



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2018 – 2019**

**COUNCIL**

**28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

### **APPOINTMENT OF A RESERVE INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To enable Council to consider the Appointments Panel recommendation in respect of the appointment of a reserve Independent Member to the Standards Committee.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Approves the recommendation of the Appointments Panel to appoint Mr. Colin M. Pallant as reserve Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a term of six years commencing 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

#### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 In order to give effect to the recommendation of the Appointments Panel and achieve the appointment of a full complement of reserve members for the Standards Committee.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Standards Committee comprises six members; three Independent Members, two County Borough Councillors and one Community Councillor Member. There is also a reserve Independent Member, two reserve County Borough Councillor Members and a reserve Community Councillor Member. In the event of an appointed Committee Member being unable to attend any particular meeting the relevant reserve member takes the place of that Committee Member.

- 4.2 At the Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Council resolved to re-advertise the vacancy of reserve Independent Member to the Standards Committee and that the Appointments Panel, constituted to deal with such vacancies, meet to consider all applications for the vacancy and its recommendation be reported to Council at the appropriate time.
- 4.3 On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 the Appointments Panel met to interview the two applicants for the reserve Independent Member vacancy.
- 4.4 Following the interviews of the applicants the Appointments Panel agreed to recommend to Council that Mr. Colin M. Pallant of Tonyrefail be appointed as reserve Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a term of six years.
- 4.5 Council's approval of the Appointment Panel's recommendation is now sought. While the law provides that the appointment of an Independent Member to the Standards Committee is made by the Council, the relevant regulations put emphasis on the Appointments Panel recommendation being endorsed.
- 4.6 Subject to Council's approval it is proposed the recommended applicant take up his post from 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

**AS AMENDED BY**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

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