

CONSULTATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A COMPETITION: SPORTS WALES

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code by the Minister for Social Services and Public Health in 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 Minister suspended the Board of Sports Wales on 23 November 2016 and announced on 14 February that members of the Board of Sports Wales were being reinstated except for the Chair and Vice Chair to enable allegations of misconduct against the latter to be investigated.

Following the investigation the Chair and Vice Chair have been removed from office.

Against that background the Minister has decided to appoint Julia Longville to be the interim Vice Chair of Sports Wales for a period not exceeding 1 October 2017 to enable an open competition to be held.

Appointee

Ms Longville is Deputy Dean of Learning and Teaching at Cardiff School of Sport at Cardiff Metropolitan University (UWIC). She has a University of Wales MSc Coaching Science degree from UWIC and a Certificate of Education teaching qualification and a B.Ed from Barry Teacher Training College. Julia has been an Estyn independent inspector and education consultant. She works regularly with colleagues throughout Wales to develop Physical Education and School Sport.

A former Wales netball international with 25 caps, Julia played at European and World Championship level. She is a former international coach who took the Welsh U21 and senior team to numerous European and World Championships, and the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006.

Commissioner's response to the Consultation

The Commissioner for Public Appointments is content with the Minister's proposal to appoint Julia Longville, exceptionally, without holding a fair and open competition to enable a competition to be held following her predecessor's removal from office.

**On behalf of the Commissioner for Public Appointments
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