

Report to	Council
Date of meeting	10 September 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 a Non-Cabinet elected member, to be a Director of Denbighshire Leisure Limited (‘DLL’).

3.2. That Council confirms that Cllr Diane King will remain as a Director of DLL but in her capacity as Lead Member for Education, Children and Families

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 Diane King

Independent Director x 2 (Paul McGrady and Sian Rodgers),

A Non-Cabinet elected member – Vacant,

Member of SLT – Tony Ward, Corporate Director: Environment and Economy

4.4. The position on the Board to be occupied by a Non-Cabinet elected member is currently vacant. Cllr Diane King, who was appointed by Council to this role has since become a Cabinet Member. Cllr Gill German has resigned her seat on the Board as a result of her election to Parliament.

4.5. Cllr King will remain on the Board, but will do so in her new capacity as Lead Member for Education, Children and Families

4.6. Council is accordingly requested to appoint a Non-Cabinet elected member to the Board of DLL.

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. There has been no consultation with Scrutiny. Group Leaders have been asked to canvass their groups for nominations.

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.