

SUBJECT: Standards Committee – Appointment of Independent Members
MEETING: County Council
DATE: 19th January 2017
DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: All

1. PURPOSE:

The Appointments Panel for Independent Members of the Standards Committee has met and is recommending appointments to be made by the Council. A serving independent member of the Standards Committee has expressed a wish to serve a second term, as permitted by the regulations.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) To appoint Richard McGonigle and Richard Stow as recommended by the Appointments Panel to fill the vacancies of independent members on the Standards Committee for a period of six years.
- b) To reappoint Trevor Auld for a further 4 years as an independent member on the Standards Committee.

3. KEY ISSUES:

At its meeting on the 20th October last year, the Council established a panel pursuant to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 for the purpose of considering applications for two vacancies for independent members of the Council's Standards Committee.

In response to advertisement in the local press, 10 applications were received and the Panel, including a local community councillor appointed by One Voice Wales and the High Sheriff as lay panel member met on the 25th November and 2nd December 2016 respectively to shortlist and interview the candidates. The Panel applied the criteria for appointment as agreed by the Council and published in the regulations and the persons who, in the opinion of the Panel, should be considered for appointment as independent members are Richard McGonigle and Richard Stow.

Trevor Auld was originally appointed by the Council to the Standards Committee as an independent member in January 2011. He has expressed a wish to serve a second term and the relevant regulations allow an independent member to serve a second term of 4 years.

4. REASONS:

The appointment and reappointment of the independent members completes the establishment on the Council's Standards Committee.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The independent members will receive an allowance up to £198 for official duties (pro rata for half a day).

6. FUTURE GENERATIONS EVALUATION:

No adverse implications identified.

7. CONSULTEES:

Chief Executive
Political Leadership Group

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Council report of 20th October 2016.

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