

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

5 OCTOBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR – OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Due to the recent changes to the membership of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate one Member to sit on the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

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

- 2.1 The key improvement objectives identified in the Corporate Plan 2016–2020 have been embodied in the Overview & Scrutiny Forward Work Programmes. The Corporate Improvement Objectives adopted by Council on 1 March 2017 and formally set out the improvement objectives that the Council will seek to implement between 2016 and 2020. The Overview and Scrutiny Committees engage in review and development of plans, policy or strategies that support the Corporate Themes.

3. Background.

- 3.1 From 1 April 2016, the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 introduced statutory Public Services Boards (PSB) across each local authority area in Wales. PSBs work together to improve the social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being of the board's area. The Act specified that one Committee take an overview of the overall effectiveness of the Board which this Authority determined to carry out via a PSB Overview and Scrutiny Panel under the remit of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 The purpose of the Panel is to review and scrutinise the efficiency and effectiveness of the PSB and its decisions as well as the governance arrangements surrounding it. The Panel will hold up to two meetings a year and will make reports or recommendations to the Board regarding its functions with the aim of enhancing its impact.
- 3.3 The membership of the PSB Panel is determined annually and incorporates three Members from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, one Member from each of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees and counterpart representatives that sit on the Public Service Board.

4. Current Situation / proposal.

- 4.1 The membership of the Public Service Board Overview and Scrutiny Committee consists of one Member nominated from each of the three Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees and three Members from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.2 Three nominations were received from the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 31 July 2017 but due to the changes to the membership of this Committee, we are required to ask for a further nomination.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

- 5.1 The work of the Corporate 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 equalities impacts arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

8. Recommendation

Due to the changes to the membership of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the Committee is asked to nominate one Member of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to sit on the Public Service Board Overview & Scrutiny Panel.

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Background Documents:

None