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Cymdeithas Llywodraeth Leol Cymru

8 Chwefror 2018

Annwyl Steve,

## **ENWEBIAD I BENODI ARCHWILYDD CYFFREDINOL CYMRU**

Yn dilyn fy llythyr ar 10 Hydref 2017, rwy'n ysgrifennu i gadarnhau y detholwyd Adrian Crompton fel yr ymgeisydd a ffefrir ar gyfer swydd Archwilydd Cyffredinol Cymru. Rwy'n amgáu copi o fanylion ei yrfa er gwybodaeth.

Yn dilyn proses recriwtio drwyadl a chystadleuol, detholwyd yr ymgeisydd gan banel o dan fy nghadeiryddiaeth i, ochr yn ochr â'r canlynol:

- Nick Ramsay AC (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus);
- Isobel Garner (Cadeirydd Bwrdd Swyddfa Archwilio Cymru);
- Caroline Gardner (Archwilydd Cyffredinol yr Alban); gyda
- Manon Antoniazzi (Prif Weithredwr a Chlerc Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru) fel Ymgynghorydd Annibynnol.

Hefyd, cynhaliodd y Pwyllgor Cyllid wrandawriad cyhoeddus cyn enwebu gyda'r ymgeisydd a ffefrir ar 31 Ionawr, sy'n cefnogi'r enwebiad i'w benodi. Gallwch wyllo'r gwrandawriad cyn enwebu drwy'r linc canlynol:

<http://www.senedd.tv/Meeting/Archive/0b818a4d-d283-4a4b-bb87-f2d231d8efcf?autostart=True>

Yn unol ag Adran 2(3) o Ddeddf Archwilio Cyhoeddus (Cymru) 2013, mae'n ofynnol i ni ymgynghori â chi (fel y corff sy'n cynrychioli buddiannau cyrff llywodraeth leol yng Nghymru) cyn gwneud enwebiad i benodi.



Bwriedir i'r Cynulliad ystyried cynnig i enwebu'r ymgeisydd a ffefrir i'w benodi gan Ei Mawrhydi ym mis Mawrth 2018. Felly, byddwn yn ddiolchgar pe gallech ymateb erbyn 21 Chwefror 2018.

Os bydd angen unrhyw eglurhad pellach arnoch, neu wybodaeth ychwanegol, cysylltwch â'm prif swyddog: Bethan Davies, Clerc y Pwyllgor, 0300 200 6372.  
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Yn gywir,



Simon Thomas AC

Cadeirydd

*Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu yn Saesneg.*

*We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.*



## Career history – Adrian Crompton

### May 2007 to date

#### Director of Assembly Business, National Assembly for Wales

- leadership of some 160 staff who provide the specialist parliamentary research, legal, procedural, communications and administrative support that the Assembly requires;
- personal responsibility for ensuring the effective conduct of all formal proceedings of the Assembly in its plenary meetings and committees;
- principal advisor to the Llywydd on the programme of legislative reform to increase the size of the National Assembly and fundamentally reform its electoral system;
- resource budget of around £7 million;
- member of executive boards within the organisation that provide strategic leadership, ensure good governance and decide the strategic allocation of all financial and personnel resource;
- numerous corporate responsibilities: for example, currently as chair of the principal change initiative, the *MySenedd* digital transformation programme;
- senior advisor to the **National Assembly for Wales Remuneration Board**, the independent body that sets the pay, pension and financial support of Assembly Members.

### April 2014 to date

#### Global Partners Governance Associate

Spent 2014 working for Global Partners Governance, a social purpose company strengthening parliamentary democracy and political institutions in countries around the world. This work continues today, alongside role at the National Assembly, providing expert advice and support to senior politicians and civil servants, primarily in countries in the Middle East and North Africa – Sudan, Iraq, Egypt and Jordan. This expertise and practical support is at the heart of projects nurturing democratic transition in what are some of the most difficult and challenging political environments in the world.

### September 2006 to May 2007

Head of the Members' Research and Committee Service, National Assembly for Wales

### March 2004 to August 2006

Head of the Members' Research Service, National Assembly for Wales

### July 1999 to March 2004

Committee Clerk, National Assembly for Wales

### October 2002 to October 2003 (secondment)

Advisor to the University of London Constitution Unit

### February 1998 to July 1999

Government statistician, Welsh Office/National Assembly for Wales

### May 1988 to February 1998

Research Clerk, House of Commons Library Research Division

### Other information

- University of Bath 1983-87. BSc Economics, 2:1.
- Industrial placement with IBM 1985-86.

## Career history – Adrian Crompton

- 1997 Industry & Parliament Trust Fellowship with Railtrack
- 2011 - 2017, a Board member of LINC Cymru, a socially responsible company providing social housing and care services for the elderly across south Wales.
- Member of the **Study of Parliament Group**, which brings together senior parliamentary staff and academics studying parliamentary government and political science.
- Member of the **Political Studies Association**, which promotes political engagement and research with politicians, academia, the media and other key opinion formers.

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Dear Simon,

Thank you for your letter setting out the appointment of Adrian Crompton as the new Auditor General for Wales. I have dealt with Adrian in his current role and have found him to be highly professional and capable. I am sure he will develop the role of the Auditor General in Wales and subject the public sector to scrutiny without "fear or favour", also his understanding of Welsh Government and National Assembly for Wales will be an asset to the organisation.

Local Government is the largest client of the WAO and we have worked closely with Huw Thomas over the years. We wish him a happy retirement.

As the largest client we also have concerns about the current focus of the WAO. For example, it is a widely held view across Councils that many of the national studies produced are neither timely or particularly insightful. Equally while the WAO may have trimmed its fees in recent years these reductions bear no relation to the financial cuts experienced by Councils. We hope that Adrian will engage with WLGA and Councils on these issues once he starts the role as Auditor General.

I hope these comments assist.

Your sincerely,

**Steve Thomas CBE**  
Prif Weithredwr/Chief Executive

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Ni fydd defnyddio'r naill iaith na'r llall yn arwain at oedi.**

**We welcome correspondence in Welsh and English and will respond to correspondence in the same language.  
Use of either language will not lead to a delay.**