



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Annual Meeting of Council – 24 May 2022

Appointment of Independent (Statutory Co-opted) (Lay) Members to the Standards Committee

Purpose:	To consider the recommendation of the Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 14 April 2022 and to appoint two Independent (Statutory Co-opted) (Lay) Members to the Standards Committee.
Policy Framework:	None.
Reason for Decision:	To comply with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance and Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Janet Pardue-Wood be appointed as an Independent (Statutory Co-opted) (Lay) Member of the Standards Committee for a term of 6 years commencing on 24 May 2022. Her Term of Office shall end on 23 May 2028. 2) Mark Rees be appointed as an Independent (Statutory Co-opted) (Lay) Member of the Standards Committee for a term of 6 years commencing on 19 October 2022. His Term of Office shall end on 18 October 2028.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 There is currently a vacancy on the Standards Committee and another will also become available on 18 October 2022 when Jill Burgess' term of office ends.

- 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 and Western Mail, online and also via networking.

2. Standards Committee Vacancy Panel

- 2.1 A number of applications were received. The Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 25 March 2022 recommended 4 of the applicants for interview.
- 2.2 The Standards Committee Vacancy Panel of 14 April 2022 interviewed 4 applicants. The Panel recommend that Janet Pardue-Wood and Mark Rees be recommended to Council as Independent (Statutory Co-opted) (Lay) Member of the Standards Committee.

3. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
 - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 3.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2005 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the ‘well-being goals’.
- 3.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion,

carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

- 3.4 An IIA screening has been undertaken and no adverse implications have been noted.

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.