



Report of the Head of Democratic Services

Council – 7 September 2023

Extension of Term of Office for Independent (Co-opted) Members of the Standards Committee

Purpose:	To agree the re-appointment of Michaela Jones & Mike Lewis as Independent (Co-opted) Members of the Standards Committee for a further 4 year term.
Policy Framework:	None.
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) Michaela Jones be re-appointed as a Statutory Independent (Co-opted) Member of the Standards Committee for one further consecutive Term of Office ending on 30 September 2027. 2) Mike Lewis be re-appointed as a Statutory Independent (Co-opted) Member of the Standards Committee for one further consecutive Term of Office ending on 30 September 2027.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 as amended, provide that at the end of their Term of Office, an Independent (Co-opted) Member of the Standards Committee may be reappointed by the Authority for one further consecutive term not exceeding 4 years.

2. Re-appointment

- 2.1 Michaela Jones & Mike Lewis are Statutory Independent Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee. They were appointed for a 6-year Term of Office commencing on 1 October 2017. Their Term of Office ends

on 30 September 2023. Both have requested that their Term of Office be extended for a further consecutive term of 4 years. Their Term of Office may not be extended further.

3. Integrated Impact Assessment

- 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 considers 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 Form has been completed and no adverse implications have been noted.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The payment of Statutory Independent Co-opted (Lay) Members of the Standards Committee is set by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and is within existing budget.

5. Legal Implications

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

Background Papers: None.

Appendices: None.