

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

1st February 2023

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 23rd January 2023.

Background

2. An advisory panel to interview candidates for appointment as Independent Members to the Standards Committee met on the 31st 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 2 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) Mrs Alison Davies

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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