

Meeting	THE COUNCIL
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Topic	Appointing a Lay Member to the Audit and Governance Committee
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1. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, Sections 81 and 87, it is necessary for the Council to establish an Audit Committee to monitor and scrutinise financial matters, risk management and corporate governance.

2. It is necessary to have at least one lay member on the committee and up to a third of the membership can be lay members. All the lay members have the right to vote and will receive a co-opted member's salary of £198 a day. The term of the current member comes to an end after June of 2017.

3. The appointment procedure which was adopted by the Council in March 2017 is being followed. The attached document contains the criteria for appointing the lay member adopted in May 2012 and accords with guidelines by the Welsh Government.

4. Advantage was taken of an opportunity to advertise jointly with Anglesey Council in the local press/regional press for a declaration of interest from those who wished to serve as lay members on the Audit and Governance Committee. Interviews will be held on the 13th of June by a panel consisting of the Council Chair, Chair of the Audit Committee and the Cabinet Member for Resources advised by the Head of Finance and the Monitoring Officer. Once the Panel have considered the applications they will present their recommendation to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION.

Appoint a lay member to the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years.

Appointment of lay member onto the Audit Committee

Criteria

Applicants will need to demonstrate independence and impartiality in assisting the Audit Committee to

Review, scrutinise and issue reports and recommendations in relation to the council's financial affairs.

- Review, scrutinise and issue reports and recommendations on the authority's risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements.
- Oversee its audit arrangements and review its financial statements.

Applicant should meet the following criteria:

- Be able to demonstrate an understanding of the value of the audit function.
- Be able to demonstrate knowledge of how local government functions
- Be able to demonstrate independence of thinking and unbiased attitudes
- Be able to meet the time commitment involved
- Be able to provide two references

Individuals who have business connections with the Council or who have connections with a political party are ineligible for appointment

The ability to speak Welsh will be considered an advantage and the need to achieve a balance of skills, qualities and expertise on the Committee as well as the need to represent the community as a whole and achieve a geographical spread will be taken into account.