

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	COUNTY COUNCIL
DATE:	12 th MAY 2011
TITLE OF REPORT :	NEW STANDARDS COMMITTEE – 2011
REPORT BY :	THE MONITORING OFFICER
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PURPOSE OF REPORT :	TO ESTABLISH A SELECTION PANEL

BACKGROUND

1. Under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Local Government Act 2006) the Council must have a Standards Committee consisting of no fewer than five and no more than nine Members.
2. At least one Member must be a Town or Community Councillor, collectively nominated by the Town and Community Councils.
3. This Council in revising the structure of the Standards Committee removed County Councillors from the Standards Committee but following the Direction of the Minister they were reinstated. The Standards Committee currently consists of five independent / lay members, one Town / Community Council member and three County Councillors.
4. The five current independent / lay Members and the Town / Community Council Member of the Standards Committee will all cease to hold office on the 17th of December 2011. It will be necessary for new appointments to take effect from the 18th December 2011.
5. While the Town / Community Council Member must be nominated by the Town and Community Councils, the Independent Members must be appointed by the Council.
6. All current Independent Members of the Standards Committee hold office for a term of four years. All current independent / lay members on the Standards Committee, with the exception of the Chairperson, Jeff Cotterell, are eligible to apply again for one further term should they decide to choose to be considered with all the other applicants.
7. Regulations require that Independent Members shall only be appointed after compliance with the statutory selection process. That process begins with the establishment of a Selection Panel. In accordance with the Regulations, the Selection Panel must consist of three County Councillors (political balance is irrelevant), one independent person and one Town/Community Councillor.

8. The Panel will draw up criteria for the selection of new Independent Members. The vacancies will be published in advertisements inviting written applications from members of the public wishing to be considered for membership of the Standards Committee. An information pack and application form will be provided to those expressing an interest. The Selection Panel will then be asked to score the applications, compile a short list of candidates and conduct interviews. Following this process the Panel will make recommendations to the Council and the Council will be asked to confirm the appointments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The term of office of any new Independent Member/s of the Standards Committee shall expire on the 17th December 2015.
2. A Selection Panel be established to recommend to the Council those whom it considers should be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee from the 18th December 2011.
3. The three County Councillors to serve on the Selection Panel shall, today, be nominated and appointed by the Council.
4. The Town/Community Councillor to serve on the Selection Panel shall be nominated by "One Voice Wales".
5. The selection of the independent person to serve on the Selection Panel, following a process of advertising and written applications, shall be delegated to the Chief Executive, the Corporate Director (Finance) and the Monitoring Officer jointly, and in consultation with the Human Resources Services Manager..
6. The Selection Panel shall receive the following delegated powers from the Council:-
 - to decide the criteria required for Independent Members of the Standards Committee;
 - to advertise for individuals who meet the criteria and are interested in becoming Independent Members of the Standards Committee;
 - from among those applicants to short list, interview and nominate appropriate candidates.