



## ***FULL COUNCIL REPORT***

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Committee Division	Annual Council
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*To: Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen*

## **Appointment to Committees 2021-2022**

### **1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 In line with the changes required in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the title of the Audit Committee has been amended to Governance and Audit Committee.
- 1.2 The titles of the Scrutiny Committees have been amended to keep them consistent with the Leader's revised Cabinet Portfolios.
- 1.3 The functions of the Democratic Services Committee are to be undertaken by the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.4 Alterations have been made to the appointment of Members and Co-optees for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT**

- 2.1 The changes to the Audit and Scrutiny committee titles be approved.
- 2.2 The functions of the Democratic Services Committee being performed by the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee be approved.
- 2.3 The appointments and substitutions made to each of the committees listed within the report be approved.

### **3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Full Council is required to consider and approve the role and titles of each of its Scrutiny Committees.
- 3.2 Also required within the Constitution is that consideration be given at the Annual General Meeting to the appointment of Councillors and Co-optees to the Council's committees for the forthcoming Municipal Year.
- 3.3 The appointments to Cabinet are the responsibility of the Leader.
- 3.4 The political balance calculations which allocate the number of seats and senior salary roles to each political group are calculated in accordance with the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- 3.5 We allocate seats on the Planning and Regulatory Committee with an awareness of political balance, but the membership is governed by the Local Authority Planning Committees (Wales) Regulations 2017 which allocates membership on an electoral division basis.

### **4.0 CABINET APPOINTMENTS**

- 4.1 The Leader has revised the structure and changed the Portfolio titles for Cabinet Members.

**Chair and Council Leader with Portfolio responsibility for Learning**

Councillor Lisa Mytton

**Vice Chair and Deputy Leader with Portfolio responsibility for Social Services**

Councillor Chris Davies

**Cabinet Member with Portfolio responsibility for Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside**

Councillor David Hughes

**Cabinet Member with Portfolio responsibility for Governance and Corporate Services**

Councillor Andrew Barry

**Cabinet Member with Portfolio responsibility for Regeneration, Transformation and Commercialisation**

Councillor Geraint Thomas

**Portfolio for Housing and Public Protection**

Councillor Geraint Thomas and Councillor Tony Rogers

## 5.0 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Each Scrutiny Committee may include co-opted members in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. Appointments will be made by the individual Scrutiny Committee and all co-opted members are expected to follow the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members and Co-opted members.

There are a number of vacancies for co-opted members at the moment but an advert has been placed and applications are in and will be considered in due course.

The titles of Scrutiny Committees have been amended to keep them consistent with the Leader's revised Cabinet Portfolios.

### 5.1 TRANSFORMATION, COMMERCIALISATION & CORPORATE CENTRE SCRUTINY

**Chair:** Councillor Tanya Skinner

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Julian Amos

#### **Elected Committee Members (x5)**

Councillor Declan Sammon (Chair Neighbourhood Services, Planning & Countryside)

Councillor Lee Davies (Chair Regeneration, Public Protect & Housing)

Councillor Harvey Jones (Chair Learning and LGES)

Councillor Bill Smith (Chair Social Services)

Councillor Clive Jones (Chair Governance and Audit)

#### **Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor Sherelle Jago

Councillor David Jones

#### **Co-opted Committee Members (x4)**

Jeff Beard – (Public, non-voting)

Claire Payne – (Public, non-voting)

Samee Fureed – (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

Vacant – (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

### 5.2 NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES, PLANNING AND COUNTRYSIDE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Councillor Declan Sammon

**Vice Chair:** Councillor David Jones

#### **Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor Malcolm Colbran

Councillor Jeremy Davies

Councillor Lee Davies

Councillor Clive Jones

**Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor Clive Tovey

Councillor Bill Smith

**Co-opted Committee Members (x4)**

Robert Holdaway (Public, non-voting)

John McCarthy (Public, non-voting)

