

# NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## COUNCIL

9<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Report of the Head of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services – Mr C Griffiths

#### Matter for Decision

**Wards Affected:** All Wards

#### NPTCBC STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

##### Purpose of the Report

1. To obtain approval for the appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee following a selection panel that met on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

##### Background

2. An advisory panel to interview candidates for appointment as Independent Members to the Standards Committee met on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022:
  - County Borough Council Members – The Mayor and Councillor Anthony Richards
  - Lay Member – Mr Tony Potts of NPT CVS
  - Standards Committee – Mrs Louise Fleet
4. Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Council”) received 3 applications in total. The Council requires the appointment of two independent members
5. The panel concluded that the following candidate should be recommended for appointment to the Standards Committees:
  - (a) Professor Duncan Lewis

The candidate demonstrated a strong knowledge of the work of the Standards Committee and the significance of the role they would be appointed to.

A further recruitment exercise will now be carried out to appoint the additional independent member that will be required.

### **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 individual referred to at paragraph 5 of this report be appointed as independent members of the Standards Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) and that a recruitment exercise be carried out for the further vacancy that remains.

### **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. None

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