

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL CASTELL-NEDD PORT TALBOT**

**COUNCIL  
28th September 2022**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC  
SERVICES - Mr. Craig Griffiths.**

**SECTION A – MATTER FOR DECISION**

**WARDS AFFECTED: ALL**

**CHANGES TO POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY AND COMMITTEE  
MEMBERSHIP**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to authorise a change to the appointment of Deputy Mayoress for the remainder of the Civic Year and authorise changes to the allocation of seats on council committees to the political groups

**Background**

**Change to the appointment of Deputy Mayoress.**

2. The Chief Executive has been notified that the current Deputy Mayoress is unable to fulfill her role due to a change in circumstances in respect of her employment. Members are asked to endorse that Mrs Debbie Rees fulfills the role of Deputy Mayoress for the remainder of the Civic Year.

**Amendments to Outside Body and Committee Membership**

3. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been notified of the proposed changes to the membership of the outside bodies specified below:

- That Cllr Nia Jenkins be removed as a member of the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC).
- That Cllr Alan Lockyer be appointed as a member of the Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC)
- That Cllr Dean Lewis be removed as a Llewellyn Almshouses Trustee
- That Cllr Tim Bowen be appointed as a Llewellyn Almshouses Trustee

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services has been notified of the proposed changes to the membership of Council committees specified below:

- That Cllr Saifur Rahaman be removed as a member of the Environment, Regeneration and Street scene Services Scrutiny Committee
- That Cllr Sharon Freeguard be appointed as a member of the Environment, Regeneration and Street scene Services Scrutiny Committee
- That Cllr Sharon Freeguard be removed as a member of the Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee
- That Cllr Saifur Rahaman be appointed as a member of the Social Services, Housing and Community Safety Scrutiny Committee
- That Cllr Sheila Penry be removed as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee
- That Cllr Rhidian Mizen be appointed as a member of the Governance and Audit Committee.

### **Financial Impact**

6. There are no financial impacts.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment**

7. There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as the issues within the report relate to constitutional matters only.

## **Workforce Impacts**

8. There are no workforce Impacts.

## **Legal Powers**

9. Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Local Government Act 2000

## **Risk Management**

10. There are no risk management issues that require attention.

## **Consultation**

11. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

## **Recommendations**

12. It is recommended that Council:-
  - (a)Endorses the appointment of Mrs Debbie Rees to the role of Deputy Mayoress for the remainder of the Civic Year.
  - (b)Approves the changes to the membership of committees as contained in paragraph 3 of this report.

## **Reason for Proposed Decisions:**

13. To update the Council's membership arrangements.

## **Implementation of Decisions:**

14. The decisions are for immediate implementation.

## **List of Background Papers:**

15. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Constitution.

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