

# ANNUAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

## APPOINTMENT OF LAY PERSONS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.

### RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- To approve the recommendation of the Audit Committee to appoint the following lay persons to the Governance and Audit Committee for the period 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

Mrs Julie James

Mr Malcolm MacDonald

Mr David MacGregor

- To note that the Authority would re-advertise for the remaining Lay Person vacancy.

### REASONS:

To satisfy the requirements of the Council's Constitution, the Local Government Government (Wales) Measure 2011 and the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted	N/A - Governance & Audit Committee recommendation
Cabinet Decision Required	NO
Council Decision Required	YES

Cabinet Portfolio Holder – N/A

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## COUNCIL

25<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

### APPOINTMENT OF LAY PERSONS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE.

Council at its meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (Minute 6 refers) considered a report on the appointment of Lay Persons to sit on the Authority's Governance and Audit Committee, together with the appointments process.

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act requires one third of the Committee's membership to be lay persons and for a lay person to be appointed as Committee Chair. Council resolved to approve that the Governance and Audit Committee comprise 12 members i.e. 8 elected members and 4 lay persons in order to accord with the new requirement arising from the Act.

Subsequent to that decision, advertisements were placed inviting interested applicants to apply for the position of lay persons. Five applications were received, and four applicants were shortlisted (one applicant subsequently withdrew from the process). In accordance with the Council Constitution the Governance and Audit Committee interviewed the three remaining shortlisted applicants on the 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The Governance & Audit Committee resolved to recommend to Council that, in order to satisfy the requirement of the Council's Constitution, the County Council appoint Mrs Julie James, Mr Malcolm MacDonald and Mr David MacGregor to the positions of Lay Persons of the Audit Committee for the period 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> May 2027.

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>YES</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>	<b>NONE</b>

## Legal

Chapter 2 of Part 6 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act requires one-third of the members of the Governance and Audit Committee to be lay persons and for the member appointed as the Committee Chair to be a lay person. These provisions within the Act come into force on the 5th May 2022 and forms the basis of this report.

## Finance

The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales determines the daily or half daily fee for the important role undertaken by co-opted members of authorities with voting rights. Fees for co-opted members (with voting rights) are:- - Lay Chair of audit committees £268 (4 hours and over) £134 (up to 4 hours) Ordinary co-opted members of audit committee £210 (4 hours and over) £105 (up to 4 hours)

Additional costs will need to be met from the existing Democratic budget with a growth bid for additional funding submitted if appropriate.

# CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Linda Rees Jones, Head of Administration & Law

## 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 (Wales) Measure 2011		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/content_s">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/content_s</a>
The Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021		<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents/enacted">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents/enacted</a>
Council meeting 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2022		<a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s57189/Summary.pdf">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/documents/s57189/Summary.pdf</a>
Governance & Audit Committee 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022		<a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&amp;MId=5971&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&amp;MId=5971&amp;Ver=4</a>