



SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 15TH JUNE 2021

SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES CO-OPTED MEMBER VACANCY

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 Social Services Scrutiny Committee considered a report on the 4th February 2020 on whether to fill the co-opted member vacancy and appoint members to sit on a Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee. The former Chair Councillor L Binding, Councillor J Bevan and Councillor D Harse were duly appointed. However due to lockdown and a few other issues the sub-committee were unable to meet and complete the interview process. Therefore, Social Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to re-appoint three members to sit on the sub-committee.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 To agree three members who will sit on the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To appoint three members will sit on the appointments sub-committee.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 To agree the members of the appointments subcommittee who will interview and make a recommendation to Social Services Scrutiny Committee.

5. THE REPORT

- 5.1 Following the February 2020 meeting nominations were sought through GAVO organisations and the next step was to arrange a meeting to shortlist before carrying out interviews.
- 5.2 The appointments subcommittee were due to meet at the end of March 2020 but due to lockdown were unable to meet and complete the interview process. Unfortunately,

there were further issues that impacted upon the members of the subcommittee that hindered their ability to meet. Therefore, Social Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to re-appoint three members to sit on the sub-committee.

- 5.3 Council agreed that a Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee of the former named Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee would be established. The Sub-Committee to consist of the Chair, Vice Chair and one nominated committee member. However, in this instance the Chair of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee has declared an interest as she is a friend of one of the nominees. Therefore, it is suggested that the Vice Chair plus two other members are nominated to the subcommittee.
- 5.4 It was agreed that the co-opted positions would be offered for a fixed term to run concurrently with the term of office for each respective administration. They may then seek re-nomination, subject to the agreed selection process outlined above, this is also to be applied to for any future vacancies as and when they occur.

5.5 **Conclusion**

The report submitted to Social Services Scrutiny committee in February 2020 outlined the process for recruitment and selection of co-opted members and also gave Welsh Government Guidance on how the appointment of Co-opted members should be considered. The Social Services Scrutiny committee agreed at the meeting dated 4th February 2020 to fill the vacancy and this report seeks to progress this appointment process.

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 It is a matter for the scrutiny committee to decide who will be appointed to the subcommittee, the administration of the process can be organised and supported by the Scrutiny Manager.

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter agreed by Council on 18th May 2017.

8. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications not contained in the report.

9. **PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1 There are no personnel implications not contained in the report.

10. **CONSULTATIONS**

- 10.1 There are no consultation responses not contained in the report.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.

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Background Papers:

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