

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

27th NOVEMBER 2024

OUTSIDE BODY MEMBERSHIP

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & COMMUNICATION.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek the Council's agreement to nominate Mr Derek James, Service Director for Prosperity and Development, as Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's representative on the Board of Directors for CCR Energy.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the nomination of Mr Derek James, Service Director Prosperity & Development, as Rhondda Cynon Taf Council's representative on the CCR Energy Board of Directors.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The need to advise Members of the proposal to nominate an appropriate Local Authority representative to the CCR Energy Board of Directors.

4 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) has established CCR Energy, a limited company owned by the Cardiff Capital Region Corporate Joint Committee, to spearhead the development of a groundbreaking low-carbon energy destination at the site of the former Aberthaw Power Station.

- 4.2 This project represents a transformative opportunity for South East Wales, positioning the region as a leader in innovative green energy solutions. The key objectives of CCR Energy include:

- Acquiring the iconic decommissioned Aberthaw Power Station site;
- Overseeing the safe demolition of the existing infrastructure; and
- Remediating the site to enable its future use for low-carbon initiatives.

- 4.3 The development will act as a catalyst for economic growth by advancing low-carbon technologies, supporting industries of the future, creating sustainable high-value jobs, and delivering significant social benefits across the region.

GOVERNANCE

- 4.4 CCR Energy has established a Board of Directors comprising Local Authority representatives and industry experts to provide strategic oversight and leadership.

PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Rhondda Cynon Taf Council nominates Mr Derek James, Service Director for Prosperity and Development, as its representative on the CCR Energy Board of Directors. Mr Derek James possesses the necessary expertise and strategic insight to contribute effectively to the company's ambitious objectives.

It is recommended by the Chief Executive that Members consider appointing Mr Derek James, Service Director for Prosperity and Development.

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 Outside Body membership requirements – Council Constitution.

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

- 9.1 As representatives of the Council and in line with the Council's Corporate Plan objectives, it is important to ensure membership to the Outside Bodies is complete and accurate to maintain effective partnership work.

10. CONCLUSION

10.1 To provide Members with information in respect of appointments to Outside Bodies.

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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