

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>CABINET</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>24 SEPTEMBER 2024</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES</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 a replacement Member to sit as a representative on Bridgend County Care and Repair.</b>

## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's approval for the appointment of a replacement Member to sit as a representative on Bridgend County Care and Repair.

## **2. Background**

- 2.1 A vacancy has arisen for one Elected Member representative to sit on Bridgend County Care and Repair.
- 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.
- 3.4 Bridgend County Borough Council is entitled to nominate two Elected Members to sit on Bridgend County Care and Repair. One vacancy has arisen on this outside body and it is proposed that Councillor Jane Gebbie will fill this vacancy. Councillor Amanda Williams will remain as our other representative.

### **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 Councillor Jane Gebbie as one of our two Elected Member representatives on Bridgend County Care and Repair.

**Background documents**

None.