

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority held on Monday 14 February 2022 virtually via Zoom. Meeting commenced at 9.30am.

Councillor	Representing
P R Lewis (Chair)	Conwy County Borough Council
D Rees	Anglesey County Council
R Griffiths	Anglesey County Council
R E Parry	Conwy County Borough Council
M Ll Davies	Denbighshire County Council
P Evans	Denbighshire County Council
M Bateman	Flintshire County Council
A I Dunbar	Flintshire County Council
V Gay	Flintshire County Council
P Shotton	Flintshire County Council
W O Thomas	Flintshire County Council
D Wisinger	Flintshire County Council
J B Hughes	Gwynedd Council
J W Parry	Gwynedd Council
G A Roberts	Gwynedd Council
B Apsley	Wrexham County Borough Council
M Dixon	Wrexham County Borough Council
G Lowe	Wrexham County Borough Council
B Parry-Jones	Wrexham County Borough Council
A Roberts	Wrexham County Borough Council

Also present:

D Docx (Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive); A Davies (Member Liaison Officer).

1 APOLOGIES

Councillor	Representing
A Davies	Denbighshire County Council
S Lloyd-Williams	Conwy County Borough Council
G Williams	Gwynedd Council

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 2.1 Cllr J B Hughes declared that as a County Councillor of Cyngor Gwynedd he has worked closely for many years with the successful candidate for the post of Treasurer.

3 URGENT MATTERS

3.1 None.

4 APPOINTMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER/CLERK AND TREASURER

4.1 The report was presented to inform Members about the outcome of the competitive procurement processes for the provision of Monitoring Officer/Clerk and Treasurer to North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority.

4.2 Members were reminded that the roles of Monitoring Officer and Treasurer were statutory roles which must be held by named individuals with the relevant knowledge, skills and experience. The roles will become vacant from 31 March 2022.

4.3 The Chair informed Members that a thorough process had taken place which included formal interviews conducted by a panel of Members. Due to the significance of both roles on the Authority and all its Committees it had been considered prudent to have the Chair and Deputy Chair of the Audit Committee on the panel together with a representation of the Executive Panel.

4.4 The Chair informed Members that the panel were unanimous in their decisions to recommend to the Authority that Gareth Owens and Dafydd Edwards be appointed to the roles of Clerk/Monitoring Officer and Treasurer respectively. It was therefore **RESOLVED to**

- (i) note the completion of the competitive procurement process for the provision of a monitoring officer/clerk and treasurer for a period of four years from 1 April 2022;
- (ii) approve the appointments of Gareth Owens, Flintshire County Council as Monitoring Officer/Clerk and Dafydd Edwards as Treasurer.

At this juncture, Gareth Owens and Dafydd Edwards were admitted into the meeting. This gave Dafydd Edwards an opportunity to introduce himself to the Members and for both Mr Owens and Mr Edwards to be congratulated by Members.

PART II

5 APPOINTMENT TO THE POST ASSISTANT CHIEF OFFICER

- 5.1 The Chair informed Members that interviews for the role Assistant Chief Officer had been held on 11 February 2022.
- 5.2 A thorough recruitment and selection process had been undertaken and the members on the selection panel were unanimous in their decision to recommend to the Fire and Rescue Authority that Shân Morris be appointed to the role of Assistant Chief Officer.
- 5.3 **RESOLVED to accept the selection panel's recommendation that Shân Morris be appointed to the role of Assistant Chief Officer.**
- 5.4 Thereafter, ACO Morris was invited into the meeting to be congratulated by Members.