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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD		NOTICE OF MEETING	
CYFARFOD ARBENNIG O'R PWYLLGOR SAFONAU		EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE	
DYDD IAU, 6 CHWEFOR 2020 am 1.00 o'r gloch		THURSDAY, 6 FEBRUARY 2020 at 1.00 pm	
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## Aelodau Annibynnol / Independent Members

Mr Thomas Rhys Davies  
Mrs Celyn Menai Edwards  
Mr John Robert Jones  
Mrs Gill Murgatroyd  
Mrs Sharon Warnes

## Yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor Sir / Representing the County Council

Y Cynghorydd/Councillor J Arwel Roberts  
Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas

## Yn cynrychioli'r Cynghorau Tref/Cymuned / Representing the Town/Community Councils

Mr Keith Roberts  
Mr Iorwerth Roberts

# A G E N D A

**1      CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

To elect a Chair for this meeting.

**2      MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 12)**

To confirm the draft minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019, including any matters arising.

*[The members who may vote on this item are those members who were present at the meeting on 17 September 2019, namely John R Jones, Iorwerth Roberts, Keith Roberts and Dafydd Rhys Thomas.*

*The new members of the Standards Committee may not vote on this item.]*

**3      DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest by any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

**4      ELECTION OF CHAIR (Pages 13 - 22)**

To elect a Chair for the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Standards Committee.

**5      ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR (Pages 23 - 32)**

To elect a Vice-chair for the Isle of Anglesey County Council's Standards Committee.

*[To follow, at the end of this Meeting, an informal training session on the Code of Conduct will be provided for the new independent members. Other member of the Committee are welcome to stay for the training as well.]*

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2019**

**PRESENT: Independent Members**

Mr Michael Wilson (Chair)  
Mr Islwyn Jones (Vice-Chair)

Ms Denise Harris-Edwards  
Mr John R Jones  
Mrs Dilys Shaw

**Representing the County Council**

Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas

**Representing Town and Community Councils**

Councillor Iorwerth Roberts  
Councillor Keith Roberts

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer  
Head of Democratic Services (for Item 5)  
Solicitor (Corporate Governance) (MY)  
Human Resources Development Manager (for Item 4)  
Trainee HR Development Officer (CD) (for Item 4)  
Committee Officer (SC)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mr Thomas Rhys Davies  
Mrs Gill Murgatroyd  
Mrs Sharon Warnes

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Arwel Roberts

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**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interest was received.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF FOUR NEW CO-OPTED MEMBERS AND ONE ELECTED MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Submitted - a report by the Chair of the Standards Committee Selection Panel in relation to the above.

The Monitoring Officer reported that the term of four of the five current independent members of the Standards Committee ends on 19 December

2019. The fifth member, Mr John Robert Jones, appointed in December 2017, will continue in his role.

It was noted that the County Council had delegated its authority to the Standards Committee Selection Panel to conduct the recruitment and selection process for the appointment of new members to the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer reported that the Panel drew up a shortlist of candidates for interview, and interviews were held on 29 and 30 July 2019. The Panel nominated the following four members of the public to be appointed to the role of independent members of the Standards Committee:-

Mr Thomas Rhys Davies  
Mrs Celyn Menai Edwards  
Mrs Gill Murgatroyd  
Mrs Sharon Warnes

The appointments were ratified by full Council at its meeting on 10 September 2019.

It was confirmed that Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas will continue in his role as a County Council representative on the Standards Committee until the next election in 2022.

Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes has stepped down as a County Council representative on the Standards Committee, and Councillor John Arwel Roberts has taken his place.

**RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and the recommendations made by the Standards Committee Selection Panel, and accepted by full Council on 10 September 2019:-**

- **To appoint Mr Thomas Rhys Davies, Mrs Celyn Menai Edwards, Mrs Gill Murgatroyd and Mrs Sharon Warnes as co-opted independent members of the Standards Committee from 20 December 2019; for up to two terms, as permitted by statute and the Constitution.**
- **Should a further casual vacancy arise for an independent member of the Standards Committee during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint Mrs Pauline Vella to this role without the need for a further recruitment process, provided always that Mrs Vella remains eligible for the role.**
- **To confirm that Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas will continue as a County Councillor representative until the next election in 2022.**
- **To confirm the appointment of County Councillor John Arwel Roberts as a member of the Standards Committee, initially until the next election in 2022, with the potential to sit for a further term.**
- **To confirm that the Director of Function (Council Business)/ Monitoring Officer be given authority to include the Standards Committee Selection Panel in the Council's Constitution to avoid the**

**ongoing need for “saving provisions” in the committee structure report, which is affirmed by Council at its annual meetings.**

### **3. MINUTES OF MEETING**

The draft minutes of the Standards Committee held on 13 March 2019 were confirmed as correct.

#### **Matters arising from the minutes:-**

The Monitoring Officer reported that a “matters arising” document has been sent to all members of the Standards Committee detailing the actions which have been taken in accordance with the minutes of the meeting held on 13 March 2019.

The Monitoring Officer reported that Modern.Gov has responded to ICT’s enquiry regarding adding a narrative to the Modern.Gov system, to enable co-opted members to add information from a drop-down list for ‘Declarations of Interest’, ‘Gifts and Hospitality’ and ‘training’. Currently, only elected Members’ names are included on the online ‘drop down’ list.

The Monitoring Officer reported that the cost of updating the Modern.Gov’s system to include a narrative would be £5000.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- **To note Modern.Gov’s fee to implement the above changes to the Modern.Gov system.**
- **That the Monitoring Officer, on behalf of the Standards Committee seek funding from the Section 151 Officer to update the system to include the co-opted members on the ‘drop down’ list.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

### **4. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING**

Submitted - a progress report by the Human Resources Development Manager on development opportunities offered to Members since the previous report was submitted to this Committee on 13 March 2019.

The HR Development Manager gave an update on the Member Training and Development Plan. She stated that the Development Plan will be circulated to the Standards Committee and Democratic Services Committee on a quarterly basis to identify suitable courses for Scrutiny Committees, the Standards Committee and co-opted members. It was noted that the Development Plan is an evolving document, which is being continually updated.

The HR Development Manager highlighted the following points:-

- Course evaluation forms are available online and in paper format. Although Members are encouraged to complete forms online, the uptake of electronic forms has been limited.
- Members need to take personal responsibility to record details online of training/courses they have attended/declined. Members are encouraged to publish their attendance records on the Council website under their individual profile.
- With reference to E-Learning, developments have taken place in relation to the NHS E-Learning Platform, which will result in the system becoming more user friendly. Accessibility to E-Learning modules via I-pads will also be enhanced.
- The Learning and Development Team have been working with ICT and Democratic Services to produce a handbook for Members on ICT issues. Drop-in sessions have been arranged to assist Members with any ICT issues.
- The GDPR Powerpoint presentation hosted in February 2019 can now be accessed via MonITor. An additional mandatory training session has been arranged for the Autumn, and members of the Standards Committee and co-opted members will be invited to attend.
- Equalities and Diversity Training - two sessions were arranged and delivered. Further mandatory training sessions have been organised for the Autumn, and members of the Standards Committee and co-opted members will be invited.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- **To note and accept the Member Training and Development Plan.**
- **That a copy of the elected Member Training Programme be displayed in the Members' lounge.**
- **That the ICT Skills Handbook be circulated to Members and co-opted members.**
- **To request that Group Leaders remind Members of the need to attend mandatory and other training sessions.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

#### **5. MEMBER RELATED ISSUES**

Submitted - an update report by the Head of Democratic Services on various Member related matters.

The Head of Democratic Services reported that 28 out of 30 Members have now completed and published their Annual Reports for 2018/19 online. He stated that two Members have not submitted their Annual Reports for the period, and their Group Leader has been informed.

