

Report to	Council
Date of meeting	14 th November 2023
Lead Member / Officer	Cllr Jason McLellan, Leader
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Title	Denbighshire Leisure Limited – Appointment of Director

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. The report is about the appointment of a director of Denbighshire Leisure Limited (DLL) by Council.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. To ask Council to appoint a new director to the Board of Directors of DLL following the sad death of former Cllr Peter Prendergast.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That Council appoint a Councillor who is not a member of the Cabinet to be a Director of 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). 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.

4.2. 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 Rodgers),
- A Non-Cabinet elected member - vacant,
- Member of SLT, (Nicola Stubbins)

4.3. Following the sad death of Cllr Peter Prendergast the seat on the Board to be occupied by a non-cabinet elected member is vacant. Council is therefore asked to appoint a non-cabinet elected member to take on this role.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

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 were extensive consultations with a variety of stakeholders prior to the creation of DLL.

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.