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**REPORT OF DIRECTOR GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL SERVICES**

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**APPONTMENTS TO COMMITTEE VACANCIES, CHAIR OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND  
CARDIFF BUS BOARD**

**Reason for this Report.**

1. To make appointments to Committees to fill current vacancies in accordance with Party Group nominations.
2. To note the appointment of Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee.
3. To appoint a Member to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors of Cardiff Bus.

**Background**

4. The Council at its Annual Meeting on 21 May 2015 established its committees and allocated seats to party groups in line with the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (Section 15) and the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990. Following a change in the Council's political composition, a revised proportional allocation of seats was agreed by Council on 23 July 2015.
5. The legislation requires the Council to allocate committee seats to political groups in proportion, as far as is reasonably practicable, to the size of those groups on the Council. Once the Council has determined the allocation of seats, it is obliged to make appointments so as to give effect to the wishes of the political group to which the seat has been allocated.
6. Legislation also requires the politically proportional allocation of scrutiny chairs for Councils comprised of several political groups (pursuant to Part 6 of The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011). The proportional allocation of Scrutiny Committee Chairs was agreed with Political Groups, and approved by Council at its Annual meeting. and then revised at the Council meeting on 23 July 2015 (following the change in the Council's political composition). Once the Council has determined the allocation of Scrutiny Chairs to each political group, the appointment of Scrutiny Chairs is to be made by the relevant political group.
7. At the Annual Council meeting this year, the Council also approved its appointments to outside bodies, including the appointment of directors to Cardiff Bus.

## Issues

### Ordinary Committee Vacancies

8. Appointments to Committees have been made in accordance with the agreed political balance arrangements and the wishes of political groups. .
9. The following Committee vacancies are to be filled by Council on 24 September 2015, in accordance with nominations from the political groups to which the seats are allocated. Nominations will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>No of Vacancies</u>
Planning Committee	1 vacancy
Audit Committee	2 vacancies
Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee	1 vacancy
Democratic Services Committee	1 vacancy
Local Authority Governor Panel	2 vacancies
Children & Young People Scrutiny	1 vacancy
Community & Adult Scrutiny	3 vacancies
Environmental Scrutiny	2 vacancies
Policy Review & Performance Scrutiny	2 vacancies
Bilingual Cardiff Working Group	2 vacancies
Works Council	1 vacancy
Health & Safety advisory Group	2 vacancies
Glamorgan Archives Joint Committee	1 vacancy

### Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee

10. The position of Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee is currently vacant. In accordance with the proportional allocation of Scrutiny Chairs pursuant to the Measure 2011, the Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee is to be appointed by the Labour Group. Notification of the appointment will be reported to Council on the amendment sheet.

### Cardiff Bus, Board of Directors

11. The Council is required to appoint 7 Members to represent the Council on the board of directors of Cardiff Bus, and by custom and practice these seats are allocated on a politically proportional basis. A vacancy has arisen for a Conservative Group representative and the Conservative Group has nominated Councillor Robson to fill that vacancy. The appointment of Members to outside bodies is a local choice function allocated to full Council under the Scheme of Delegations.

### Legal Implications

12. The legal Implications are set out in the body of this report.

## **Financial Implications**

13. There are there are no additional financial implications arising from this report that have not been included within the Council's budget for 2015/16.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the Council

- (1) makes appointments to fill Committee vacancies in accordance with the nominations of the political groups, as set out in the amendment sheet;
- (2) notes the appointment of the Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee by the Labour Group, as detailed on the amendment sheet; and
- (3) appoints Councillor Robson to fill the vacancy for a Council representative on the board of directors of Cardiff Bus.

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