
NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

08/05/25

Present: Chair: Councillor Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council)

Councillors: Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd), Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy County Borough Council), Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Jason McLellan (Denbighshire County Council)

Chief Officers: Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd), Rhun ap Iareth (Conwy County Borough Council), and Graham Boase (Denbighshire County Council)

Others Invited: David Fitzsimon (Wrexham County Borough Council)

Other officers present: Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer - Cyngor Gwynedd), Eurig Williams (Human Resources Advisory Services Manager - Cyngor Gwynedd) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer - Cyngor Gwynedd)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council) and Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council)

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Graham Boase (Denbighshire Council) as he is a personal friend of one of the candidates.

The Member was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he withdrew from taking part in the discussion.

The Members and other Chief Officers noted that they knew some of the candidates in a professional, but not personal capacity.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12, Part 4, Appendix 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

This paragraph is relevant because the report contains information about specific individuals who have the right to privacy. There is no public interest that calls for disclosing personal information about these individuals. Consequently, the public

interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE - SHORTLISTING

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive of Cyngor Gwynedd) reported that ten applications had been received for the post with four meeting the essential criteria of the post's requirements in full.

Members were convinced that the post had been adequately advertised and that the wide range of candidates was evidence of this.

It was proposed and seconded to place four candidates on the shortlist.

RESOLVED:

TO PLACE FOUR CANDIDATES ON THE SHORTLIST FOR APPOINTING A CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

In elaborating on the next steps, it was highlighted that the candidates would be invited to participate in a series of online exercises and with business psychologists. It was added that an Assessment Centre would be held, along with further assessment arrangements led by the Host Authority. Feedback from candidates' responses and performance in the exercises and assessment centre would be presented verbally to the Joint Corporate Committee on the day of the interviews.

The topic of a 10-minute presentation for the candidates was discussed along with six questions (in draft form) for the interviews. Following the feedback received, it was reported that a final version of the questions would be shared with Members before the day of the interviews.

The officers were thanked for the thorough work and for completing the process in accordance with the procedure.

The meeting started at 10:00 and ended at 11:00

(Chair)