

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
NAME OF COMMITTEE:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE
DATE OF MEETING:	30 September, 2015
TITLE:	DIVERSIFYING DEMOCRACY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN WALES
AUTHOR:	HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1.0 Background

- 1.1 I reported to this Committee on the 18th June 2014 in relation to the Expert Group on Diversity in Local Government established by the Minister for Local Government and Government Business. The Expert Group was tasked with examining the profile of Local Government and make recommendations on improving diversity in local government at the 2017 local election.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on progress as requested by the Committee.
- 1.3 The Work of the Expert Group has focused on:
- Improving the Local Government Candidates Survey
(a survey of successful and unsuccessful candidates at county and community elections in 2012)
 - Mentoring for potential local government candidates
 - Developing a publicity campaign
 - Working with employers
 - Supporting disabled candidates
 - Exit interviews for Councillors
- 1.4 Welsh Government have recently published on line information relating to the Mentoring Programme. The official launch of the Programme was held on the 17 September, 2015. The programme seeks to offer individuals who are interested in standing for election access to one-to-one and group mentoring, training and support and an opportunity to shadow an existing Councillor.

- 1.5 In relation to this Authority, Councillor Carwyn Jones is the Diversity Champion. A North Wales network of Diversity Champions to support the work of the Expert Group has been established. Work to progress matters is being done in collaboration with the WLGA and One Voice Wales.
- 1.6 In preparing for the 2017 Local Elections on Ynys Môn, information produced by the Expert Group will be available for potential candidates and included on the Council website and through social media.

2.0 Recommendation

The Committee is requested to note the information in this report

Huw Jones
Head of Democratic Services
21/09/15