

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Councillor T.M. Higgins [Chair]

Councillors:

K. Broom, G. John, A.G. Morgan, B. Thomas and D.E. Williams

The following Officers were in attendance:

C. Moore - Director of Corporate Services

H. Pugh - Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

C. Powell - Principal Auditor

M. Evans Thomas - Principal Democratic Services Officer [note taker]

J. Owen - Democratic Services Officer

S. Rees - Simultaneous Translator

Virtual Meeting : 9.30 a.m. – 12.25 p.m.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors K. Davies and B.A.L. Roberts.

In view of the fact that this was his last meeting as he was not standing in the forthcoming elections, the Committee took the opportunity to thank Councillor Bill Thomas for his contribution to the work of the committee over the years and to wish him well in the future.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTERESTS

Member/Officer	Minute Number	Nature of Interest
Cllr. K. Broom	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James in a professional capacity.
Cllr. T. Higgins	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James in a professional capacity.
Cllr. G. John	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James and D. MacGregor in a professional capacity.
Cllr. A.G. Morgan	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James in a professional capacity.
Cllr. B. Thomas	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James in a professional capacity.
Cllr. D.E. Williams	5 – Interviewing Shortlisted Applicants	Knows J. James in a professional capacity.
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3. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act namely information relating to a particular individual.

4. TO RECEIVE THE ACTION NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHORTLISTING PANEL HELD ON THE 18TH MARCH 2022

Following the application of the public interest test it was RESOLVED pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute No. 3 above to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as it would involve the disclosure of exempt information relating to a particular individual (Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act).

The public interest test in this matter related to the fact that the report included details of applications received for the position of Lay Person. The public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information contained in this report as applicants would have a reasonable expectation that their personal information would not be disclosed to the public. There was no overriding public interest in such information being disclosed.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report of the meeting of the Shortlisting Panel held on the 18th March, 2022 be received.

5. TO RECEIVE PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEW THE SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITIONS OF LAY PERSONS ON THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

[NOTE: Councillors K. Broom, T. Higgins, G. John, A.G. Morgan, B. Thomas and D.E. Williams and officers C. Moore and H. Pugh had earlier declared an interest in this item.]

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The Committee interviewed three applicants for the position of Lay Person on the Governance & Audit Committee.

Having considered the presentations made by the applicants, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL that, in order to satisfy the requirement of the Council's Constitution, the County Council appoint Mrs Julie James, Mr Malcolm MacDonald and Mr David MacGregor to the positions of Lay Person on the Governance & Audit Committee for the period 25th May 2022 to 24th May 2027.

CHAIR

DATE