

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**Cabinet**  
**19<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

**Report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services – Mr Craig Griffiths**

## **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** All

## **Swansea Bay University Health Board – Independent Member (Local Authority)**

### **Purpose of the Report**

To nominate two elected members from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council to be considered as an Independent Member of Swansea Bay University Health Board.

### **Background**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022, a request was received from Swansea Bay University Health Board (“SBUHB”) for nominees to be appointed as an independent member to SBUHB.

The composition of health boards are governed by the Local Health Boards (Constitution, Membership and Procedures) (Wales) Regulations 2009 which states that local authorities within the respective health boards area are entitled to nominate a representative to sit on the health board. There is to be one local authority member appointed to the health board covering all local authorities within that area.

The 2009 regulations stipulate that each local authority within the health board's area may nominate up to two persons and the Welsh Ministers may choose a person from those persons nominated to be the local authority member.

The City and County of Swansea will also nominate two elected members.

The four members so nominated (two from Swansea Council and two from this Council) will then be subject to a selection process and interview with final determination of the one member to be appointed being made by the Minister for Health and Social Services.

It is proposed that Cllr Jo Hale and Cllr Nia Jenkins be identified as the Council's nominees to SBUHB. The previous custom has been to nominate members of the Cabinet to this process.

The names must be provided to SBUHB by the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to the Council.

## **Integrated Impact Assessment**

There is no requirement for an integrated impact assessment for this report.

## **Legal Impacts**

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## **Risk Management**

Failure to provide a nominee would mean the Council would lose the opportunity for an elected member to be considered for appointment to the SBUHB.

## **Consultation**

There is no requirement for external consultation on this report.

## **Recommendation**

It is recommended, that Cllr Jo Hale and Cllr Nia Jenkins be identified as the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's nominees to the Swansea Bay University Health Board

## **Reason for Decision**

To ensure that the Council is able to identify nominees to sit on the SBUHB

## **Implementation of Decision**

The decision is proposed for immediate implementation with the consent of the Chair of Cabinet Scrutiny.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Letter from SBUHB

## **List of Background Papers**

None

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