

COMMITTEE ON EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY:**Date: Wednesday, 22 November****Time: 2pm****Location: Chamber of the National Assembly for Wales****Title: The involvement of Assembly Members in Public Appointments****Purpose**

At its last meeting, the Committee requested a paper on the involvement of Subject Committee Nominees in Public Appointments. This paper sets out a brief summary of the background and the current procedures and provides a table detailing which Subject Committee Nominees have been involved in which public appointments exercises. As the Committee's interest in public appointments is centred on the question of equality of opportunity and diversity of applications, the table also gives details of applicants by gender, race and disability.

Summary/recommendations

The paper is a factual document which the committee is asked to note.

Timing

The paper was requested for this meeting at the Committee's last meeting.

Background

Following the Blackwell review of Public Appointments in Wales that took place during October 1998, the Public Appointment Unit took on a central role in the processing of public appointments in Wales. NHS appointments are the responsibility of the NHS Appointments Branch, Human Resources Division.

The Assembly is responsible for a wide range and variety of public appointments in Wales – around 600 in total. The appointments range from local community health councils (22 in total with two members each appointed by the Assembly), through specialist professional advisory committees to large executive bodies with multi million pound budgets.

The Code of Practice was drawn up in May 1999. The code was based on the guidance issued by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

Paragraph 5 of the Code specifies that for those public appointments which it has oversight, the relevant subject committee will appoint two members of the committee (at least one of whom must be of a different political party to that of the Assembly Secretary).

Arts Council for Wales	Member	8	3	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
Higher Education Funding Council	Member	3	1	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
Welsh Language Board	Member	8	4	1	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
Welsh Language Board	Chair	1	-	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
Library and Information Service	Member	2	1	-	1	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
National Library of Wales	Member	1	-	-	n/k	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
National Museums and Galleries of Wales	Member	3	1	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
Sports Council for Wales	Members	5	3	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
General Teaching Council for Wales	Chair	1	-	-	-	ROSEMARY BUTLER AM, LORRAINE BARRETT AM and WILLIAM GRAHAM AM	ROSEMARY BUTLER AM, LORRAINE BARRETT AM and WILLIAM GRAHAM AM	ROSEMARY BUTLER AM, LORRAINE BARRETT AM and WILLIAM GRAHAM AM

	General Teaching Council for Wales	Members	12	4	-	-	ROSEMARY BUTLER AM, LORRAINE BARRETT AM and WILLIAM GRAHAM AM	N/A	ROSEMARY BUTLER AM, LORRAINE BARRETT AM and WILLIAM GRAHAM AM
	Council for Education and Training	Chair	1	1	-	-	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and ALUN PUGH AM	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and ALUN PUGH AM	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and ALUN PUGH AM
*	Council for Education and Training	Member	NOT YET APPOINTED						
*	Audit Commission	Member	NOT YET APPOINTED						
	Welsh Tourist Board	Member	3	1	0	0	RHODRI MORGAN AM, MIKE GERMAN AM and ANNEJONES AM	RHODRI MORGAN AM, MIKE GERMAN AM and ANNEJONES AM	RHODRI MORGAN AM, MIKE GERMAN AM and ANNEJONES AM
*	Welsh Development Agency	Members	NOT YET APPOINTED						
	Ancient Monuments Board	Members	3	1	0	0	SUE ESSEX AM, ALISON HALFORD AM and JANET RYDER AM	N/A	SUE ESSEX AM, ALISON HALFORD AM and JANET RYDER AM
	Food Standards Agency	Members	8	3	0	0	JANE HUTT AM, KIRSTY WILLIAMS AM and DAVID MELDING AM	N/A	JANE HUTT AM, KIRSTY WILLIAMS AM and DAVID MELDING AM
	Countryside council for Wales	Chair	1	0	0	0	SUE ESSEX AM, IEUAN WYN JONES AM and KAREN SINCLAIR AM	N/A	SUE ESSEX AM, IEUAN WYN JONES AM and KAREN SINCLAIR AM
*	Countryside council for Wales	Members	NOT YET APPOINTED						
	Wales New Deal Advisory Task Force	Members	16	5	0	0	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM	N/A	TOM MIDDLEHURST AM, CYNOG DAFIS AM and JOHN GRIFFITHS AM
	Sustainable Development Commission	Members	19	7	2	0	CARWYN JONES AM and KAREN SINCLAIR AM	N/A	CARWYN JONES AM and KAREN SINCLAIR AM

*	Agricultural Wages Committee	Member	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board	Chair	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	Welsh Industrial Development Advisory Board	Member (s)	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	Food from Britain	Member	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	National Park Authorities	Members	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	Sea Fish Industry Authority	Members	NOT YET APPOINTED
*	Children's Commissioner for Wales	N/A	NOT YET APPOINTED

EXERCISE	MEMBER/ CHAIR	APPOINTED	FEMALE	ETHNIC	DISABLED	ASSEMBLY SECRETARY AND SUBJECT COMMITTEE NOMINEES
NHS Trusts	Non-Executive Directors	24	8	1	-	Kirsty Williams AM and David Melding AM, two nominees of the Health and Social Services Committee are consulted at every stage of the appointments process; shortlisting and final recommendations

NHS Trusts	Chairs	2	1	-	-	Kirsty Williams AM and David Melding AM are involved in the interviews for Chair appointments. Kirsty Williams attended interviews for Chair of Powys NHS Trust; David Melding for Ceredigion and Mid Wales NHS Trusts. Jane Hutt, Minister for Health chair
Health Authorities	Non-Executive Members	15	5	-	-	Kirsty Williams AM and David Melding AM consulted at shortlisting stage and final recommendations
Community Health Councils (CHCs)	Members	25	17	-	5	Kirsty Williams AM and David Melding AM consulted at shortlisting stage and final recommendations
Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting	Chair	1	1	-	-	Kirsty Williams AM and David Melding AM consulted at shortlisting stage and final recommendations

Information provided by the NHS Appointments Branch