It was noted that a report will be presented to the Democratic Services Committee on 25 September 2019, in terms of arrangements for the preparation

of Annual Reports for the current financial year. Any expectations on Members will come to light in the forthcoming Local Government Bill.

The Head of Democratic Services reported that the WLGA's Wales Charter for Member Support and Development was awarded to the County Council and officially presented to the Council in July for a period of three years.

**RESOLVED to note progress as detailed in the report.**

**Action: None**

**6. CONDUCT COMPLAINTS TO THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES**

Submitted - a report by the Solicitor (Corporate Governance) on the quarterly update of complaints in the form of matrices for (a) County Councillors, and (b) Town and Community Councillors for Quarter 4 of 2018/19 and Quarter 1 of 2019/20.

The Solicitor (Corporate Governance) reported that no complaints had been lodged against Anglesey County Councillors between January and March 2019 (Quarter 4), and April and June 2019 (Quarter 1).

Three complaints were reported as having been made against Town and Community Councillors on the matrix for Quarter 4; the Ombudsman was investigating the first complaint, he was not investigating the second, and was considering the third complaint. On the matrix for Quarter 1, it is reported that two matters were with the Ombudsman for his consideration.

In relation to the first of those outstanding complaints, the Ombudsman has concluded, following an investigation, that there is no evidence of a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. As regards the second, the Ombudsman has decided not to investigate.

**RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the report and Enclosures 1-4.**
- **That the Monitoring Officer circulates Enclosures 1-4 to the Town and Community Councils and Members and co-opted members of the Council.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

**7. PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES DECISIONS**

Submitted - a report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer summarising information published by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW)'s quarterly Casebook of Code of Conduct complaints for February and May 2019.

The Monitoring Officer highlighted the following from the report:-

- When using social media, Councillors should separate private social media pages from their role of Councillor. In some cases this will avoid engaging the Code of Conduct.
- Emphasis was placed on the need for Community Councillors to undertake equality and diversity training following a complaint against a Community Councillor who had made ageist and discriminatory comments.
- With regard to pre-registerable interests, Members were reminded of their obligation to register personal interests within 28 days of election to office, and to update, in the event of any changes, within a further 28 days.
- The Monitoring Officer referred to a complaint against a Councillor from Beguildy Community Council, who failed to declare in a meeting that he owned land, which would be affected by the matter under consideration, thereby breaching the Code. The Ombudsman found that the issue was of wider significance to the community, therefore no action was taken.

**RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the report and enclosures.**
- **Subject to the response from the Ombudsman in relation to Beguildy Community Council, that the Monitoring Officer seeks further information if required from the Clerk of Beguildy Community Council, on the basis that such information would be redacted and shared confidentially with members of the Standards Committee for information only.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

**8. ADJUDICATION PANEL FOR WALES DECISIONS**

Submitted - a report by the Solicitor (Corporate Governance) in relation to decisions made and published by the Adjudication Panel for Wales since the last meeting of the Standards Committee on 13 March 2019.

The Solicitor (Corporate Governance) explained that one case was reported, which related to a breach of the Code of Conduct by a former County Councillor (currently Community Councillor) in Monmouthshire County Council. It was noted that the Standards Committee had discussed the original case in its meeting on 13 March 2019 (Item 7 on the agenda). The current report is in relation to further comments made by the Councillor following the original APW hearing.

The case tribunal decided that the case should be dismissed as there was no written complaint, and the PSOW had referred the matter to the APW directly without investigation. It was concerned that the Ombudsman had not followed the correct procedure in referring the matter directly without investigation.

**RESOLVED to note the content of the report and case summary.**

**Action: None**

## **9. DISPENSATIONS**

Submitted - a report by the Solicitor (Corporate Governance) on the outcome of dispensation applications received since the Standards Committee's last meeting on 13 March 2019. On this occasion, all the applications related to the County Council's Schools' Modernisation Programme.