Tomas Butler (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

Phillip Star (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

**5.3 REGENERATION, PUBLIC PROTECTION & HOUSING (inc. Crime and Disorder) SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor Lee Davies

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Gareth Lewis

**Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor Malcolm Colbran

Councillor Kevin Gibbs

Councillor John Thomas

Councillor Scott Thomas

**Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor Gareth Richards

**Co-opted Committee Members (x4)**

Hilary Hopkins (Public, non-voting)

Howard Jackson (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

Vacant (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

Vacant (Public, non-voting)

**5.4 LEARNING AND LGES (Local Government Education Service) SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor Harvey Jones

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Sherelle Jago

**Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor Howard Barrett

Councillor Brent Carter

Councillor David Isaac

Councillor Michelle Jones

**Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor Declan Sammon

Councillor Clive Jones

**Co-opted Committee Members (x8)**

Michelle Symonds (Merthyr Tydfil Association of School Governors, non-voting)

Kath Phelan (Diocesan Representative, Catholic Diocesan, voting)

Claire Brown (Parent Governor Primary School, voting)

Vacant (Public, non-voting)

Francis Whitefoot (Public, non-voting)

Vacant (Parent Governor Secondary/Special School, voting)

Vacant (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

Vacant (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

**5.5 SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor Bill Smith

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Sherelle Jago

**Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor Gareth Richards

Councillor Declan Sammon

Councillor Ian Thomas

Vacancy

**Substitute Committee Members**

Councillor Lee Davies

Councillor Brent Carter

**Co-opted Committee Members (x4)**

Vacant (Public, non-voting)

Vacant (Public, non-voting)

Vacant (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

Vacant (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

**5.6 JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair**

Chair of the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny.

**Vice Chair**

Vice Chair of the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny.

Membership of this Committee comprises **all** Councillors and Co-opted Members of the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee, Neighbourhood Services, Planning and Countryside Scrutiny Committee, Regeneration, Public Protection and Housing Scrutiny Committee, Learning and LGES Scrutiny Committee and the Social Services Scrutiny Committee.

## 5.7 COMBINED AUDIT AND JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### **Chair**

The Chair will alternate between the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee and the Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee. If the Chair whose turn it is has sent apologies, the other Chair will sit, but the cycle will continue as if the original Chair took the seat.

### **Vice Chair**

Vice Chair will be the Chair who concedes.

Membership of this Committee comprises **all** Councillors and the Lay Member of the Governance and Audit Committee and **all** Councillors and Co-opted Members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

## 5.8 CWM TAF PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### **Chair**

The appointment will be made at the next JOSC Meeting, and the position will be held by MTCBC for the period up to AGM 2022.

### **Vice Chair**

The appointment will be made at the next JOSC Meeting, and the position will be held by MTCBC for the period up to AGM 2022.

### **Elected Committee Members for MTCBC (x5)** (This includes the Vice Chair)

Councillor David Isaac  
Councillor Kevin Gibbs;  
Councillor Declan Sammon  
Councillor Tanya Skinner  
Councillor Jeremy Davies

## 6.0 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The title of the Audit Committee has been changed to Governance and Audit Committee to reflect the changes required in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

### **Elected Committee Members (x8)**

Councillor Clive Jones  
Councillor Darren Roberts  
Councillor Julian Amos  
Councillor David Chaplin  
Councillor Jeremy Davies  
Councillor Declan Sammon  
Councillor Clive Tovey  
Councillor John Thomas

**Lay Member:** Robert Thomas Williams – Public (voting)

**Substitute Committee Members**

Councillor Lee Davies

Councillor David Chaplin

## **7.0 DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

The functions of the Democratic Services Committee will be performed by the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee.

## **8.0 STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

A Committee of 3 elected members, 5 independent persons and 1 community council representative. Only an independent member of the Standards Committee may be the Chairperson. The Chair and Vice Chair will be elected by the Standards Committee for a term of no more than 6 years.

