

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**REPORT TO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

10 JUNE 2014

**REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE –
LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES**

**APPOINTMENT OF A CO-OPTED MEMBER TO THE CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to propose the re-appointment of Mr Kevin Pascoe as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities.

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2017 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The amended Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 3 April 2013 formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2013 and 2017. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background.

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules at Part 4 of the Constitution, state at Rule 3 that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall be entitled to recommend to the Council the appointment of a number of people as non-voting co-optees.
- 3.2 In addition to this, under section 76 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, it encourages public engagement and co-option to Scrutiny Committees. This statutory guidance is issued under section 76 of the Measure, and co-option to Overview and Scrutiny Committees stating that: *'The evidence from overview and scrutiny committees in Wales is that the contribution of co-opted members on committees can significantly strengthen their effectiveness.'*
- 3.3 At its meeting on 5 August 2013, Members of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to recommend to Council that Mr Kevin Pascoe be appointed as a non-voting co-opted member of the Committee until May 2014, due to the length of time that Mr Pascoe has sat on

the Committee as a registered representative, his knowledge of and contribution to the work of the Committee. This was agreed by Council at its meeting on 18 September 2013.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 As part of the original decision to co-opt Mr Pascoe, it was agreed that the arrangement would be reconsidered after May 2014.
- 4.2 During that time Mr Pascoe has continued to be an active member of the Committee and has confirmed that he is willing to continue in his role as a co-opted member of the Committee.
- 4.3 It is proposed that this arrangement should continue until the next local government elections, after which point it can be reviewed.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The work of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee relates to the review and development of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental well being in the County Borough of Bridgend.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

- 6.1 There are no equality impacts relating to this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 This report has no direct financial consequences.

8. Recommendation

That the Committee recommends to Council the appointment Mr Kevin Pascoe as a Co-opted Member on the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Documents:

Parent Governor Representatives and Church Representatives (Wales) Regulations 2001

Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution

Report to the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5 August 2013

Report to Council 18 September 2013.