

Meeting of:	CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	3 JULY 2023
Report Title:	ELECTION OF CHAIR
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES, HR & CORPORATE POLICY
Responsible Officer:	MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER - SCRUTINY
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees relates to the review and monitoring of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the Council’s Policy Framework and consideration of plans, policy or strategy relating to the power to promote or improve economic, social or environmental wellbeing in the County Borough of Bridgend. Any changes to the structure of the Scrutiny Committees and the procedures relating to them would require the Bridgend County Borough Council Constitution to be updated.
Executive Summary:	<p>The membership of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee consists of the Chairs of each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee and nine other Members that reflect the political balance of the Authority.</p> <p>The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 established procedures whereby Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs are nominated and appointed. The Measure requires that, as a minimum, the Chairpersons of these Committees be appointed based on the size and political balance of each of the groups that make up the Council. At the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2023, Councillors Alex Williams, Freya Bletsoe and Paul Davies were appointed as the Chairpersons of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees 1 to 3 respectively.</p> <p>The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is unallocated and therefore, in accordance with the Measure, is to be appointed by the Members of the Committee from one of the Chairpersons of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees, but it cannot be the Chairperson nominated from the same Group as the Executive.</p>

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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to receive nominations and appoint a Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee structure the membership of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee consists of the Chairs of each Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committee and nine other Members that reflect the political balance of the Authority.
- 2.2 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 established procedures whereby Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs are nominated and appointed. The Measure requires that, as a minimum, the Chairpersons of these Committees be appointed based on the size and political balance of each of the groups that make up the Council. At the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2023, Councillors Alex Williams, Freya Bletsoe and Paul Davies were appointed as the Chairpersons of Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees 1 to 3 respectively. The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is unallocated and therefore, in accordance with the Measure, is to be appointed by the Members of the Committee from one of the Chairpersons of the Subject Overview and Scrutiny Committees, but it cannot be the Chairperson nominated from the same Group as the Executive.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to receive nominations and appoint a Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the provisions set out at paragraph 2.2 above.
- 3.2 Should the appointed Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee be unable to attend a meeting, it is for the Committee to appoint a Chair at the meeting in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

4. Equality implications (including Socio-economic Duty and Welsh Language)

- 4.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh Language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

5. Well-being of Future Generations implications and connection to Corporate Well-being Objectives

5.1 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 Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council.
- Prevention - The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be preventative in nature and ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place.
- Integration - This report supports all the well-being objectives.
- Collaboration - The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will support partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - The Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee will promote the full involvement of external stakeholders, service users, expert witnesses and partners in scrutiny activity.

5.2 The appointed Chairperson will have regard to how each item being scrutinised by the Committee assists in the achievement of the Council's 7 Well-being Objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**, listed below:

1. A County Borough where we protect our most vulnerable
2. A County Borough with fair work, skilled, high-quality jobs and thriving towns
3. A County Borough with thriving valleys communities
4. A County Borough where we help people meet their potential
5. A County Borough that is responding to the climate and nature emergency
6. A County Borough where people feel valued, heard and part of their community
7. A County Borough where we support people to live healthy and happy lives

6. Climate Change Implications

6.1 There are no Climate Change Implications arising from this report.

7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications

7.1 There are no Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications arising from this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no Financial Implications arising from this report.

9. Recommendation

- 9.1 The Committee is requested to receive nominations and appoint a Chairperson of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the provisions set out in paragraph 2.2 of this report.

Background documents: None