

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Adroddiad i: Report to:</b>	Governance and Audit Committee
<b>Dyddiad: Date:</b>	19 April 2022
<b>Pwnc: Subject:</b>	Appointment of Lay Members to the Governance and Audit Committee
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<b>Natur a Rheswm dros Adrodd / Nature and Reason for Reporting:</b> In accordance with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Governance and Audit Committee requires a third of its members to be lay members. This report asks the Committee to recommend to Council the approval of the selection and appointment of the three additional lay members required and the continuance of the current lay member for a second five-year term.	

## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 introduces reforms of the performance and governance regime, including changes to the committee membership composition and proceedings (sections 116-118). The Act requires that:

- one-third of the Committee members are lay persons and two-thirds are members of the Council
- a member of the Committee is to be appointed by the Committee as its Chair (and must be a lay person); and
- a member of the Committee is to be appointed by the Committee as its Deputy Chair (and must not be a member of the local authority's executive or an assistant to its executive).

1.2 A 'lay person' is defined by section 117 of the Act as a person who is:

- not a member or an officer of any local authority
- has not at any time in the period of 12 months ending with the date of that person's appointment been a member or an officer of any local authority; and

- not the spouse or civil partner of a member or an officer of any local authority.
- 1.3 For the Isle of Anglesey County Council, this means there will be a requirement for four lay members. Mr Dilwyn Evans, current lay member, has indicated he is willing to serve a second term five-year term, which is provided for in the Governance and Audit Committee's Terms of Reference (and Constitution).
- 1.4 Three additional lay members will be required to comply with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

## **2. PROCESS**

- 2.1 Following a collaboration with the Welsh Local Government Association and national programme of promotion, as previously advised, the Council received 13 application forms.
- 2.2 A panel consisting of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee, and the Director of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer, conducted a shortlisting exercise on 19 January 2022. The panel identified four candidates for interview.
- 2.3 A panel consisting of the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee, the Director of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer and the now Chief Executive interviewed the four candidates in February 2022. The interview panel selected the following three candidates to be considered for appointment:
- Michael Wilson, of Llangefni, Anglesey
  - Sharon Warnes, of Pwllheli, Gwynedd
  - William Parry, of Rhosneigr, Anglesey
- 2.4 All candidates have accepted their invitation to be considered for appointment and two satisfactory references have been received for each.
- 2.5 In accordance with the current Constitution, paragraph 3.4.8.2.2, the Chair and Vice-Chair recommend the appointment of the lay members to the Governance and Audit Committee.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Governance and Audit Committee approves:
- the selection and appointment of the three candidates as lay members to the Governance and Audit Committee and recommends their appointment to Council
  - the recommendation to Council in relation to the continuance of the current lay member for a second five-year term