



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

25th OCTOBER 2023

CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the need to appoint to the position of Vice Chair on the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 municipal year.
- 1.2 To provide authority to the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication to make any consequential appointment changes to scrutiny committee membership.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Nominate a member to the role of Vice-Chair of the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee; and
- 2.2 Subject to the above, authorise the Service Director Democratic Services & Communication to make any consequential membership changes, following receipt of nominations from the appropriate political group.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To seek nominations for the role of Vice-Chair of the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee; and
- 3.2 The potential need to change the membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee as a politically balanced committee.

4. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 In accordance with the decision taken, ([Minute No.7 \(5\)](#) of the Council meeting held on the 10th May 2023 refers) I have received notification that Councillor K Webb wishes to stand down from her role as Vice Chair of the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee. As a result of

this, there is a need to appoint a Vice-Chair to the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

4.2 Members will recall that at its Annual General Meeting (AGM) in 2022, Council considered and agreed the proposed changes to the Council's Scrutiny arrangements which set out that "***the Chairs & Vice Chairs of the other three Scrutiny Committees should form part of the membership of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee***"

4.3 In view of 4.2 and as a direct result of the need for Council to appoint a Vice Chair to the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee, there is also a requirement for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to authorise the resulting change to its membership at its earliest opportunity.

4.4 Council is advised that the Labour Group has indicated that Councillor K Webb will remain a member of the Education & Inclusion Scrutiny Committee.

5. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Members are encouraged as part of the Local Government & Elections Act Wales, to promote diversity in representations, particularly when determining senior roles.

6. CONSULTATION/INVOLVEMENT

6.1 There are no consultation implications aligned to this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications aligned to this report.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 As in accordance with the Council's Scrutiny Committee membership requirements – Council Constitution.

9. LINKS TO THE COUNCILS CORPORATE PLAN / OTHER CORPORATE PRIORITIES.

9.1 The work of scrutiny encompasses all of the Council's Corporate Plan objectives, therefore it is important to ensure the Committees membership is complete and accurate to undertake such scrutiny.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 There are a number of positions which subsequently require Council's direction and this report seeks to regularise the Scrutiny committee

arrangements following the resignation of a member from their Vice Chair role.

Other Information:-

Relevant Scrutiny Committee – Not applicable

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

Freestanding Matter