**Chair:** Jeffrey Morgan

**Vice Chair:** Ian Cathrew

**Independent Members**

David McCarthy

Anne Morgan

Martin Veale

**Community Council Member**

Richard Searl

**Elected Committee Members (x3)**

Councillor Julian Amos

Councillor Gareth Richards

Councillor Clive Tovey

## **9.0 PLANNING, REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEES**

### **9.1 PLANNING, REGULATORY AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

A committee of 11 elected members, x1 from each electoral Ward:

**Chair:** Councillor Howard Barrett (Vaynor Ward)

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Clive Tovey (Gurnos Ward)

**Elected Committee Members (x9)**

Councillor David Chaplin (Cyfarthfa Ward)  
Councillor Declan Sammon (Dowlais Ward)  
Councillor Scott Thomas (Merthyr Vale Ward)  
Councillor Clive Jones (Park Ward)  
Councillor Kevin Gibbs (Penydarren Ward)  
Councillor Gareth Lewis (Plymouth Ward)  
Councillor John Thomas (Town Ward)  
Councillor Ernie Galsworthy (Treharris Ward)  
Councillor Malcolm Colbran (Bedlinog Ward)

**9.2 LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

A Committee of 3 Members consisting of the Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee together with 1 or 2 Members.

**9.3 STATUTORY LICENSING COMMITTEE (LICENSING ACT AND GAMBLING ACT)**

A committee of 11 elected members, x1 from each electoral Ward:

**Chair:** Councillor Clive Tovey (Gurnos Ward)

**Vice Chair:** Councillor Malcolm Colbran (Bedlinog Ward)

**Elected Committee Members (x9)**

Councillor David Chaplin (Cyfarthfa Ward)  
Councillor Declan Sammon (Dowlais Ward)  
Councillor Scott Thomas (Merthyr Vale Ward)  
Councillor Clive Jones (Park Ward)  
Councillor Kevin Gibbs (Penydarren Ward)  
Councillor Gareth Lewis (Plymouth Ward)  
Councillor John Thomas (Town Ward)  
Councillor Ernie Galsworthy (Treharris Ward)  
Councillor Howard Barrett (Vaynor Ward)

**9.4 STATUTORY LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE**

A Committee of 3 Members consisting of the Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson of the Statutory Licensing Committee together with 1 or 2 Members.

**9.5 APPEALS COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor Clive Tovey

**Vice Chair:** TBC



### **Elected Committee Members**

Councillor Malcolm Colbran  
Councillor Chris Davies  
Councillor David Isaac  
Councillor Clive Jones  
Councillor Gareth Richards  
Councillor John Thomas

#### **9.6 OBJECTIONS AND APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE**

A Committee of 3 Members consisting of the Chairperson and/or Vice Chairperson of the Appeals Committee together with 1 or 2 Members.

#### **9.7 RIGHTS OF WAY COMMITTEE**

A committee of 5 Members consisting of the Chairperson and/or Vice chairperson of the Planning, Regulatory and Licensing Committee together with 3 or 4 Members.

### **10.0 SACRE (STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION)**

The Chair and Vice Chair are appointed by the SACRE committee.

#### **MTCBC Elected Member Representatives (x5)**

Councillor Ernie Galsworthy  
Councillor David Hughes  
Councillor Michelle Jones  
Councillor Ian Thomas  
Councillor Tanya Skinner

### **11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

11.1 There are no additional financial implications associated with this report.

### **12.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

	<b>Positive Impacts</b>	<b>Negative Impacts</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives</b>	0 of 4	0 of 4	4 of 4
<b>2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you</b>	1 of 5	0 of 5	4 of 5

<b>considered the five ways of working:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>			
<b>3. Protected Characteristics</b> <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
<b>4. Biodiversity</b>	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
<p><b>Summary:</b>  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</p> <p>There are no negative impacts</p>			

**ELLIS COOPER**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**COUNCILLOR LISA MYTTON**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>		
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.***