



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL**

29th January 2020

Report of the Head of Legal Services – Mr Craig Griffiths

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All Wards

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE – TOWN/COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MEMBER**

Purpose of the Report:

1. To seek approval to appoint a new Town/Community Council Member and a reserve to the Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Standards Committee.

Executive Summary:

2. Regulation 10 of the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 provides that the membership of a standards committee which is to discharge functions in relation to (a) community councils which are situated in that relevant authority's area, and (b) the members of those community councils, must include at least one community committee member. This report seeks authority to appoint a new representative to this role.

Background:

3. Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 introduced a new Ethical Framework for Councils. As part of this framework, the Council has a Standards Committee. This Committee is also responsible for standards functions in relation to the Town and Community Councils (and their Members) in the area of the County Borough Council.
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5. The report to Council of the 22nd May 2019 named Town Councillor Alan Carter (Neath) as the Community Council representative. Community Councillor Michele Emerson (Gwaun Cae Gurwen) was the substitute member. Sadly Town Councillor Carter passed away in November 2019 and the Council were advised by the Clerk to Gwaun Cae Gurwen Community Councillor that Community Councillor Emerson is no longer a community councillor.
6. An approach was made to OneVoice Wales in November 2019 for nominees for a new Town/Community Councillor Member. Mr Paul Egan of One Voice Wales has now advised the Council that following a meeting of their area committee the following nominees have been put forward

- a) Community Councillor Carl Williams (Tonna) (Main Nomination)
 - b) Town Councillor Gerry Reynolds (Glynneath) (Substitute Nomination)
7. Approval is therefore sought to nominate Community Councillor Carl Williams as the Community Councillor Representative to the Standards Committee with Town Councillor Gerry Reynolds appointed as the substitute.

Financial Impacts:

8. No impacts

Integrated Impact Assessment:

- 9 Not required

Valleys Communities Impacts:

10. No impacts

Workforce Impacts:

11. No impacts

Legal Impacts:

12. Regulation 10 of the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 provides that the membership of a standards committee which is to discharge functions in relation to (a)community councils which are situated in that relevant authority's area, and

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Risk Management Impacts:

13. Failure to appoint a town/community councillor will result in the Standards Committee not being quorate leaving it unable to fulfil its legislative functions.

Consultation:

14. There is no requirement for external consultation on this item

Recommendations:

15. It is recommended that Community Councillor Carl Williams be appointed as the Community Councillor Representative to the Standards Committee with Town Councillor Gerry Reynolds appointed as the substitute.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

16. To ensure that the appropriate representative is appointed to the Standards Committee and is in accordance with the requirements of the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001

Implementation of Decision:

17. The decision is proposed for immediate implementation

Appendices:

18. None

List of Background Papers:

19. None

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