RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10th MAY 2023

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS FOR THE 2023-2024 MUNICIPAL YEAR & ASSOCIATED MATTERS

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs for the Council's Committees for the 2023-2024 Municipal Year.

1.2 To confirm which Committee Chair Roles which will qualify for a senior salary in line with the determinations of the IRP.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

2.1 Subject to the appointment of such Committees at Agenda Item 6 Members are advised to make appointments to the roles of Chair and Vice-Chair in-line with the requirements set out within this report; and

2.2 Notes the recommendations in respect of which Chairs roles should be in receipt of a Senior Salary in line with the recommendations of the independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) Annual Report (Up to a maximum of 19 overall).

2.3 Note the need to publish and submit the schedule of remuneration for 2023-24 by 31 July 2023.

3. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

3.1 Subject to the appointment of the Committees at Agenda Item 6 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 Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Governance & Audit Committee Chair, who is appointed by the Committee, must be a lay person and the deputy chair must not be a member of the local authority's executive or an assistant to its executive.

APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

3.4 The appointment of the persons to Chair the Scrutiny Committees must comply with the requirements set out in the Local Government Measure.

3.5 In light of the Political Balance report presented at Agenda Item 5 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:

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Labour Group - 3
Plaid Cymru Group - 1
RCT Independent Group - 0
Conservative Group - 0

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3.6 The Council must determine, which of the following Scrutiny Committees is to be chaired by the Plaid Cymru Group:

- Overview and Scrutiny
- Education & Inclusion
- Community Services
- Climate Change, Frontline Services & Prosperity

3.7 It is proposed that the arrangements for the 2023-2024 are as follows:

➢ Scrutiny Committee (to be determined) being chaired by a member of the Plaid Cymru Group.

- Nominations from the appropriate Group Officers in respect of these scrutiny Chair posts will be sought at the meeting.

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

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

3.8 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.

3.9 To note the appointment of the Presiding Member as the Chair of the Constitution Committee and, subject to agreement of agenda item 3, confirm which Deputy Presiding Member should be nominated as the Vice-Chair of the Constitution Committee.

CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3.10 Following the transition to a single Public Services Board (PSB) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg, the Joint Scrutiny arrangements currently in place will need to be revised. A report outlining the new scrutiny arrangements will be brought before Members in June.

4 INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL DETERMINATIONS

4.1 The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRP) is the body tasked with setting the remuneration levels for councils in Wales. The IRP makes determinations in relation to basic and senior salaries, the number of senior salaries permitted within a Council and also the rates and conditions for expenses paid by public authorities. The determinations contained with the latest IRP Annual Report can be accessed via the following links: -
English Version
Welsh Version

4.2 Members are asked to note that within the final IRP Annual report there is no change to the maximum proportion of Members who are eligible to receive a Senior Salary. Therefore, the maximum proportion of the Council's membership which can be paid a Senior Salary remains capped at 19.

4.3 At the Council AGM on the 22nd May 2022 (Minute 163(9) refers), Council agreed to 19 posts attracting a senior salary, for the reasons set out within the report.

4.4 It is proposed that a continuation of these arrangements is taken forward for the Municipal Year 2023 – 2024, in line with the determinations as set out in the report of the IRP,

4.5 Therefore the following Committee Chairs will attract a Senior Salary:

Planning & Development Committee
Licensing Committee
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee
Community Services Scrutiny Committee
Climate Change, Frontline Services & Prosperity
Appeals Committee
Democratic Services Committee
Pension Fund Committee

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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