



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

26th MAY 2021

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2021-2022 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 2021-2022 Municipal Year.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Subject to the appointment of such Committees at Agenda Item 7, Members are advised to make appointments to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair set out in 8 a-g of the agenda, in-line with the requirements and detail set out in this report.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

- 3.1 Subject to the appointment of the Committees at Agenda Item 7 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

APPOINTMENT OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE CHAIR

- 3.2 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.

APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIR

- 3.3 In accordance with the requirements of the Measure, the Chair of the Governance & Audit Committee is to be appointed by the Governance & Audit Committee.
- 3.4 At the 2018 Annual Meeting the Council decided that the appointment of Vice-Chair of the Committee would be delegated to that Committee and it is proposed to continue with this process for the 2021-2022 Municipal Year.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- 3.5 The appointment of the persons to Chair the Scrutiny Committees must comply with the requirements set out in the Measure.
- 3.6 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

- 3.7 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
- 3.8 It is proposed that the arrangements from 2020-2021 are continued with the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee being chaired by a Member of the RCT Independent Group and the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee being chaired by a Member of the Plaid Cymru Group.
- 3.9 Nominations from the appropriate Group Officers in respect of these scrutiny Chair posts will be sought at the meeting.
- 3.10 The Council will need to appoint the Vice-Chairs of the five Scrutiny Committees.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- 3.11 The Local Government Act 2000 requires the Council to keep its Constitution under review and up to date and the 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.
- 3.12 To note the appointment of the Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officer as the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Constitution Committee.

CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 3.13 To note that for Municipal Year 2021-2022 the Chair of the Cwm Taf Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ('JOSC') is to be appointed by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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