

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>23 JULY 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES, JOINT COMMITTEES AND CABINET COMMITTEES</b>
<b>Report Owner / Corporate Director:</b>	<b>REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>RUTH RONAN, SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<b>There will be no effect on the policy framework and procedure rules.</b>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<b>To appoint and nominate the requisite number of elected members to outside bodies and Joint Committees and Cabinet Committees. This is required on an annual basis.</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval for the appointment of Members to Joint Committees, Cabinet Committees and the nomination of Members to outside bodies. A list is appended to this report at **Appendix 1**.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 The Authority is represented on a number of outside bodies and Joint Committees as listed in **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 Outside bodies are external organisations and partnerships which have requested that the Council appoint a representative to them. Outside bodies have separate governance structures to the Council. Appointments to outside bodies can be an important mechanism within the County Borough for: community leadership, partnership and joint working and knowledge and information sharing. The appointment of County Borough Councillors to serve on outside bodies is intended to be a mutually beneficial act for both the Council and the bodies listed. The implications associated with the appointments are considered to be positive.
- 2.3 With regard to making appointments, the Cabinet should first consider whether it is appropriate for an appointment to be of a specific office holder either by reference to the constitution of the outside body concerned or in the light of any other circumstances as Cabinet may determine.

### **3. Current situation / proposal**

- 3.1 It is proposed that Members be appointed for a term of one year except where earlier revocation of appointment is appropriate.
- 3.2 It is proposed that where Cabinet nominates on the basis of a Member's role within the Authority the appointment be attached to the role and not to the individual Member, e.g. Scrutiny Chair, Cabinet Member.
- 3.3 All appointments are made with the assumption that appointees represent Bridgend County Borough Council. Should any appointee cease to be a Bridgend County Borough Councillor, they will cease to represent this Authority and are expected to relinquish their appointments as necessary.

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

- 4.1 An initial Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening has identified that there would be no negative impact on those with one or more of the protected characteristics, on socio-economic disadvantage or the use of the Welsh language. It is therefore not necessary to carry out a full EIA on this policy or proposal.

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

- 5.1 The following is a summary of the implications to show how the 5 ways of working have been used to formulate the recommendation:

- Long-term - The approval of this report will assist in the long term planning of the business of the Council by the continuation of effective relationships with other organisations.
- Prevention - Continued and relevant representation supports the Council by enhancing its current and future relationships.
- Integration - The report supports all the well-being objectives.
- Collaboration - This report supports partnership working with other organisations both locally and regionally.
- Involvement - This report will maintain a relationship with other organisations through effective partnership working.

### **6. Climate Change Implications**

- 6.1 There are no climate change implications associated with these appointments.

### **7. Safeguarding and Corporate Parent Implications**

7.1 There are no safeguarding implications associated with these appointments.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications associated with these appointments.

## **9. Recommendation**

9.1 Cabinet is recommended to: -

Appoint the requisite number of Members to the Joint Committees, Cabinet Committees and other outside bodies as listed in **Appendix 1**.

## **Background documents**

None.