

Meeting of:	CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	30 JUNE 2025
Report Title:	CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (JOSC) NOMINATIONS
Report Owner / Corporate Director:	CHIEF OFFICER – LEGAL & REGULATORY SERVICES, HR & CORPORATE POLICY
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Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:	The work of Overview and Scrutiny Committees relate to the review and monitoring of plans, policy or strategy that form part of the 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>Joint scrutiny arrangements and Terms of Reference for Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) were agreed by Council on 19 July 2023, to ensure effective scrutiny arrangements are in place to scrutinise the newly established single Public Services Board (PSB) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg.</p> <p>The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee (COSC) as the Scrutiny Committee designated to scrutinise the work of the Public Service Board as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 and based on the political balance of this Committee as far as practical, nominates 5 Members to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC and one substitute Member from the Committee to attend the JOSC when one of the core Members are not available.</p>

	<p>This report seeks nominations to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC for the 2025-26 municipal year, for 5 Members of COSC and 1 Substitute member to attend when one of the core Members are not available, based on the political balance of the Committee, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 Members from Labour; - 1 Member and 1 Substitute Member from Bridgend County Independents; - 1 Member from Democratic Alliance.
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate for the 2025-26 municipal year, 5 Members to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee and 1 Substitute Member to attend when one of the core Members are not available, based on the political balance of the Committee, as follows:
- 3 Members from Labour;
 - 1 Member and 1 Substitute Member from Bridgend County Independents;
 - 1 Member from Democratic Alliance.

2. Background

- 2.1 Joint scrutiny arrangements and Terms of Reference for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Services Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee were agreed by Council on 19 July 2023, to ensure effective scrutiny arrangements are in place to scrutinise the established single Public Service Board (PSB) for Cwm Taf Morgannwg.
- 2.2 Since the 2023-24 municipal year, COSC (as the Scrutiny Committee designated to scrutinise the work of the Public Service Board as required by the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, 2015 and based on the political balance of this Committee as far as practical), have nominated five members of the Committee to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (PSB JOSC) and one substitute Member from COSC to attend the JOSC when one of the core Members are not available.

3. Current situation / proposal

- 3.1 Consequently, for the 2025-26 municipal year nominations are requested to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC of 5 Members and 1 Substitute Member from this Committee to attend when one of the core Members are not available, based on the political balance of the Committee as far as practical, as follows:
- 3 Members from Labour;
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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 establishment of the Joint Scrutiny Arrangements will enable the Authority's long-term commitment to effective scrutiny of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB.
 - Prevention – The PSB Wellbeing Assessment and Plan will be preventative in nature and progress will be scrutinised effectively.
 - Integration – The proposed arrangements are for integrated joint scrutiny by three Local Authorities of the integrated partnership arrangements of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board.
 - Collaboration – This report supports collaborative working with other Local Authorities and partners to effectively scrutinise the PSB.

- Involvement – The joint arrangements will enable effective scrutiny of the wellbeing assessment, plan and progress and promote the involvement of stakeholders, partners in scrutiny activity.

5.2 The proposed arrangements will assist in the achievement of the Council's 4 Well-being Objectives under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**, listed below:

1. A prosperous place with thriving communities
2. Creating modern, seamless public services
3. Enabling people to meet their potential
4. Supporting our most vulnerable

6. Climate Change and Nature Implications

6.1 There are no Climate Change or Nature 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 For the 2025-26 municipal year, the Committee is requested to nominate 5 Members to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC and 1 Substitute Member to attend when one of the core Members are not available, based on the political balance of this Committee, as follows:

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Background documents

None.