

Report of the Chief Executive

Subject: Cyber Security Lead Member

Purpose of Report

Members are asked to approve the appointment of a Lead member for Cyber Security.

Introduction/Background

At its November meeting the Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee discussed confidential correspondence from Audit Wales in relation to Cyber Security. During this item all Members recognised the importance of this issue and the need to ensure that Members were better informed and better able to seek assurance that the Authority was undertaking appropriate action to protect itself from cyber-attacks.

Appointing a Lead Member for Cyber Security

During the discussion it was suggested that it would be beneficial to appoint a Lead Member for Cyber Security. This Member would engage with the IT Department and lead officers in the Authority to develop a better understanding of the issues and be able to support other Members when questioning and seeking assurance in relation to how the Authority protects itself from cyber-attacks. This would include training and regular engagement with relevant officers.

All Members are equally responsible for the good governance of the Authority, ensuring that it acts in accordance with legal requirements and also good practice, therefore the Lead Member would not have any additional responsibility or accountability. However, they would receive more specialised training and support to develop a better understanding of the cyber issues.

Finance

It is proposed that this role would not be remunerated and therefore there would not incur any additional costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Members are asked to agree to appoint a Lead member for Cyber Security

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