

Concise Minutes - Remuneration Board

Meeting Venue:

Meeting date: Wednesday, 12 July 2017

Conference Room A - Tŷ Hywel

Meeting time: 09.35 - 12.43

WRB(11)

Attendance

Category	Names
Board members:	Rt Hon Dame Dawn Primarolo (Chair) Ronnie Alexander Trevor Reaney Michael Redhouse Dame Jane Roberts
Officials:	Anna Daniel, Head of Strategic Transformation Rebecca Hardwicke, Head of Members' Business Support Matthew Richards, Head of Legal Services Carys Rees, Members' HR Business Partner
Clerking team:	Daniel Collier, Acting Clerk Sian Giddins, Deputy Clerk Lleu Williams, Clerk
Witnesses:	Dr Huw Pritchard, Wales Governance Centre Dr Diana Stribu, on behalf of the Wales Governance Centre Naomi White, Wales Governance Centre

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Cenedlaethol Cymru**

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**Remuneration Board of the
National Assembly for Wales**

1 Item for discussion: Discuss the emerging evidence from the review into identifying barriers to and incentives for standing for election to the National Assembly for Wales

1.1 The Chair welcomed Dr Huw Pritchard, Dr Diana Stribu and Naomi White to the meeting. The Chair reminded the Board that all three were representing the Wales Governance Centre which was successfully awarded the tender to conduct the review on behalf of the Board.

1.2 The Chair invited the delegation to update the Board on the work they had undertaken to date and outline its next steps on the review into identifying barriers to and incentives for standing for election to the National Assembly for Wales.

2 Item for decision: Consideration of draft Remuneration Board Annual Report 2016-17

2.1 The Board considered the draft Remuneration Board Annual Report 2016–17 and, subject to minor amendments, agreed to publish the report.

Action point:

The secretariat to amend the draft report and prepare the report for publication.

3 Item for discussion: Review into the career structure and terms and conditions of Assembly Member Support Staff

3.1 The Board considered the paper outlining how it could structure its review into the career structure and terms and conditions of Assembly Member Support Staff. The Board agreed to use a range of evidence to inform the review, including the results of its recent survey.

3.2 The Board agreed to return to the issue at its October meeting.

Action points:

The secretariat to prepare a revised scoping paper for the Board's consideration at its October meeting.

4 Paper(s) to note

4.1 The Board noted the:

- correspondence by the Llywydd regarding the Commission's intention to introduce legislation to change the name of the Assembly and the consequential change to the Board's name (Paper to note 1);
- Digital Taskforce's 'Creating a Digital Dialogue' report to aid the Board's discussion on its future engagement strategy (Paper to note 2);
- Commission on Parliamentary Reform 'Report on the Scottish Parliament', in particular the recommendations regarding the remuneration of Members (Paper to note 3).