

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 31 MARCH 2023

PRESENT: Councillor D. MacGregor (Chair) (In Person)

Councillors (In Person):

K.V. Broom
M. Thomas

K. Davies

L. Davies

K. Madge

Councillors (Virtually):

A. Evans

A.G. Morgan

Lay Member (In Person):

J. James

Also Present (In Person):

C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services

H. Pugh, Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

C. Powell, Principal Auditor

M.S. Davies, Democratic Services Officer

K. Thomas, Democratic Services Officer

Chamber - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP and remotely - 1.30 - 4.50 pm

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Warlow, E. Williams and J. Williams and from Mr M. MacDonald (Lay Member)

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS.

Councillor	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Kim Broom	5 – To receive representations and interview the shortlisted applicants for the position of lay persons on the Governance and Audit Committee	Member of the Fire Authority and knows applicant No. 2 on a professional basis
Kevin Madge	5 – To receive representations and interview the shortlisted applicants for the position of lay persons on the Governance and Audit Committee	Member of the Fire Authority and knows applicant No. 2 on a professional basis
Mr David MacGregor	5 – To receive representations and interview the shortlisted	Knows applicant No 2. on a professional basis

	applicants for the position of lay persons on the Governance and Audit Committee	
Mr C. Moore	5 – To receive representations and interview the shortlisted applicants for the position of lay persons on the Governance and Audit Committee	Knows applicant No 2. on a professional basis
Mrs H Pugh	5 – To receive representations and interview the shortlisted applicants for the position of lay persons on the Governance and Audit Committee	Knows applicant No 2. on a professional basis

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 REPORTS NOT FOR PUBLICATION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:-

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute No. 3 above to consider items 4.1 and 4.2 below in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to a particular individual (Paragraph 12 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 position of Lay Person. The public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public. There was no overriding public interest in such information being disclosed.

4.1. 15TH NOVEMBER 2022

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Shortlisting Panel held on the 15th November, 2022 be received.

4.2. 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Shortlisting Panel held on the 24th February, 2023 be received.

5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEW THE SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF LAY PERSONS ON THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

(NOTE: Councillors K. Broom and K. Madge together with Mr D. MacGregor, Mr C. Moore and Mrs H. Pugh had previously declared an interest in this item and remained in the meeting for its consideration)

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 (Paragraph 12 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 position of Lay Person. The public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public. There was no overriding public interest in such information being disclosed.

The Committee interviewed four applicants for the position of Lay Person on the Governance & Audit Committee.

Having considered the presentations made by the applicants, it was

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 19th April 2023 to 18th April 2028.

CHAIR

DATE