



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022 - 2023

COUNCIL

19th OCTOBER 2022

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE -
APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEMBER**

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To enable Council to consider the Appointments Panel recommendations in respect of the appointment of an Independent Member and Community Council representative member to the Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

- 2.1 Approves the recommendation of the Appointments Panel to appoint Mrs. Helen John as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a term of six years commencing 20th October 2022;
- 2.2 Approves the recommendation of the Appointments Panel to appoint Community Councillor Lynwen Law (Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council) as the Community Council Member of the Standards Committee for a term until the next ordinary Local Government elections; and
- 2.3 Approves the recommendation of the Appointments Panel to appoint Community Councillor Carl Thomas (Pontypridd Town Council) as a reserve Community Council Member of the Standards Committee for a term until the next ordinary Local Government elections.

3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 In order to comply with statutory requirements about the establishment of a Standards Committee and to give effect to the recommendations of the Appointments Panel.

4. BACKGROUND & APPOINTMENTS PANEL'S RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The Standards Committee comprises six members; three Independent Members, two County Borough Councillors and one Community Councillor Member.
- 4.2 At its meeting on 6th July 2022 the Monitoring Officer advised Council that the term of office of one of the Independent Members had come to an end resulting in a vacancy on the Committee. Similarly, following the Local Government elections in May the term of office of the Community Council representative member had come to an end and as they had already served two terms of office a new member would need to be found.
- 4.3 Council endorsed the procedures to be followed in appointing their replacements and established an Appointments Panel to consider applications for the vacancies.
- 4.4 On 30th September 2022, the Appointments Panel comprising County Borough Councillors R. Davis M. Webber, and D. Grehan, Community Councillor G. Evans (Tonyrefail Community Council) and Mr D. Bowen (Independent Member of the Standards Committee), met to interview the two applicants for the Independent Member vacancy and two applicants for the Community Council Member vacancy.
- 4.5 Following the interview of the applicants the Panel agreed to recommend to Council that:
- (i) Mrs Helen John of Aberdare be appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a term of six years;
 - (ii) Community Councillor Lynwen Law (Hirwaun & Penderyn Community Council) be appointed as the Community Council representative member to the Standards Committee for a term of office until the next ordinary Local Government elections; and
 - (iii) Community Councillor Carl Thomas (Pontypridd Town Council) be appointed as the Community Council representative member to the Standards Committee for a term of office until the next ordinary Local Government elections. Please note the reserve Community Council Member would be invited to attend all Standards Committee meetings (and training) in a non-voting capacity unless substituting for the Community Council Member where they would be a voting member.

- 4.6 Council's approval of the Appointment Panel's recommendations is now sought. While the law provides that the appointment of an Independent Member and Community Council Member to the Standards Committee is made by the Council, the relevant regulations put emphasis on the Appointments Panel recommendation being endorsed.
- 4.7 Subject to Council's approval it is proposed the recommended applicants take up the posts from 20th October 2022.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
AS AMENDED BY
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
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