

Monmouthshire

Local Access Forum

AGENDA ITEM: 7

SUBJECT: RECRUITMENT OF NEW FORUM

MEETING: MONMOUTHSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

DATE: 11 JULY 2023

1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To update the Forum on the proposed arrangements for the recruitment of the Monmouthshire Local Access Forum for the next 3-year period of appointment.

2. RECOMMENDATION:

- 2.1 To note the proposed arrangement.

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 As members are aware the current term of appointment ends on 24 November 2023 and arrangements are now required to recruit a new forum to ensure continuity.
- 3.2 The County Council meeting on 20 July 2023 will consider a report, which recommends a, hopefully streamlined, process both for this recruitment process and future appointments. It is proposed that a panel of three councillors be permanently established and delegated authority to interview and make decisions on the appointment of members to the Local Access Forum, subject on each occasion to ratification by Council.
- 3.3 It is proposed that this panel will consider all the applications together, including those of reapplying existing members, enabling the panel to look at the overall composition and balance of the forum. The opportunity will also be taken to revise documentation around the application process to improve the information available to the panel.
- 3.4 In addition a more extensive approach to this round of recruitment is proposed (Beyond the statutory requirements) and to place a wider range of relevant representative organisations more at the centre of the process to encourage nominations (although the eventual appointments are still legally personal ones).
- 3.5 If this approach is approved by Council the timescale envisaged will be recruitment advertisement in late summer and ratification by Council in December. This should allow the initial meetings to be held January 2024, thereby maintaining the normal programme of meetings.

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