectively manage resources.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 Following the resignation of the Lay Member from Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's Audit Committee, the report seeks Council's ratification of the decision of the Appointments Committee, regarding the appointment of the selected candidate to the post of Lay Member to the Council's Audit Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by the

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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