



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Council – 28 September 2017

Appointment of Independent Member(s) To The Standards Committee

Purpose:	To consider the recommendation of the Standards Committee Vacancy Panel and to appoint two Independent Members to the Standards Committee.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended.
Consultation:	Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Council notes the recommendations of the Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 4 September 2017; 2) MJ and ML be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee as of 1 October 2017; 3) Their 6 year term of office end on 30 September 2023.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The terms of Office of two of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee ended during 2016.
- 1.2 The Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended, provides that “where a vacancy arises for a post as an Independent member of a Standards Committee, the relevant

authority concerned shall publish an advertisement in not less than two newspapers (which are not published by that relevant authority) circulating in its area.

- 1.3 The Authority placed adverts in the Evening Post on 24 May 2017, which also appeared on line. The closing date for applications was Monday, 19 June 2017.

2. Standards Committee Vacancy Panel

- 2.1 25 applications were received. The Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 24 July 2017 recommended 4 of the applicants for interview.
- 2.2 The Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 4 September 2017 interviewed 4 applicants. The Panel recommend that MJ and ML be appointed by Council as Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening process took place prior to the consultation period. The outcomes indicated that it was low priority and a full report was not required.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The payment of Independent Members on the Standards Committee is set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and the payment is within existing budget.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications other than those already mentioned in the report.

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None.