

REPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

3 JANUARY 2019

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OPERATIONAL AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF A REPLACEMENT MEMBER TO THE RIGHTS OF WAY SUB-COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report.

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Development Control Committee to nominate and appoint a replacement Member to Councillor Tim Thomas on the Rights of Way Sub-Committee. It is further requested that this replacement be Councillor James Radcliffe, in order to maintain political balance on this particular body.

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

- 2.1 The establishment of necessary Committees and other bodies fulfils the requirements of the Constitution and enables the Authority to work towards the successful achievement of all its three Corporate Priorities.

3. Background.

- 3.1 The remit of the Development Control Committee includes for the nomination and appointment of 6 of its Members to form the Rights of Way Sub-Committee, with the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Development Control Committee fulfilling the same role for the Rights of Way Sub-Committee.
- 3.2 The Annual Meeting of Council on 16 May 2018 approved changes to the membership of the Development Control Committee and, as a result of this, the nomination and appointment of Members to the Rights of Way Sub-Committee was determined by the Development Control Committee at its meeting on 7 June 2018. One of the Members appointed to the Sub-Committee at this time was Councillor Tim Thomas.

4. Current situation / proposal.

- 4.1 At a meeting of Council on 19 September 2018, it was recommended and subsequently agreed, that Councillor James Radcliffe replaces Councillor Tim Thomas as a member of the Development Control Committee. This did not affect the political balance of the Committee, as both these Members are aligned to the Plaid Cymru Group.
- 4.2 Due to Councillor Tim Thomas no longer being a member of the Development Control Committee, he also has to relinquish his membership on the Rights of Way Sub-Committee. The reason for this is that the membership of the Rights of Way Sub-Committee is established by the Development Control Committee.

4.2 Members are reminded that the political balance of the Sub-Committee, based upon the number of Members it comprises of, is as follows:-

Labour	- 2 Members	- (to include the Chairperson
Conservative	- 1 Member	and Vice-Chairperson of the
Independent/Alliance	- 1 Member	Development Control
Llynfi Independents	- 1 Member	Committee)
Plaid Cymru	- 1 Member	

4.3 As there is therefore a vacancy on this Sub-Committee from the Plaid Cymru Group, it is suggested that Councillor Radcliffe replaces Councillor Thomas on this body by virtue of him recently replacing Councillor Thomas as a member of the Development Control Committee.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 This report accords with the Council Procedure Rules as set out in Part 4 of the Authority's Constitution.

6. Equality Impact Assessment.

6.1 There are no equality implications regarding this report.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

7.1 The Act provides the basis for driving a different kind of public service in Wales, with 5 ways of working to guide how public services should work to deliver for people. The following is a summary to show how the 5 ways of working to achieve the well-being goals have been used to formulate the recommendations within this report:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council in both the short term and in the long-term.
- Prevention - The proper composition of Council Committees meets the requirements of the Local Government and Housing 1989 Act in achieving political balance and the allocation of Committee seats which supports the effective decision making of the Council.
- Integration - The report supports all the wellbeing objectives.
- Collaboration - Consultation has taken place with the Group Leaders and Independent Members regarding the allocation of memberships of Committees and other bodies and the allocation of Chairs to these, where appropriate.
- Involvement - Advance public notice of Council Committee meetings can ensure that the public and stakeholders can engage in these meetings. Agendas and minutes of all public meetings will be available in the Welsh language in compliance with the Welsh Language Standards.

7. Financial Implications.

7.1 There are no financial implications regarding this report.

8. Recommendation.

- 8.1 That Councillor James Radcliffe replaces Councillor Tim Thomas as a member from the Plaid Cymru Group on the Rights of Way Sub-Committee.

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Background documents:

There are no background documents in relation to this report.