

SUBJECT:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER
MEETING:	COUNCIL
DATE:	29th FEB 2024
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To confirm the appointment of a Community Council member to the Council's Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Council approves the appointment of Mr Michael John as a Community Council Member 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 (as amended).
- 3.2 Regulation 15(3) states that the Standards Committee 'must include one panel member who is a member of a Community Council situated in that local authority's area.'
- 3.3 An advertising campaign was run amongst Community Councils and interviews were conducted on 24th January 2023 by a panel of current independent members and the outgoing Community Council member. Mr Michael John, Caerwent Community Councillor was selected by the panel for appointment. His appointment was approved by the Standards Committee at their meeting on 6th February 2023.
- 3.4 However, Mr John's appointment was not approved at Council as is required under the legislation and the Council's constitution. Accordingly, Council are being asked to approve his appointment now.

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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