The Solicitor (Corporate Governance) reported on the following applications for dispensation(s):-

- 7.3.19 - A block dispensation was granted to 8 members of Llanelian Community Council to overreach a number of different prejudicial interests in relation to the provision of primary education in the Amlwch area.
- 22.3.19 - A block dispensation was granted to 5 Members of the Executive who have prejudicial interests as grandparents to children and young people who may be affected by a decision in relation to the provision of post-16 education in the County.
- 29.3.19 - A limited dispensation was granted to Councillor Carwyn Jones in relation to prejudicial interests regarding the provision of post-16 education in the County, on the basis that he is a parent to children on Anglesey and works for a post-16 education provider.
- 18.7.19 - a dispensation was granted to Councillor Derek Owen of Llanbadrig Community Council in relation to prejudicial interests regarding the provision of primary education in the Amlwch area.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- **That the Standards Committee note the dispensations granted and the grounds and circumstance in which they were granted.**
- **That the draft minutes of the Dispensation Panel held on 7.3.19 were ratified as correct by members of the Panel only ( Michael Wilson, John R Jones and Keith Roberts).**
- **That the draft minutes of the Dispensation Panel held on 22.3.19 were ratified as correct by members of the Panel only (Michael Wilson, Denise Harris-Edwards and John R Jones).**
- **That the draft minutes of the Dispensation Panel held on 29.3.19 were ratified as correct by members of the Panel only (Michael Wilson, Denise-Harris Edwards and John R Jones).**
- **That the draft minutes of the Dispensation Panel held on 18.7.19 were ratified as correct by members of the Panel only (Michael Wilson, John R Jones and Keith Roberts).**

**Action: See Resolution above**

## **10. REVIEW OF THE REGISTERS OF INTERESTS FOR ELECTED AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS OF IOACC**

Submitted - a report by the Solicitor (Corporate Governance) on the above.

The Solicitor (Corporate Governance) reported that the review of the three Registers of Interests for elected Members and co-opted members was carried out in June/July 2019 by the 5 independent members of the Standards Committee. The review of the 5 independent members' Registers of Interests was carried out by the Town and Community Council representatives of the Standards Committee.

It was noted that the Committee was generally happy with the outcome of the review, and a further improvement on the previous year.

The following points were raised as matters which require attention:-

- Not all Annual Reports have been published on the Council website.
- Co-opted members do not have the facility to record their training records online (matter discussed in Item 3 - Minutes).
- With reference to the Standing Register of Interests, concerns were raised that the information included is not specific enough.
- A link should be included by ICT to Dispensations granted to members from each member's biography page/annual report.

Following an informal meeting of the independent members on 19 July 2019 and the Town and Community Council representatives on 28 June 2019, a general letter of advice (Enclosure 1) has been drafted, which will be circulated to members of the Committee in due course. The Solicitor reported that the Chair of the Standards Committee attended a Group Leaders' meeting on 5 September 2019 to discuss matters arising from the review of the Registers and the contents of Enclosure 1.

**RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the contents of the report.**
- **To approve the contents of Enclosure 1, and agree to share the letter of advice with co-opted and elected Members of the Council.**
- **That the actions identified in Section 2.2.1 and 2.2.4 of the report be raised with ICT/Head of Democratic Services.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

**11. NORTH WALES STANDARDS COMMITTEE FORUM REPORT FROM THE MEETING ON 24 JUNE 2019**

Submitted - a report on the North Wales Standards Committees Forum hosted by Flintshire County Council on 24 June 2019.

The Chair reported that both he and the Vice-Chair attended the meeting. The Chair stated that the Ombudsman gave a presentation, which concentrated on equalities and gender issues; and the Ombudsman's new powers.

Discussion focused on a Joint North Wales Standards Committee. The Vice-Chair sought clarity on the potential advantages and disadvantages of such joint committees, and stated that this matter needs to be discussed further. Discussion followed, but the outcome was inconclusive.

