

SUBJECT:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS
MEETING:	COUNCIL
DATE:	16th May 2024
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To appoint two independent members to the Council's Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council appoints Andrew Blackmore and Ruth Price as Independent Members of the Council's Standards Committee.

3. KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The composition of the Council's Standards Committee is set out the Council's Constitution which in turn reflects the requirements set out within The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 ("the Regulations").
- 3.2 An advertisement was placed in two newspapers and shared online. Following a shortlisting exercise of all applications received, interviews were conducted on 8th May 2024 by a panel constituted in accordance with the Regulations.
- 3.3 The panel has recommended that Andrew Blackmore and Ruth Price be appointed by Council as independent members of the Standards Committee.

4. EQUALITY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION

- 4.1 A correctly constituted Standards Committee is a legal requirement and fundamental to the governance of local government. The criteria demanded a high calibre individual to fill each post, but there will be no bar to selection based upon any other criteria or protected characteristic.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Standards Committee members are entitled to £210 over 4 hours and £105 up to 4 hours. The Chair of the committee is entitled to £268 for over 4 hours and £134 up to 4 hours.

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