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By: Carl Sargeant, Minister for Social Justice and Local Government

During my oral statement to the Assembly on Wednesday 16th March I announced my decision to issue Anglesey County Council with a more stringent intervention following recommendations from the Auditor General for Wales.

As part of my intervention I announced that I had appointed two commissioners to run Anglesey County Council, in terms of exercising Council's executive functions on my behalf.

I also stated that I intended to appoint Mr Mick Giannasi as a Commissioner after his retirement from the Police at the end of March. You will wish to be aware that I have now officially appointed Mr Giannasi with effect from 1st April.

I am also happy to announce that I have appointed a further two Commissioners with immediate effect. They are:

- Margaret Foster – former Chief Executive of Cwm Taf NHS Trust;
- Gareth Jones – retiring Assembly member for Aberconwy

Finally, I understand that Mr David Bowles wishes to leave his post as Anglesey County Council's interim Managing Director at the end of April.

To ensure continuity I have also decided to exercise powers available to me to designate Mr Richard Parry Jones as Anglesey County Council's Head of Paid Service with effect from 1st May until further notice. Mr Jones is currently the Council's director of education and leisure, and is a fluent Welsh-speaker.

I am very grateful to Mr Bowles for his determination, commitment and stewardship of the Council through a particularly difficult time. I am pleased that Mr Jones has agreed to take on this role and I am sure that he will support the work of the Commissioners and Members in taking forward the authority and ensuring compliance with my Direction.