

The Vale of Glamorgan Council

Cabinet Meeting: 5 June, 2017

Report of the Leader

Appointments to Outside Bodies / Joint Committees

Purpose of the Report

1. To appoint / nominate representatives to the Outside Bodies / Joint Committees detailed in the report.

Recommendations

1. That Members be appointed or nominated to serve on the Bodies listed until the local government elections in 2022.
2. That, where legally possible, attendance at meetings of organisations to which a Member has been nominated or appointed by the Council be classed as an approved duty for which travelling and subsistence allowances are payable, in accordance with the Council's scheme.

Reason for the Recommendations

1&2. To ensure continuity of representation by the Council on Outside Bodies.

Background

2. Historically, the Council has appointed / nominated representatives to sit on a large number of Outside Bodies / Joint Committees.

Relevant Issues and Options

3. Attached at [Appendix A](#) is a list of proposed representatives.
4. It is proposed that, as previously, all such appointments should run for the life of the Council, i.e. until the local government elections in 2022. This would obviously be subject to the agreement of the relevant body to which Members have been appointed.
5. As far as the Cardiff and Vale Community Health Council is concerned, the level of commitment required has led, over many years, to nominated Members eventually being unable to devote the time required to undertake the role. This is an issue which has arisen in a number of Community Health Councils across Wales and has led to the Welsh Government consulting on, and introducing, changes to the process

by which Local Authorities are able to appoint representatives to Community Health Councils. The changes mean that Local Authorities still have to appoint "at least one" Elected Member, with the remaining Members nominated to be of the Local Authority's choosing. Welsh Government has indicated that their hope is that this will ease the burden on Elected Members who, clearly, have had difficulties in fulfilling the role (given their other commitments), whilst at the same time allowing Local Authorities to be represented.

6. Both this Council and Cardiff Council are required to make three appointments.
7. In the event that Cabinet itself does not agree nominations, it is suggested that Group Leaders be asked if they wish to nominate any Members from within their respective Groups for consideration by Cabinet. Any nominations received will be reported to Cabinet.
8. In order to inform the process regarding the Community Health Council appointments, Group Leaders will be provided with a Welsh Government guidance document setting out information for prospective "candidates". It is important that any Member interested in the role(s) takes account of the guidance (given the background alluded to above). If no, or insufficient, elected Members come forward, details of the process and the opportunity for individuals to apply for the role(s) will be placed on the Council's website and in a local newspaper.
9. In the event of external appointments being required, the Managing Director has been granted delegated powers (see Cabinet Minute No. C2807, 22nd June, 2015), in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Democratic Services, to consider and determine the applications and to forward the approved applications to the Board of Community Health Councils. The Board, in turn, forwards details of eligible applicants to the Welsh Government for processing

Resource Implications (Financial and Employment)

10. There are no specific implications arising from the report.

Sustainability and Climate Change Implications

11. None.

Legal Implications (to Include Human Rights Implications)

12. There are no specific implications arising from the report. Responsibility for the appointment of Members / officers to Outside Bodies, and the revocation of any such appointment, rests with the Cabinet.

Crime and Disorder Implications

13. None.

Equal Opportunities Implications (to include Welsh Language issues)

14. None.

Corporate/Service Objectives

15. None.

Policy Framework and Budget

16. This is a matter for Executive decision by Cabinet.

Consultation (including Ward Member Consultation)

17. The appointment of Members / officers to Outside Bodies is an internal matter and therefore no external consultation is necessary.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

18. Corporate Performance and Resources.

Background Papers

None.

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Officers Consulted

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