



FULL COUNCIL REPORT

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Committee Division	Annual Council
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To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

Appointment to Committees and Representatives of Other Bodies 2020-2021

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

1.1 For Full Council to consider the appointment of elected members to sit on statutory committees and represent the authority on other outside bodies for the 2020-2021 municipal year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT

2.1 The position of Mayor and Deputy Mayor remain with the current Councillors until Annual General Meeting in May 2021.

2.2 Appointments to Committees for the balance of the originally anticipated 2020-2021 municipal year remain the same as 2019-2020. and

2.3 Representation on Outside Bodies and Champion posts for the balance of the originally anticipated 2020-2021 municipal year remain the same as 2019-2020.

2.4 Delegated authority be granted to the Political Leaders in the event of a vacancy to nominate representative(s) and to supply such agreed nomination to the Chief Executive.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As required within Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's Constitution, consideration is given at Annual General Meeting (AGM) to the appointment of Champions, membership of the Council's statutory committees and representation on outside bodies for the forthcoming Municipal Year.
- 3.2 The appointments to Cabinet are the responsibility of the Leader.
- 3.3 Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's AGM was postponed in May 2020 when the authority found itself in an unprecedented period of lockdown in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3.4 At that time all committees were postponed until we were able to establish alternative ways of holding meetings, and it therefore was agreed with senior elected members that no changes would be made to the structure or representation on statutory committees.
- 3.5 As there was no AGM in May 2020, this included the post of Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- 3.6 It was similarly agreed that the authority's Champions and representation outside bodies would also remain unchanged.

4.0 SITUATION FOLLOWING LOCKDOWN

- 4.1 We are already almost halfway through the 2020-2021 Municipal year and whilst lockdown has been eased, there is still uncertainty across the country as to whether a second wave is likely, and how this may affect working practices.
- 4.2 As a result, where we are re-introducing meetings, these meetings, along with any necessary training, are invariably being held remotely.
- 4.3 To support the introduction of these changes, member development is being focused primarily on the use of software to support remote working and as a consequence, any additional training that might be required for elected members appointed to new posts may be displaced.
- 4.4 To this end it is felt that Councillors with experience should remain in the posts held during the previous municipal year, as this would be the most appropriate way for the authority to retain the effectiveness of each committee and a knowledgeable presence on outside bodies.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this report.

6.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	1 of 5	0 of 5	4 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<p>Summary: The main positive impacts are that we are ensuring to meet legal requirements so that the public are aware of our democratic processes and there are no future challenges. There are no negative impacts</p>			

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

COUNCILLOR KEVIN O'NEILL
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
No Background Papers		
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		Yes

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.