

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: 20th SEPTEMBER 2021

REPORT OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

**REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION - GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE COMPOSITION**

Following discussions with the Head of Regional Internal Audit Services relating to the recruitment / appointment process for Lay Members to the Governance and Audit Committee, it will be necessary to add an additional recommendation relating to the future Composition of the Committee.

This is necessary due to the timing of the above exercise which the WLGA wishes all Councils across Wales to commence from early October, this year. To know how many future Lay Members the Council will need to be recruited it will be necessary for Council to approve at the Council meeting on 20th September 2021, an amended composition of the Committee to reflect the legislative requirements of two thirds (Elected Members), one third (Lay Member) split.

The current composition of the Committee is a 7/1 split (7 is used for the purposes of political balance calculations at present). In the light of the above impending recruitment exercise, it is proposed that the future composition of the Committee be amended to 6 Elected Members and 3 Lay Members to take effect from the Annual Meeting May 2022. The Committee cannot lawfully meet post May 2022 unless one third of its membership are Lay Members.

The above proposals will have no effect on the current political balance calculations/ entitlements to the respective Groups.

RECOMMENDED – T H A T the future composition of the Governance and Audit Committee be amended to 6 Elected Members and 3 Lay Members to take effect from the Annual Meeting May 2022.

Reason for recommendation

To comply with Part 6 Chapter 2 "Governance & Audit Committees: Membership and Proceedings", Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021 by ensuring that the membership of the Governance and Audit Committee shall consist of one third Lay Members.