

CONSULTATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A COMPETITION: HYBU CIG CYMRU

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code on Public Appointments (the Governance Code) by the Welsh Government to make an appointment, exceptionally, without a competition.

The Governance Code requires the appointing authority to consult the Commissioner in good time before the appointment is made and to make the decision public alongside their reasons for doing so.

Appointing authority's reasons for making an appointment without competition

The Welsh Government has decided to appoint Kevin Roberts as Chair of Hybu Cig Cymru (HCC) without putting the post out to open competition.

Mr Roberts' appointment will be for a period of up to six months from 1 April 2017 to act as interim Chair while a new recruitment competition for Chair, conducted under the Governance Code is undertaken.

Appointee

Mr Roberts is a qualified accountant who has held a number of senior positions in agriculture since leaving the private sector in 1993.

He was Director General at the Meat and Livestock Commission from 2002 until 2007 when he worked with Government to amalgamate all agricultural levy boards into a new single body called the Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board.

He has held a number of non executive posts and has carried out work for the Welsh Government including the Review into the Resilience of Welsh Farming and the Review of Hybu Cig Cymru

Commissioner's response to the Consultation

The Commissioner for Public Appointments is content with the Welsh Government's proposal to appoint Mr Roberts without competition to the post of Chair of Hybu Cig Cymru for a period not exceeding six months commencing 1 April 2017 to enable a fair and open competition to be held.

On behalf of the Commissioner for Public Appointments

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