Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Local Government and Government Business.

Lesley Griffiths was brought up in North East Wales and has lived and worked in Wrexham all her adult life. She has two daughters and has served as a school governor and community councillor. She worked at the Wrexham Maelor Hospital for twenty years. Prior to her election she worked as constituency assistant to Ian Lucas, MP. As a strong supporter of devolution for Wales, she played an active role in the 1997 'Yes for Wales' campaign. She is a member of Unison.

She was elected to the National Assembly for Wales in May 2007 and served on several Assembly Committees. She set up and chaired the Cross Party Hospice Group. In December 2009, she was appointed Deputy Minister for Science, Innovation and Skills. Following re-election to the National Assembly for Wales in May 2011, Lesley Griffiths was appointed Minister for Health and Social Services and in March 2013 was appointed Minister for Local Government and Government Business. Outside of politics, her main hobbies are music, walking and watching Wrexham Football Club. Lesley is formerly an elected director of the Wrexham Supporters Trust.

Dr Andrew Goodall, Chief Executive, Aneurin Bevan Health Board

Dr Andrew Goodall is Chief Executive of the Aneurin Bevan Health Board, taking up post formally in October 2009. He has been an NHS Chief Executive since 2005. He has held planning and operational positions across a number of NHS organisations across South Wales over the last 24 years. Dr Goodall has a law degree from Essex University and a PhD in Health Service Management from Cardiff Business School.

He has particular areas of interest in improving patient safety and the patient experience; partnership working across Public Services; and delivering frontline services through service improvement and modernisation. He has been lead Chief Executive on a number of NHS issues, currently including unscheduled care and service configuration in South Wales. From May 2010 until recently, Dr Goodall also chaired the Effective Services for Vulnerable Groups work stream for the Welsh Government covering broader public services.

Iwan Davies, Chief Executive, Conwy County Borough Council

Iwan Davies was appointed as Chief Executive of Conwy County Borough Council on 29th September 2011. He had been appointed Acting Corporate Director as part of Conwy’s interim management arrangements in March 2010, and previously held the post of Head of Legal & Democratic Services.

Mr Davies is married with two children. Educated at Eirias High School in Colwyn Bay, he then studied at Leicester University and at
Law School in Chester and qualified as a Solicitor in 1989 whilst in private practice in London.

Returning to North Wales in 1993 to work for Aberconwy Borough Council as a senior legal assistant and then appointed as a Solicitor with the newly created Conwy County Borough Council in 1996.

Mr Davies gained his MBA in 2002 and was appointed Chief Legal Officer the same year. Mr Davies has also been the Authority’s Monitoring Officer and Returning Officer since 2006. His interests include hockey; he played for Wales at schoolboy and under 21 level.

**Paul Taylor, Bromford**

Paul Taylor specialises on Innovation, Service Design and Research and Development at Bromford. Bromford are a social business providing homes and support to over 80,000 people every year. Paul leads the Innovation Lab - which develops the organisations approach to developing new ideas and turning them into workable concepts capable of delivery. He is particularly interested in the development of preventative social solutions and the power of technology to connect people. Paul was a key part of the team who developed the Bromford Deal - which aims to shift resources away from reactive interventions and into more person centred customer care and support.

**Harry Thomas, Chief Executive, Gwynedd Council**

Harry is a native of Caernarfon, Gwynedd. He graduated from Manchester University with a degree in Economics and subsequently qualified as an accountant with the National Audit Office in South Wales before moving on to join Cheshire County Council. He has since worked with the former Welsh Water Authority and Gwynedd County Council. After the 1996 Local Government reorganisation he was appointed Treasurer with Gwynedd Council and in 2003 was appointed Chief Executive. Harry is married with two children and a grand-daughter.

