

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Monday, 16 May 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C.P. Higgins,

**Councillors:** H.A.L. Evans, J.D. James, A.G. Morgan, E.G. Thomas, W.G. Thomas and D.E. Williams

**The following Officers were in attendance:**

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services

P. Sexton, Head of Audit, Risk and Procurement

H. Pugh, Audit & Risk Manager

G. Morgan, Democratic Services Manager

**Chamber, County Hall, Carmarthen: 10.00 a.m. – 12.10 p.m.**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G.B. Thomas

**2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**3. REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act namely information relating to a particular individual.

**4. TO RECEIVE THE ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHORTLISTING PANEL HELD ON THE 4TH MAY 2016**

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute No. 3 above to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to a particular individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (Paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included details of applications received for the External Member position. The public interest in disclosure of that information is outweighed by the public interest in respecting the right of confidentiality owed to each applicant. Therefore, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the

information.

**RESOLVED** that the report of the meeting of the Shortlisting Panel held on the 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 be received.

**5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEW THE SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF EXTERNAL VOTING MEMBER OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute No. 3 above to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to a particular individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (Paragraphs 12 and 13 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included copies of the applications received for the position. These applications included details about the private life of each applicant. The public interest in disclosure of that information is outweighed by the public interest in respecting the right of confidentiality owed to each applicant. Therefore, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Committee interviewed three applicants for the position of external voting member of the Audit Committee.

Having considered the presentations by the applicants, it was

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL** that, in order to satisfy the requirement in the Council's Constitution, the County Council appoint Mrs Julie James to the position of External Voting Member of the Audit Committee for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 to the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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**CHAIR**

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**DATE**