The Chair felt that the minutes were inaccurate in some respects, and did not cover all the points.

**RESOLVED to note the information presented, and the Chair/Vice-Chair would inform officers of any changes requested to the minutes.**

## **12. RESPONSE FROM COMMUNITY COUNCILS REGARDING:-**

### **12.1 Review of the Community Registers in 2018/19**

### **12.2 Training for Community Councillors and Clerks**

Submitted - an update report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/ Monitoring Officer in relation to the above.

The Standards Committee conducted a review of 5 Town and Community Councils in December 2018 / January and February 2019 to ensure compliance with the Code of Conduct for members.

The Monitoring Officer reported that a general report was circulated to all Town and Community Councils on the findings of the Review of the Registers, with a request that the Clerks bring the contents of this report to the attention of all their Town and Community Council members, and include such on their next agendas, with a copy of the minutes forwarded to the Standards Committee.

It was noted that 22 out of 40 Town and Community Councils failed to respond.

Further correspondence was circulated to Town and Community Councils in relation to training. It was noted that 23 out of 40 of the Councils had not responded by 31 July 2019.

### **RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the information presented with regard to Town and Community Councils in the Appendices to the report.**
- **That the Monitoring Officer write to the Clerks of Town and Community Councils expressing the Committee's gratitude to those who have responded positively, and confirm no review of those Councils will take place for at least the next 2 years.**
- **That the new Standards Committee take this data into account when selecting Town and Community Councils for review in the coming years.**

**Action: As noted above**

### 13. REVIEW OF PRECEDENTS/BRIEFING NOTES FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMITTEE

Submitted - a report by the Solicitor (Corporate Governance) on the above.

The Solicitor (Corporate Governance) reported that the Standards Committee has agreed that the Briefing Notes for Town and Community Councillors in relation to Dispensations should be reviewed.

The Vice-Chair raised an issue regarding Point 9 on the Briefing Note for Dispensations, which refers to disability. He stated that on the Welsh agenda, **disability was referred to as 'anallu', which translates as inability, rather than the correct wording of 'anabledd'**. It was confirmed that the wording is that used in the legislation and confirmation from the PSOW details that it is inability i.e. a statutory disability (rather than a personal disability).

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the contents of the report.**
- **To confirm the amendments to the Briefing Notes on Dispensations as shown in Enclosures 1 and 2.**
- **That Enclosure 1 be circulated to Town and Community Councils, with a request that the Clerks bring the same to the attention of the members, and for Enclosure 2 to be distributed to the IOACC elected and co-opted members and for the amended document to be uploaded to the intranet system accordingly.**
- **To confirm the amendments to the Methodology Note on the Review of Registers in Enclosure 3.**
- **That the Methodology Note on the Review of Registers in Enclosure 4 be used in any future reviews conducted in Town and Community Councils.**
- **To confirm the adoption of the Constitution of the Standards Committee with the annotated amendments note in Enclosure 5.**
- **To adopt the Terms of Reference with the annotated amendments noted in Enclosure 6, and to publish the same on the Council's website.**

**Action: See Resolution above**

### 14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED to adopt the following:-**

**“Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on Item 15, on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of confidential information pursuant to paragraph 4.2.10.2 of the Council's Constitution.**

**15. TO CONSIDER THE RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN FOR WALES IN A LETTER OF THE 13 AUGUST 2019**

Submitted - a report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer on decisions published by the PSOW in its Code of Conduct Casebooks.

As a result of the report presented at its meeting in March 2019, the Standards Committee decided to request further information from the PSOW in relation to five matters.

A response was received from the PSOW clarifying the information requested.

