

Report to	Council
Date of meeting	9 July 2024
Lead Member / Officer	Cllr Jason McLellan, Leader of the Council and Lead Member for Economic Growth & Tackling Deprivation
Head of Service	Gary Williams, Corporate Director: Governance and Business
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Title	Appointment of Director of Denbighshire Leisure Limited

1. What is the report about?

1.1. The report is about the appointment of a Director to the Board of Directors of Denbighshire Leisure Limited ‘(the Board)’.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. A vacancy has arisen on the Board and it is necessary for the Council to appoint a new Director to fill that vacancy.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1. That Council appoints Tony Ward, Corporate Director: Environment and Economy to be a Director of Denbighshire Leisure Limited (‘DLL’).

4. Report details

4.1. On 30th May 2019 Council approved the creation of a not for profit Local Authority Trading Company Limited by Guarantee as an alternative delivery model for the provision of leisure services on behalf of the Council. This company is called Denbighshire Leisure Limited (DLL).

4.2. The Council is the sole owner and member of DLL. The Articles of Association of the Company provide that the appointment of Directors to the Board is a matter for Council to decide.

4.3. The Board of Directors (the Board) is responsible for the running of the company. The composition of the Board is currently as follows:

Managing Director – Jamie Groves,

Lead Member for Housing and Communities, Cllr Rhys Thomas

Lead Member for Education, Children and Families, Cllr Gill German

Independent Director x 2 (Paul McGrady and Sian Morris-Jones),

A Non-Cabinet elected member – Cllr Diane King,

Member of SLT – vacant

4.4. The position on the Board to be occupied by a member of SLT is currently vacant. Members of SLT have been canvassed for their interest in taking up this role and have agreed to nominate Tony Ward, Corporate Director: Environment and Economy for the role.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?

5.1. This report has no direct impact upon corporate priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1. There are no direct costs associated with this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

7.1. An assessment is not required for this report.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1. Consultation has been undertaken with members of SLT who have nominated Tony Ward. DLL have also been consulted and have confirmed their support for the proposed appointment.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1. Although there are no direct financial implications of this report, it is important that strong governance arrangements are maintained to help reduce risks going forward. The report is fully supported.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1 There is a risk that carrying vacancies on the Board will not provide sufficient oversight and support to DLL

11. Power to make the decision

11.1 s111 Local Government Act 1972

11.2 Article 13 Articles of Association of Denbighshire Leisure Limited.