Welsh Parliament

Finance Committee

**Appointment of Non-Executive Member of the Wales Audit Office**

Eligibility (Political and Outside Activities) Questionnaire

**Information for Candidates**

Candidates should be aware that the holders of certain roles or positions are unable to be considered for appointment to the Wales Audit Office Board. Some of these roles are statutory disqualifications[[1]](#footnote-2) and others are roles which the Finance Committee has determined[[2]](#footnote-3) would be incompatible with service as a Member of the Board.

To assist candidates, a combined list of disqualified or incompatible roles is set out under the heading “Eligibility: Political and Outside Activities” on pages 5 – 6 of the “Information for Candidates” document. Candidates should refer to the list before submitting their application.

In line with the ‘Nolan’ principles of public life, other significant sources of conflict of interest will also be taken into account in considering candidates for appointment.

**Required Disclosures**

The purpose of this form is to enable candidates to provide details of:

1. all offices, employments and/or other roles currently held. This will allow the Committee to check for any eligibility issues which could prevent a successful candidate from serving as a Member of the WAO Board;
2. significant political activity undertaken in recent years; or
3. any business or other interests or any personal connections which, if you are appointed, could be misconstrued or cause embarrassment to the Senedd.

Any potential conflicts of interest detailed here may not prevent you going forward to interview but could, if appropriate, be explored with you during your interview to establish how you would address the issue(s) should you be successful in your application.

Candidates are also reminded that they may be asked to relinquish certain external positions as a condition of appointment.

## 1. Current commitments

Please give details of all existing roles which you undertake (whether employed, appointed/elected or voluntary service).

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| Details of organisation and position | **Appointed by** | **Time commitment** | **Period of appointment** | **Paid or voluntary?** |
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## 2. Political Activity

Please indicate which of the following activities you have undertaken during the past five years by ticking the appropriate box and by providing details of your involvement. Name the party or body for which you have been active. If you have been or are an Independent or have sought or obtained office as a representative of a particular interest group, you should state this. You should tick all relevant categories.

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|[ ]  Obtained office as a Local Councillor, MS, MP, MEP, etc |
|[ ]  Stood as a candidate for one of the above offices |
|[ ]  Spoken on behalf of a party of candidate |

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|[ ]  Acted as a political agent |
|[ ]  Held office such as Chair, Treasurer or Secretary of a local branch of a party |
|[ ]  Canvassed on behalf of a party or helped at elections |
|[ ]  Undertaken any other political activity which you consider relevant |

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| C |  |
|[ ]  None of the above activities apply |

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| Details of your involvement, and name of Party for which activity was undertaken |
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## 3. Other interests and connections

Please give details of any business or other interests, or any personal connections which you feel that, if you are appointed, could potentially be misconstrued or cause embarrassment to the Senedd.

For example, these might include any financial interests, share ownership, membership of societies, activities, associations or employment of a partner in a relevant area.

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| Full Name |  |
| Signature |  |
| Dated |  |

1. In accordance with paragraph 26 of Schedule 1 to the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. Under paragraph 8 of that Schedule [↑](#footnote-ref-3)