

**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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