

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

COUNTY COUNCIL

3 March 2022

REPORT BY: Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

SUBJECT: Appointment of Independent (Lay) Members on the Governance and Audit Committee

REPORT FOR: Decision

- 1 The remit of the Council's Governance and Audit Committee is to have high-level oversight of the Council's framework for governance, finance, treasury management, risk management, internal control, performance assessments and complaints procedures.
2. From May 2022, in accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Governance and Audit Committee will be made up of nine members, comprising six Councillors together with three Independent Members who are appointed from outside the Council. The Committee will be led by one of the Independent Member who will Chair the Committee
3. Following advertisements on the Council's and the WLGA websites, local press and social media, two applications were received. Both candidates were shortlisted at a meeting of the Panel on 15 December 2021 when it was agreed that a further advertisement be placed. The second advertisement, again on both websites, local press and social media, attracted a further six applications. Applications were received from eight eligible candidates. The applications were considered at a shortlisting meeting on 24 January 2022 and five applicants were invited to interview on 28 January 2022.
4. The Shortlisting and Appointment Panel ("the Panel") comprised the following:

County Councillor B Baynham
County Councillor A W Davies
County Councillor D Meredith
County Councillor J G Morris
Clive Pinney, Monitoring Officer
Jane Thomas, Head of Finance and S151 Officer

5. The Panel recommends that Mr Richard Curtis, Mr Gareth Hall and Mrs Lynne Hamilton be appointed as Independent (Lay) Members for a period of 5 years from 5 May 2022.

| Recommendation: | Reason for Recommendation: |
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| 1. To note the contents of this report and to approve the Panel's recommendations and appoint Mr Richard Curtis, Mr Gareth Hall, Mrs Lynne Hamilton be appointed as Independent (Lay) Members for a period of 5 years from 5 May 2022. | To comply with the requirements of Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. |

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| Relevant Local Member(s): | N/A | | |
| Person(s) To Implement Decision: | Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) | | |
| Date By When Decision To Be Implemented: | Immediately following the Council meeting. | | |
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Background Papers used to prepare Report: