

<b>Meeting of:</b>	<b>CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>27 JANUARY 2026</b>
<b>Report Title:</b>	<b>CWM TAF MORGANNWG PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD (PSB) JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (JOSC) NOMINATION</b>
<b>Report Owner: Responsible Chief Officer / Cabinet Member</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER - LEGAL AND REGULATORY HR AND CORPORATE POLICY</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>MERYL LAWRENCE SENIOR DEMOCRATIC SERVICES OFFICER - SCRUTINY</b>
<b>Policy Framework and Procedure Rules:</b>	<p><b>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.</b></p>
<b>Executive Summary:</b>	<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>

	<b>Due to a change in the Committee Membership, a vacancy has arisen and this report seeks nomination of one Labour Group Member from the Committee to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year.</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to request the Committee to nominate for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year, one Labour Group Member to fill a vacancy to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, based on the political balance of the Committee, as follows:

- 3 Members from Labour (currently Cllrs Huw David, Simon Griffiths and a Vacancy)
- 1 Member and 1 Substitute Member from Bridgend County Independents (currently Cllrs Tim Thomas and Freya Bletsoe) and
- 1 Member from Democratic Alliance (currently Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas)

## 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 Due to a change in the Committee Membership, a vacancy has arisen and consequently, a nomination of one *Labour Group Member* is requested to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg PSB JOSC for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year as follows:

- - 3 Members from Labour (currently Cllrs Huw David, Simon Griffiths and a Vacancy)
- - 1 Member and 1 Substitute Member from Bridgend County Independents (currently Cllrs Tim Thomas and Freya Bletsoe) and
- - 1 Member from Democratic Alliance (currently Cllr Ross Penhale-Thomas)

#### **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 The Committee is requested to nominate for the remainder of the 2025-26 municipal year, one Labour Group Member to fill a vacancy to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Public Service Board Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee based on the political balance of the Committee.

**Background documents**

None.