



## **SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22ND NOVEMBER 2022**

**SUBJECT: CO-OPTED MEMBERS SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE  
SERVICES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022 the three co-opted member positions became vacant. Council agreed in May 2017 that the positions would be on a fixed term to run concurrently with the term of office for each respective administration. In line with the agreed process GAVO were contacted and asked to circulate to User and Carer Groups in the County Borough to nominate persons interested in the positions. Therefore, Social Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the responses received and approve the members to sit on the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Social Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to agree the members to sit on the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee. Previously the Sub-committee consisted of the Chair, Vice Chair and one additional Scrutiny Committee Member.

### **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To agree and appoint three members to sit on the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee as outlined in point 4.1.
- 3.2 To recommend to Council AGM that the ABUHB co-opted position is removed.

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 Following the Local Government Elections in May 2022 the three co-opted member positions became vacant. Council agreed in May 2017 the process for appointment of non-voting co-opted members. It was also agreed that a Co-opted Member

Appointments Sub-Committee would be established to consist of the Chair, Vice Chair and one nominated committee member. The Sub-Committee will consider all nominated persons and select a shortlist for interview where they will determine the nominees experience and skills. Following the interview the Sub-Committee will make a recommendation to the Scrutiny Committee. The interview panel is also permitted to suggest unsuccessful interviewees as reserves, should future vacancies arise.

- 4.2 The process to fill the vacant positions on the scrutiny committee are to circulate an invitation via GAVO to User and Carer Groups in the County Borough and seek nominations. Therefore, a letter was circulated in July 2022 inviting nominations. Organisations were asked to submit a nomination in writing setting out the nominees' personal details along with their skills, experience and qualifications for the role. The groups were prompted a second time to send in nominations for the roles before the deadline.
- 4.3 The outcome of the invitation to User and Carer groups was only one nomination, from Alzheimer's Society Cymru was received. After consulting with the Chair and Vice Chair it was suggested that we try again and seek additional nominations.
- 4.4 The co-opted positions are 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.
- 4.5 Therefore the purpose of this report is to update the Social Services Scrutiny Committee also seek the nominations for the membership of the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee.
- 4.6 A further matter for consideration by Social Services Scrutiny Committee is the co-opted member position held by a representative of Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB). This position has been held since the previous scrutiny committee (Health Social Care and Wellbeing) was established.
- 4.7 The ABUHB co-opted position was established because the Health Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee was aligned to the former Community Strategy which is no longer relevant. The report to Council AGM in May 2017 confirmed the position would continue and allow for flexibility to take in account for changes on personnel. However, in effect although there is a nominated representative they have not attended for several years. Members are therefore asked if they wish to recommend to Council that this position is terminated. The ABUHB representative has been contacted to seek her views and she has no objection to the position being removed.

#### 4.8 **Conclusion**

The report sets out the process to appoint to the Social Services Co-opted Member positions. In line with point 4.1 of this report Social Services Scrutiny Committee agree the membership of the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee shall be the Chair, Vice Chair and one nominated committee Member. Social Services Scrutiny committee is also asked to consider recommending to Council that the ABUHB co-opted position is removed.

## **5. ASSUMPTIONS**

- 5.1 It is a matter for the scrutiny committee to decide who will be appointed to the Social Services Co-opted Member Appointments Sub-Committee. Social Services Scrutiny Committee can make a recommendations to Council on terminating co-opted positions.

## **6. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

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

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications not contained in the report

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

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

## **10. STATUTORY POWER**

- 10.1 Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

- 10.2 Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011

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Background Papers: Report to Annual Council 18th May 2017 Co-opted Scrutiny Committee Members Agenda Item 16