**Wayne Parsons, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board**

On leaving college at nineteen, Wayne had a variety of jobs for a year before finding work in Cardiff Royal Infirmary as a Health Care Support Worker on a urology ward. This was the foundation which established his career in nursing. In 1994 Wayne was redeployed to Accident and Emergency, before starting his Project 2000 training in 1996. On qualifying as a nurse Wayne, started work immediately in the new Emergency Unit at the Heath Hospital in Cardiff. He qualified as a Nurse Practitioner in 2006, working night shifts as either Nurse in Charge or Emergency Nurse Practitioner. 

He was appointed Senior Nurse for Unscheduled Care in 2011. Wayne was involved in setting up the Alcohol Treatment Centre (ATC) in Cardiff City Centre, which has proved a resounding success and personally extremely rewarding. Wayne was instrumental in
setting up a pioneering stress management tool within the Emergency Unit which has a team of people specifically trained to aid staff wellbeing. He works a full week in the Emergency Unit and spends each weekend at the ATC. Wayne hopes to complete his MSc in Clinical Practice in May this year.

**Sean Maidment, Vale of Glamorgan Council**

Sean is part of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Substance Misuse Area Planning Board support team. He has a lead on alcohol and criminal justice issues as linked to Substance Misuse across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan, and leads on issues for the Vale of Glamorgan as a locality officer. Sean and the Area Planning Board team work with both Statutory and Voluntary providers across Cardiff and the Vale in order to improve performance, and to meet the targets of Working Together to Reduce Harm; the Welsh Governments 10 Year Strategy on Substance Misuse.

**Chris Davies MBA, Assistant Chief Fire Officer / Director of Risk, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service**

Chris joined South Glamorgan Fire Service in 1984 and served at Cardiff, Ely, Roath and Whitchurch stations both as a firefighter and officer. In 1992 he transferred to Fire Safety, where he was responsible for all hotels and residential care premises.

Following the amalgamation of the Welsh Fire and Rescue Services in 1996, Chris secured a secondment to the Fire Service College for three years as Assistant Divisional Officer, working within the Command and Management faculty. On his return to South Wales in 2000, he was appointed Emergency Planning Officer, and soon afterwards became Head of Operational Risk Support. He then secured a further secondment within the Government New Dimension project, where he was responsible for the implementation of the mass decontamination equipment for all of Wales and Chair of the All Wales CBRN(E) Group.

During this period Chris had the opportunity to command one of the sectors at the Buncefield refinery incident for three days, being responsible for the fire ground management and logistical supply requirements for 14 High Volume Pumps. On return to the Service two years later he was appointed Deputy Divisional Commander in the South Division of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service and progressed to Head of Community Safety. In 2008 he transferred to Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service, as Corporate Head of Community Risk Reduction, being responsible for both business and community fire safety matters.

In 2011 Chris was appointed Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Director of Risk. Chris is an active member of the Chief Fire Officer's Association (CFOA), representing the Welsh Fire and Rescue Services on the Members Sounding Board. He is also chair of the all Wales Community Risk Reduction Committee. Chris also holds a Masters degree in Business Administration. Chris has two sons and lives in the Mumbles area of Swansea.

**Rob Quin, Area Manager and Corporate Head of Risk, Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service**
Rob Quin joined West Glamorgan Fire Service in 1986 where he served at Swansea and Morriston Stations. Shortly after the amalgamation of Dyfed, Powys and West Glamorgan Fire Services in 1996 he was promoted to the rank of Sub Officer serving in the training department of the newly formed Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service where he remained until 2003.

After a further period of operational duty Rob was promoted in 2004 to a Station Officers position within the Staff Development department which he held until 2006. Following on from this he has held the positions of Station Commander Morriston, Deputy County Commander Neath and Port Talbot, County Commander of Carmarthenshire and is currently Corporate Head of Risk responsible for Community Risk Reduction and Operational Risk Management. Rob is married with two children and lives in the West of Swansea.

Nicola Needle and Julie Boothroyd, Monmouthshire County Council

Julie and Nicki have been in the social care field for the last 30 years. A Social Worker and Occupational Therapist by background their main focus has been ensuring that the person is at the centre of everything. They are leading transformation of adult social care in Monmouthshire, driven from a systems perspective with the emphasis on doing the right thing.