

Meeting of:	CABINET
Date of Meeting:	24 JUNE 2025
Report Title:	REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES, JOINT COMMITTEES AND CABINET COMMITTEES
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER
Responsible Officer:	RUTH RONAN, SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER
Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	There will be no effect on the policy framework and procedure rules.
Executive Summary:	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.

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 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 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 and Nature Implications

- 6.1 There are no climate change and nature 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.