



RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023-2024

COUNCIL

25th OCTOBER 2023

**RE-APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider re-appointing one of the Independent Members of the Standards Committee for a further term.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are recommended to re-appoint Mr. John Thomas as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a period of four years from 1st December 2023.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council resolved at its meeting on 14 November 2001, that the total number of Members on the Standards Committee would be six. Regulations prescribe that if the membership of a Standards Committee is even, then half of the Members must be Independent Members. One of the Independent Members must be Chair of the Standards Committee. The term of office of the Independent Members is six years with provision for re-appointment for one further term of four years.
- 3.2 The term of office of one of the Independent Members on the Standards Committee, namely, Mr. John Thomas, expires on 30th November 2023. During his term in office, Mr. Thomas has built up considerable experience and in order to maintain continuity on the Standards Committee, Mr. Thomas has agreed, subject to Council approval, to his term of office being extended for a further period of four years.

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS / SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY

- 4.1 There are no specific equality and diversity implications emanating from this report.

5. WELSH LANGUAGE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no Welsh language implications arising as a result of the recommendations in this report.

6. CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The relevant Independent Member has been consulted and has agreed to continue for a further term.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Remuneration of Independent Members is determined by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in their annual reports. Costs attributable to the Member Remuneration and Allowances Scheme are considered as part of the annual budget setting process.

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/LEGISLATION CONSIDERED

- 8.1 The Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 set out the provisions as to the appointment of Independent Members and Community Council Members to the Standards Committee. The proposed process set out in the report is in accordance with those regulations.

9. CONCLUSION

- 9.1 The term of office of one of the Independent Members on the Standards Committee, namely, Mr. John Thomas, is due to expire and Council is asked to consider extending his term of office for a further period of four years.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972
as amended by the
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
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