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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                 | <b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE INDEPENDENT MEMBERS</b> |
| <b>MEETING:</b>                 | <b>COUNCIL 7 MAR 19</b>                        |
| <b>DATE OF REPORT:</b>          | <b>4 MAR 19</b>                                |
| <b>DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:</b> | <b>ALL</b>                                     |

## **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report seeks Council approval for 2 new appointments to the Standards Committee.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Council is requested to approve the appointment of Mrs Rhian Williams-Flew and Dr Peter Easy to the Standards Committee.

## **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 MCC's Constitution Part B Article 9 reflects the regulations regarding Standards Committees set out in Statutory Instrument 2001 No. 2283 (W.172) The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001.
- 3.2 The regulations provide that a Standards Committee comprise between 5 and 9 members and that at least half be independent members. There are currently 7 members of MCC's Standards Committee: 3 County Councillors, 1 Town/Community Councillor and 3 Independent Members.
- 3.3 Two new independent members are to be appointed in order to continue to operate the Committee at the numbers it has always utilised, in order that quorum of no less than 50% independent members can be maintained. The appointments must be ratified by Full Council.
- 3.4 An advertising campaign was run starting in December and in accordance with the stipulations of the regulations. The response was excellent, both in terms of quality and quantity, and the Committee wish to convey their thanks to all applicants.
- 3.5 A final interview was conducted on 27 Feb by a panel comprising 2 current independent members, a community council representative, a County Council representative, and a lay person. Mrs Williams-Flew and Dr Easy were selected and have both passed reference checks.

## **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 Committee members are entitled to £198 Daily Fee and £99 half day fee.