

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

2ND May 2018

Report of the Head of the Head of Legal Services – Mr C Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

NPTCBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE - COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY PANEL FOR RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain approval for the composition of the advisory panel to consider applications to become Independent Members of the Standards Committee following amendments since the 21st February 2018..

Background

2. On the 21st February 2018, a report was brought to Council for approval for an advisory panel to interview candidates for appointment as Independent Members to the Standards Committee to be set up which was to be constituted as follows:
 - County Borough Council Members – The Mayor and Councillor Del Morgan
 - Lay Member – Ms Gaynor Richards
 - Standards Committee – Ms Julie Howells Vice Chair of Standards Committee and a further member of Standards Committee drawn from the remaining independent members.

3. The Standards Committee met on the 16th March 2018 and subsequently confirmed that the further member should be Mr Cliff Jones.
4. Since that date, due to availability of members of the Selection Panel and the need to hold the Selection Panel Meeting on the 8th May 2018 and 29th May 2018, it was suggested that Councillor Alun Llewellyn should sit on the advisory panel in the place of Councillor Del Morgan.
5. Advertisement has been undertaken for appointment of Independent Members and the panel will now convene in May 2018 to consider applications and to make a recommendation to Council of appointment of Independent Members.

Integrated Impact Assessment

6. There are no impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

7. There are no impacts associated with this report.

Legal Powers

8. Applications for independent members of the Local Government Act 2000 Part III and the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)

Risk Management

9. The Council will be unable to have a sufficient number of Independent Members to ensure the smooth operation of the Standards Committee.

Consultation

10. There is no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

11. That the advisory panel for the appointment of Independent members be constituted as follows:
 - County Borough Council Members – The Mayor and Councillor Alun Llewellyn
 - Lay Member – Ms Gaynor Richards

- Standards Committee – Ms Julie Howells Vice Chair of Standards Committee and Mr Cliff Jones

Reasons for Proposed Decision

12. To ensure that an advisory panel is appropriately constituted in line with Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended)

List of Background Papers

13. Report of the Head of Legal Services to Council of the 21st February 2018

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