

Meeting of:	Cabinet
Date of Meeting:	Thursday, 24 September 2026
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	No Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Item which the Chair has decided is urgent (Part I) (If yes, why)	Not applicable
Urgent Decision Procedure Used (15.14 of the Constitution) (If yes, why)	Not applicable
Item Type	Part I
Report Title:	Additional Appointments to Outside Bodies
Portfolio Holder:	Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources
Strategic Leadership Team:	Chief Executive
Lead Officer:	Chief Executive

1.0 What is this report about?

- 1.1 The Joint Council for Wales have written to all Local Authorities advising that the Constitution has been amended to reflect the Joint Council's updated role, governance arrangements and ways of working.
- 1.2 It is anticipated that the amended Constitution will be presented for formal adoption at the Full Council Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 16th October 2026. It is therefore important that the revised membership arrangements are confirmed and in place in advance of that meeting.
- 1.3 At Cabinet on 28th May 2025, Cabinet appointed the below representatives to Joint Council for Wales: Employees side –
 - 1.3.1 Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Lis Burnett)
 - 1.3.2 Councillor Eddie Williams

1.3.3 Substitute: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places (Councillor Bronwen Brooks)

- 1.4 A new membership structure has been established within the Constitution outlined above. The Employers' Side will include one representative from each Council, alongside one HR director per Council attending in a non-voting advisory capacity.
- 1.5 The previously appointed to Stakeholder Reference Group (facilitated by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board) has been replaced with "Shaping our Future Wellbeing Collaborative" to discuss service and strategic change specifically within health.

2.0 **What are the Recommendations?**

	Recommendations – What and How?	Reasons for Recommendations – Why?
2.1	T H A T Cabinet appoints Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources to Joint Council for Wales (Employee side), with Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places as substitute appointment.	To allow for the Council to be represented at Joint Council for Wales: Employees side in line with their revised constitutional arrangements.
2.2	T H A T Cabinet endorses the appointment of the following Member representatives as part of the Shaping our Well-being Collaborative (Cardiff and Vale University Health Board): Councillor Samantha Campbell (Central cluster) Councillor Marianne Cowpe (Eastern cluster) Councillor Neil Thomas (Eastern cluster)	To allow for the Council to be represented as part of the Shaping our Well-being Collaborative.

3.0 **What is the background to this report?**

- 3.1 The Joint Council for Wales (JCW) serves Local Government Services employees across all Principal Local Authorities in Wales, as well as those employed by National Parks. Its remit centres on addressing strategic, pan-Wales workforce issues rather than local casework or collective bargaining matters. The JCW provides a forum for employers and trade unions to collaboratively examine cross-cutting workforce themes, including skills development, technological change (such as the impact of AI), funding pressures, fair work, recruitment and retention, health and wellbeing, and broader workforce challenges affecting multiple Authorities.
- 3.2 Following the recent review of the Joint Council for Wales (JCW), the Constitution has been amended to reflect the Joint Council's updated role, governance arrangements and ways of working.

- 3.3 The review clarified the JCW's strategic purpose and helped ensure that its membership and governance arrangements are fit for current and future workforce partnership working.
- 3.4 It is anticipated that the amended Constitution will be presented for formal adoption at the Joint Council for Wales Full Council AGM on 16th October 2026. It is therefore important that the revised membership arrangements are confirmed and in place in advance of that meeting.
- 3.5 At Cabinet on 28th May 2025, Cabinet appointed the below representatives to Joint Council for Wales: Employees side –
- 3.5.1 Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources (Councillor Lis Burnett)
 - 3.5.2 Councillor Eddie Williams
 - 3.5.3 Substitute: Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Sustainable Places (Councillor Bronwen Brooks)
- 3.6 Cardiff and Vale University Health Board previously appointed to the Stakeholder Reference Group, which now ceases to exist and has been replaced by the Shaping our Future Wellbeing Collaborative. This new collaborative has been developed following a review to ensure engagement is more effective, efficient, and representative of the communities across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan.
- 3.7 Representatives from the Shaping our Future Wellbeing Collaborative contacted Councillors and sought nominations on a cluster basis in June 2026, outlining the revised focus.
- 3.8 The below Councillors have responded to the nomination process and expressed an interest including:
- 3.8.1 Councillor Samantha Campbell (Central Vale cluster)
 - 3.8.2 Councillor Marianne Cowpe (Eastern Vale cluster)
 - 3.8.3 Councillor Neil Thomas (Eastern Vale cluster)

4.0 What issues are there to be considered?

- 4.1 Cabinet at its meeting of 9th June 2022 resolved that all such appointments to Outside Bodies / Joint Committees should run for the life of the Council, i.e., until the local government elections in 2027 (Minute No. C6 refers) and was subject to the agreement of the relevant body to which Members have been appointed.

5.0 How has evidence been used to inform the report, including the views of others?

- 5.1 Officers have liaised with Members and Group Leaders as appropriate to determine nominations where changes to the previous appointments / nominations to represent the Council on Outside Bodies / Joint Committees was required.

6.0 What are the next steps if the recommendations are approved?

- 6.1 Proposed changes to the membership of a number of Outside Bodies / Joint Committees which have been proposed since the last report will be updated on the Council's website and shared with the relevant outside bodies.

7.0 How does this report support Vale 2030 and Reshaping?

- 7.1 Working with other bodies is a key requirement of the Council in supporting the delivery of Vale 2030's five Well-being Objectives and supports the principles of the Partnership Statement included within the Plan.

8.0 How does this demonstrate the Five Ways of Working?

- 8.1 The Vale of Glamorgan Council has excellent partnership arrangements in place with public and third sector organisations that enable services to be delivered to residents. Much of the Council's work is reliant upon effective partnership working and therefore the Council has appointed / nominated representatives to sit on a large number of Outside Bodies / Joint Committees for the benefit of residents of the Vale of Glamorgan.

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9.0 Finance

- 9.1 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.

10.0 Workforce

- 10.1 There are no direct employment impacts arising from this report.

11.0 Legal and Equalities

- 11.1 **Does an Equalities Impact Assessment need to be completed? If not, why?** An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been completed as the appointment of Members / Officers to Outside Bodies, and the revocation of any such appointment, rests with the Executive.
- 11.2 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.

12.0 Key Contacts

- 12.1 **Who are the primary officers to contact with any comments and/or queries on the report?**

Lead Officers: Rob Thomas, Chief Executive James Langridge-Thomas, Head of Democratic Services	Democratic Services Officer Matthew Swindell, Cabinet and Committee Services Officer mlswindell@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk
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Appendices

None.

Background Documents

[Appointments to Outside Bodies / Joint Committees](#), Cabinet, Thursday 28th May 2026

[Shaping our Future Well-being Collaborative, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board](#)