

**ANNUAL COUNCIL:**

**29 MAY 2014**

**REPORT OF COUNTY CLERK & MONITORING OFFICER**

**AGENDA ITEM: 12**

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## **NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO SERVE ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

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### **Background**

1. The Constitution provides that the Council will, from time to time, receive nominations and make Member appointments as necessary to serve as representatives of the Council on outside bodies.
2. The appointment of Members to serve on outside bodies is a Local Choice function under the Local Authorities Executive Arrangements (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2001. On 30 September 2004, the Council agreed, following the receipt of consent of the National Assembly, that under Regulation 6 of the Local Authorities (Operation of Different Executive or Alternative Arrangements) (Wales) Regulations 2002, the Council give effect to the changes to the executive arrangements to provide that all Local Choice functions (save Harbour Authority functions) are functions of the Council.

### **Issues**

3. Council is asked to consider nominations to serve on outside bodies, as set out in **Appendix A** to this report.

### **Legal Implications**

4. The appointment of individuals to serve on outside bodies is a Local Choice function under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Functions and Responsibilities) (Wales) Regulations 2007. The Council has determined that responsibility for this function shall rest with Full Council unless delegated by the Council.

### **Financial Implications**

5. There are no financial implications arising as a direct consequence of this report.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Council is recommended to receive nominations for, and make appointments to those outside bodies detailed in Appendix A to this report.

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**APPENDIX A:** Annual Nominations for Appointment to Outside Bodies 2014/15

## APPENDIX A

### Annual Nominations for Appointment to Outside Bodies 2014/15

Organisation	Aims of the Organisation	Number of Representatives	Notes
Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA)  (i) WLGA Council	<p>The WLGA aims to promote, protect, support and develop democratic local government in Wales and in particular the interests of Welsh unitary authorities and Associate Organisations in membership.</p> <p>The WLGA Council is the sovereign body of the Association and will primarily deal with the appointment of officers, constitutional and business issues. It will also have a deliberative role which can be utilised in the furtherance of WLGA policy.</p>	1	<p>Nominations are made by the Council on an annual basis. The WLGA Council Annual Meeting is due to be held on 21 June 2013.</p> <p>A local authority in full membership shall be entitled to appoint one member of the Council for each 50,000 population or part thereof.</p> <p>Cardiff is currently entitled to 7 representatives on the WLGA Council, which does not need to reflect the requirements of political balance.</p> <p>It is also necessary to agree the allocation of votes – e.g. one representative to exercise all 7 votes or each representative to have 1 vote.</p>

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<p>Local Government Association (LGA)</p> <p>(i) LGA General Assembly</p>	<p>The LGA is the membership organisation of local authorities in England and Wales and its mission is to support, promote and improve local government.</p> <p>The LGA General Assembly is the only LGA decision making forum which all local authorities in membership are eligible to attend and vote. The role of the General Assembly is to consider strategic policy of national significance to local government.</p>	<p>4 (2 Labour) (2 Lib Dem)</p>	<p>The Council is entitled to appoint 4 representatives to the LGA General Assembly. The LGA also encourages those Authorities entitled to 3 or 4 representatives on the General Assembly to allocate one of those positions to Minority Group Leaders from their Authority.</p> <p>On the election of LGA Chair, Vice-Chairs and Deputy Chairs under Article 8.4 and on questions of estimated expenditure and subscriptions under Articles 21.1 and 21.2 of the Constitution, Welsh Authorities in corporate membership are entitled to 1 vote.</p> <p>On non-devolved matters directly relevant to their statutory duties and responsibilities, the Council is entitled to 7 votes based on population size.</p> <p>Therefore, Members should also consider the future arrangements for the exercise of the Council's voting allocation.</p>

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Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee	The Prosiect Gwyrdd Joint Committee was established to make certain decisions in respect of the procurement of a solution for the treatment of residual waste.	2	The Joint Committee is made up of 2 representatives from each of the 5 partner local authorities (Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and Vale of Glamorgan). To date, the Council's representation has included the relevant Cabinet Members with portfolio responsibilities for finance and environment matters respectively.
South Wales Police and Crime Panel	The Police and Crime Panel is responsible for overseeing the Police and Crime Commissioner and reviewing and scrutinising his decisions.	2  (1 Labour Member + 1 Lib Dem Member)	<p>The Panel is made up of 10 local Councillors, representing the 7 local authorities in South Wales, along with 2 co-opted independent members. Councillor representatives to the Police &amp; Crime Panel are appointed in line with the population size and the political balance of the 7 local authorities within the South Wales Police area. As a result, Cardiff, Swansea and RCT are entitled to 2 representatives.</p> <p>In 2014/15, a General Allowance will be paid subject to a Member's attendance at meetings/training events up to a maximum of 5 meetings/training events per year at an amount of £184 per attendance (max. £920.00 per year). If Members elect to receive this General Allowance, there will be no additional payment for travel and/or subsistence expenses. Alternatively, those Members who do not wish to receive the General Allowance may opt out and claim for travel and/or subsistence expenses.</p>