

# COUNCIL

## 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019

### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE MID AND WEST WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

REVIEW FOLLOWING COUNCILLOR R. EVANS' RESIGNATION FROM THE INDEPENDENT  
GROUP AND NOTIFICATION OF WISH TO JOIN THE LABOUR GROUP

#### RECOMMENDATION

That as a result of changes to the overall political composition of the Council,

1. the allocation of elected member seats on the Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Authority be amended as follows

Plaid Cymru (2) Labour (2) Independent (1) Unaffiliated (0)

2. To note that, in accordance with recommendation 1 above, the Plaid Cymru Group has relinquished the seat held by Cllr Mansel Charles and the Labour Group has nominated Cllr Rob Evans as its additional representative.

#### REASONS:

Councillor R. Evans resigned from the Independent Group and become a Member of the Labour Group on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Authority has undertaken a review of the arrangements for the allocation of seats to political groups.

Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require unitary authorities to appoint County Councillors according to the political balance of the individual unitary authority.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted N/A

Exec Board Decision Required NO

Council Decision Required YES

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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The Chief Executive received notice from Councillor R. Evans on the 30<sup>th</sup> January that he had resigned from the Independent Group on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and had joined the Labour Group with effect from that date. Having reviewed the political balance of the authority, the Plaid Cymru Group will need to relinquish a seat on the Mid and West Wales Fire & Rescue Authority to the Labour Group.

Following discussions with Group Leaders, the Plaid Cymru Group has relinquished the seat held by Councillor Mansel Charles and the Labour Group have nominated Councillor Rob Evans to take this seat.

There are no changes required to any other outside bodies/Council advisory Panels.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?**

**NO**

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
<b>NONE</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

**Legal**

Appointments to the Mid and West Wales Fire Authority are set out in Section 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 which requires unitary authorities to appoint County Councillors according to the political balance of the individual unitary authority.

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

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## 1.Scrutiny Committee

Not applicable

## 2.Local Member(s)

Not applicable

## 3.Community / Town Council

Not applicable

## 4.Relevant Partners

Not applicable

## 5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

Not applicable

## Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
The Local Government Act 2000 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</a>
Local Government and Housing Act 1989 – Sections 15 and 16		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/II/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1989/42/part/II/crossheading/political-balance-on-committees-etc</a>
Environment Act 1995 - Schedule 7		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/schedule/7">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1995/25/schedule/7</a>
Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2017  Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2018		<a href="http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g675/Printed%20minutes%2024th-May-2017%2011.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1">http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/g675/Printed%20minutes%2024th-May-2017%2011.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1</a>  <a href="http://modern.gov/documents/g1370/Printed%20minutes%2014th-Feb-2018%2010.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1">http://modern.gov/documents/g1370/Printed%20minutes%2014th-Feb-2018%2010.00%20County%20Council.pdf?T=1</a>