

**COUNCIL**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

**APPOINTMENT OF LAY PERSON ON THE GOVERNANCE AND  
AUDIT COMMITTEE.**

**GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:-**

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that, in order to satisfy the requirement of the Council's Constitution, the County Council appoint Karen Jones to the position of Lay Person on the Governance & Audit Committee for the period 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2028.**

**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

<b>Cabinet Decision Required</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Council Decision Required</b>	<b>YES</b>

**Cabinet Portfolio Holder – N/A**

**Directorate**

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## COUNCIL

### APPOINTMENT OF LAY PERSONS TO 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 person, and Council at its meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 appointed to three of the four lay person positions.

The remaining lay person vacancy was subsequently advertised later in the year and a shortlisting process undertaken. Four candidates were put forward for interview by the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The Committee RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that, in order to satisfy the requirement of the Council's Constitution, the County Council appoint Karen Jones to the position of Lay Person on the Governance & Audit Committee for the period 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023 to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2028.

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 2021 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 came 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)

# 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 request for pre-determination**

NO

If yes include the following information: -

**Scrutiny Committee**

**Date the report was considered:-**

**Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-**

**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/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</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 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023		<a href="https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&amp;MId=7525&amp;Ver=4">https://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=163&amp;MId=7525&amp;Ver=4</a>