



## **FULL COUNCIL REPORT**

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

## **Appointment to Committees 2022-2023**

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

- 1.1 Consideration of appointments to committees is a standard item at the authority's Annual General Meeting (AGM). This year, the recommendations to appoint were deferred for referral to the next Full Council.
- 1.2 The appointment process is set in accordance with the Rules of Procedure contained within the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council's Constitution.
- 1.3 Full Council appoints the Leader of the Council, but the appointment of Councillors to Cabinet is the responsibility of the Leader.
- 1.4 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 and an additional two Lay Members appointed.
- 1.3 The functions of the Democratic Services Committee are to be undertaken by the Transformation, Commercialisation and Corporate Centre Scrutiny Committee.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT**

- 2.1 The appointment of Members to Cabinet be noted.
- 2.2 The appointment of Members to Committees as contained within the report be accepted

### **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 Seats on the Planning and Regulatory Committee are allocated 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 advised of the membership, structure and Portfolio titles for Cabinet Members.

**Chair and Council Leader:** Councillor Geraint Thomas  
**Portfolio for Housing and Regeneration**

**Vice Chair and Deputy Leader:** Councillor Andrew Barry  
**Portfolio for Governance and Resources**

Councillor Michelle Symonds  
**Portfolio for Public Protection, Crime and Disorder**

Councillor Michelle Jones  
**Portfolio for Education**

Councillor David Hughes  
**Portfolio for Neighbourhood Services**

Councillor Julia Jenkins  
**Portfolio for Social Services**

### **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 is a page on our website which continuously promotes the post of co-optees to our scrutiny committees. We currently have a number of vacancies, so there are plans in place to promote this page and encourage applications.

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

**Vice Chair:** Councillor

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

Councillor (Chair Neighbourhood Services, Planning & Countryside)

Councillor (Chair Regeneration, Public Protect & Housing)

Councillor (Chair Learning and LGES)

Councillor (Chair Social Services)

### **Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor

Councillor

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

Gethin Williams – (Public, non-voting)

Claire Payne – (Public, non-voting)

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

Vacant – (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

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

**Chair:** Councillor

**Vice Chair:** Councillor P Layton

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

Councillor M Colbran

Councillor J Davies

Councillor

Councillor

### **Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor

Councillor

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

Robert Holdaway (Public, non-voting)

John McCarthy (Public, non-voting)

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

Phillip Star (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

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

**Chair:** Councillor L Davies

**Vice Chair:** Councillor D Sammon

**Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor J Thomas

Councillor

Councillor

Councillor

**Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor

Councillor

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

Hilary Hopkins (Public, non-voting)

Howard Jackson (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)

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

Rebekah Stone (Public, non-voting)

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

**Chair:** Councillor L Mytton

**Vice Chair:** Councillor

**Elected Committee Members (x4)**

Councillor C Jones

Councillor C Tovey

Councillor

Councillor

**Substitute Committee Members:**

Councillor

Councillor

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

Vacant (Merthyr Tydfil Association of School Governors, non-voting)  
Kath Phelan (Diocesan Representative, Catholic Diocesan, voting)  
Claire Brown (Parent Governor Primary School, voting)  
Jeff Beard (Public, non-voting)  
Francis Whitefoot (Public, non-voting)  
Vacant (Parent Governor Secondary/Special School, voting)  
Vacant (Voluntary Sector, non-voting)  
Tomos Butler (Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum, non-voting)

## **5.5 SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Chair:** Councillor

**Vice Chair:** Councillor C Jones

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

Councillor D Sammon  
Councillor C Tovey  
Councillor  
Councillor

### **Substitute Committee Members**

Councillor  
Councillor

### **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 Members of the Governance and Audit Committee and **all** Councillors and Co-opted Members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee.

## 6.0 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

This Committee reflects the changes required in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

**Chair** – To be appointed by the Committee and must be a **Lay Member**

**Vice Chair** - To be appointed by the Committee and can be either a Lay Member or an Elected Member but not a Member of the Cabinet or an Assistant to the Chief Executive.

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

Councillor J Davies  
Councillor C Jones  
Councillor D Sammon  
Councillor J Thomas  
Councillor  
Councillor  
Councillor  
Councillor

### **Lay Member (x3)**

Sue Eriksen – Public (Voting)  
Martin Veale – Public (Voting)  
Robert Thomas Williams – Public (voting)

### **Substitute Committee Members**

Councillor  
Councillor

## **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:**

**Vice Chair:**

### **Independent Members**

Melvin Jehu  
Julian John  
Dawn Jones  
Anne Morgan  
Martin Veale

### **Community Council Member**

Jeff Beard

### **Elected Committee Members (x3)**

Councillor P Layton  
Councillor L Mytton  
Councillor

## **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 C Tovey (Vaynor Ward)

**Vice Chair:** Councillor (Ward)

### **Elected Committee Members (x9)**

Councillor M Colbran (Bedlinog and Trelewis Ward)  
Councillor M Jones (Cyfarthfa Ward)  
Councillor D Sammon (Dowlais and Pant Ward)  
Councillor J Davies (Gurnos Ward)  
Councillor (Merthyr Vale Ward)

Councillor (Park Ward)  
Councillor (Penydarren Ward)  
Councillor (Plymouth Ward)  
Councillor J Thomas (Town Ward)  
Councillor (Treharris 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 C Tovey (Vaynor Ward)

**Vice Chair:** Councillor (Ward)

### **Elected Committee Members (x9)**

Councillor M Colbran (Bedlinog and Trelewis Ward)  
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Councillor (Penydarren Ward)  
Councillor (Plymouth Ward)  
Councillor J Thomas (Town Ward)  
Councillor (Treharris 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

**Vice Chair:** Councillor

### **Elected Committee Members**

Councillor  
Councillor  
Councillor



Councillor  
Councillor  
Councillor

## 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 FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)

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

## 11.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Neutral/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"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul>	0 of 5	0 of 5	0 of 5
3. Protected Characteristics (including Welsh Language)	0 of 10	0 of 10	10 of 10
4. Socio-economic Disadvantage	0 of 6	0 of 6	6 of 6
5. Consultation and Engagement	Undertaken	Due to be Undertaken	Not Required
	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1
6. Data and Evidence to inform the proposal	Yes		No
	0 of 1		1 of 1
7. Biodiversity and the resilience of Ecosystems	Maintained	Enhanced	Reduced
			Neutral/Not Applicable

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<b>Summary</b>				
<b>Positive</b>	To ensure Legal Requirements are met and the Public are aware of the Democratic Process.			
<b>Negative</b>	There are no Negative Impacts			

**COUNCILLOR A BARRY  
CABINET MEMBER FOR GOVERNANCE  
AND RESOURCES**

**ELLIS COOPER  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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

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