

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>13 May 2021</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Extend the appointment of lay member of the Audit and Governance Committee</b>
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	<b>Councillor Ioan Thomas, Finance Cabinet Member</b>
<b>Author</b>	<b>Dafydd L Edwards, Head of Finance</b>

At the full Council on 15 June 2017, Mrs Sharon Warnes was appointed as a lay member of the Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 4 years.

As the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 comes into force, the Audit and Governance Committee will need to revisit the Council's wider systems in relation to the Act.

I understand that Section 116, the section dealing with the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee, requires a 'Commencement Order' before it comes into force, and this change will take place at the time of the local election in May 2022.

In the meantime, we need to plan and implement aspects such as the requirement to appoint lay members to one third of the membership of the Audit and Governance Committee from May 2022.

Therefore, as the current local government period comes to an end in 2022, and with constitutional changes meaning that the Audit and Governance Committee changes for the new term, it makes sense that the full Council extends Mrs Warnes' appointment for an additional year.

### **Recommendation**

**That the appointment of Mrs Sharon Warnes as lay member of the Audit and Governance Committee be extended for a further year, up to the May 2022 election.**

### **Opinion of local member**

Not a local matter

### **Views of the Statutory Officers**

#### **Monitoring Officer:**

I can confirm that there will be quite significant changes to the membership of the Committee as a result of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The recommendation is sensible in the circumstances.

#### **Head of Finance:**

Author of the report