

**COUNCIL:**

**30 JUNE 2022**

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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & LEGAL SERVICES**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**Reason for Report**

1. To receive nominations and make appointments to current committee vacancies as set out in the report and in accordance with the approved allocation of seats and political group wishes.

**Background**

2. The Annual Council meeting 26 May 2022 established the Committees and Panels of the Council and their composition. The seats allocated to political groups on each committee were calculated in accordance with the rules on political balance, and nominations were received for each committee from the political groups.
3. In accordance with the Welsh Audit Office Statement of Action P3b (report March 2016), Membership of Committees is a standing item on monthly Group Whips meetings and Full Council, as appropriate.

**Issues**

4. Current Committee vacancies, in accordance with the approved allocations to political groups, are as follows:

Table A

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Nomination Received</b>
Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee	2 vacancies	Labour	Cllr Elaine Simmons Cllr Grace Ferguson-Thorne
Constitution Committee	2 vacancies	Labour	Cllr Sue Lent
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	1 vacancy	Labour	Cllr Mike Ash-Edwards
Democratic Services Committee	2 vacancies	1 x Labour 1 x Non-Grouped	Cllr Mike Ash-Edwards Cllr Neil McEvoy

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Vacancy</b>	<b>Group</b>	<b>Nomination Received</b>
Economy & Culture Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy	1 x Non-Grouped	
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee	1 vacancy	Labour	
Governance & Audit Committee	1 vacancy	Labour	
Licensing Committee	1 vacancy	Plaid Cymru /Green Party / Common Ground	Cllr Andrea Gibson
Local Authority Governor Panel	1 vacancy	Labour	
Planning Committee	4 vacancies	2 x Labour  2 x Liberal Democrats	Cllr Peter Wong Cllr Heather Joyce
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny Committee	1 vacancy	Labour	Cllr Mike Ash-Edwards
Public Protection Committee	1 vacancy	Plaid Cymru /Green Party / Common Ground	Cllr Andrea Gibson

5. Further nominations to fill existing vacancies received from political groups prior to Full Council on 30 June 2022 will be reported on the amendment sheet.

### **Legal Implications**

6. The Council is under a duty to make appointments to Committees, in accordance with the approved allocation of seats to political groups, so as to give effect to the wishes of the political groups (pursuant to Section 16 of the 1989 Act).

#### Democratic Services Committee

7. The Democratic Services Committee is a statutory committee established under Part 1 of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 ('the 2011 Measure'). Section 12 of the 2011 Measure states that the Democratic Services Committee cannot include more than one member of the Cabinet, who must not be the Leader.

#### Governance and Audit Committee

8. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 (section 82), as amended by the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, requires that one third of the Committee members must be lay members. The current composition of the Governance and Audit Committee includes four non - councillor 'Independent Members' seats and eight Councillors. This proportion of Independent Members is one third of the Committee members, which complies with the new legislative requirements.

9. The Committee can include no more than one Cabinet member, who may not be the Leader. The Governance and Audit Committee is subject to the political balance rules. Statutory Guidance recommends that all Members of the Committee should display independence of thinking and unbiased attitudes, and must recognise and understand the value of the audit function.

#### Planning Committee

10. The Size and Composition of Local Planning Authority Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017 (made under s.39 of the Planning Wales Act 2015), provide that where wards have more than one elected Member, only one Member may sit on the planning committee, in order to allow other ward Members to perform the representative role for local community interests. This statutory requirement is reflected in the Planning Committee Procedure Rules, Rule 1.1A. However, this rule is not applicable to authorities comprised solely of multiple Member wards, as is the case currently in Cardiff.

#### **Financial Implications**

11. There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Council is recommended to receive nominations and appoint to the vacancies on Committees, in accordance with the Party Group wishes, as set out in Table A and on the Amendment Sheet.

**DAVINA FIORE**

**Director Governance and Legal Services**

24 June 2022

#### **Background Papers**

Annual Council Reports, Minutes and Amendment Sheet 26 May 2022