

12<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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## **NOMINATIONS TO THE WLGA DIGITAL LEADERSHIP BOARD 2024-25**

### **Purpose**

1. To invite the WLGA Council to nominate members to serve on the WLGA Digital Leadership Board.

### **Background**

2. The WLGA Executive Board established a member-led WLGA Digital Board in 2022, in agreement with Welsh Government, following a transfer of funding for the digital team from grant to RSG.
3. The Board exists to provide strategic oversight of the work of the Chief Digital Officer and team in supporting authorities, and to provide strategic leadership of the digital agenda within local government.
4. The WLGA Digital Leadership Board includes 5 senior elected members, which may be appointed on political balance, and is chaired by the lead WLGA spokesperson covering digital matters.
5. The Board also has officer membership from SOLACE and the WLGA Digital Advisory Group.
6. The Board is supported by several external organisations, and observers from Data Cymru, the Welsh Government, Health and the Centre for Digital Public Services are invited to attend the meetings.
7. The responsibilities of the Board include:

#### **Supporting the CDO and Team:**

- Agree the strategic framework within which the CDO's office will operate.
- Agree the annual work programme of the team in the three agreed areas of people, services, and technology & data.
- Ensure the CDO office has sufficient resources to deliver the work programme.
- Provide strategic oversight of the work of the CDO office, including ensuring effective financial and risk management, and monitoring progress.
- Ensure the work of the CDO office is contributing to the delivery of the individual digital strategies of councils and the Digital Strategy for Wales.
- Act as a critical friend to the CDO, ensuring appropriate support and challenge.

Supporting digital leadership and collaboration in Wales:

- Identify and respond to issues or priorities that require a collective response from local government.
- Lobby Welsh Government on issues identified that require a collective voice.
- Promote digital leadership and transformation and encourage consistency of digital standards across local government.
- Feedback to Welsh Government on national digital policies, strategies, and priorities.
- Be accountable to the 22 councils for digital leadership through the wider governance arrangements of the WLGA including the digital spokesperson.

8. The Digital Leadership Board meets quarterly. The agenda is sent out at least one week prior to any meeting dates.

9. To note, the Association's membership to the Digital Leadership Board for 2023-24, was as follows:

- Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport)
- Cllr Gill German (Denbighshire)
- Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff)
- Cllr Clive Davies (Ceredigion)
- Cllr Neil Prior (Pembrokeshire)

## **Recommendations**

**10. The WLGA Council is invited:**

**10.1 To nominate five members to serve on the WLGA's Digital Leadership Board for 2024-25.**

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