**RESOLVED to note the contents of the initial letter at Enclosure 1, and the response received from the PSOW in Enclosure 2.**

**The Chair thanked all the members of the Standards Committee for their assistance and support over the past eight years. He also expressed his gratitude to Councillor Trefor Lloyd Hughes for his excellent contribution to the Standards Committee.**

**Individual members of the Standards Committee thanked the Chair personally for his support and guidance over the years.**

The meeting concluded at 5.00 pm

**MR MICHAEL WILSON  
CHAIR**

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<b>CYNGOR SIR YNYS MON / ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>COMMITTEE:</b>	<b>Standards Committee</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6 February 2020</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Election of Chair</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:</b>	<b>To Advise the Committee of the Procedure for Electing Chair.</b>
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**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The first term of four new independent members of the Standards Committee started on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 1.2 The previous Chair’s second and final term ended on 19th December 2019.
- 1.3 The Standards Committee must elect a Chair.

**2. Legislative Background**

- 2.1 In accordance with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, as amended, the members of a Standards Committee shall elect a Chairperson from amongst the Independent Members of Committee (Regulation 22 (1)).
- 2.2 The Chair is elected for the shorter of the following period:
  - (a) A term of not less than four nor more than six years or
  - (b) Until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that Standards Committee comes to an end. (Regulation 22 (6))  
[Unless, of course the Chair resigns earlier]  
[There are also separate provisions where a casual vacancy arises.]

**3. Constitutional Background**

- 3.1 In accordance with paragraph 2.9.2.6.2 of the Council’s Constitution-

'The chairperson will be elected by the members of the Standards Committee for a period not exceeding four years or the period s/he remains a member of the Committee, whichever is the shorter period, but will be eligible for re-election as Chairperson.'

#### **4. The Election**

4.1 On the basis of the above therefore, the Standards Committee must elect a Chair from among the following members:

Rhys Davies, Celyn Edwards, John Jones, Gill Murgatroyd, and Sharon Warnes.

4.2 The Chair will be elected for a period of **four years** and will be eligible for re-election.

4.3 Each candidate may vote for herself/himself.

4.4 If the Chair for the Committee meeting is a candidates for the role of Chair, s/he will not be able to use the Chair's casting vote. If the Chair is not one of the candidates put forward for the role of Chair, s/he will be able to use the Chair's casting vote.

#### **5. Information on the Candidates**

5.1 The biographies of the five independent members are included as enclosures to this report.

Rhys Davies – **Enclosure 1**  
Celyn Edwards – **Enclosure 2**  
John Jones – **Enclosure 3**  
Gill Murgatroyd – **Enclosure 4**  
Sharon Warnes – **Enclosure 5**

5.2 Also included, as **Enclosure 6** to this report, is the Role Description for the Chair of the Standards Committee.

#### **6. Recommendation**

6.1 The Standards Committee to elect a Chair from among its independent members for a term of four years (subject to re-election)

**Rhys Davies**

Yn enedigol o Fôn, aeth Rhys i astudio deintyddiaeth yng Nghaerdydd ar ôl bod yn ddisgybl yn Ysgol David Hughes.

Mae bellach wedi ymddeol ers 5 mlynedd ac mae'n parhau i fyw ar yr ynys.

Yn ddiweddar, bu Rhys yn aelod o Gyngor Cynulleidfa'r BBC (Cymru), yn Ymddiriedolwr dros Canolfan Lôn Abaty Bangor ac yn Gadeirydd y Gymdeithas Ddeintyddol.

Mae ar hyn o bryd yn ynad ar fainc Ynys Môn/Gwynedd, yn eistedd yng Nghaernarfon bellach ers cau y Llys yng Nghaergybi.

Mae hefyd wedi'i dderbyn fel aelod annibynnol o'r Cyngor Iechyd Cymunedol Lleol yn ddiweddar.

**Rhys Davies**

A native of Anglesey, Rhys went from David Hughes School to study dentistry in Cardiff. For most of his career he worked as a General Dental practitioner in Llangefni. He Retired 5 years ago and continues to live on the island.

Over the last few years Rhys has been a member of the BBC Audience Council for Wales, a Trustee at the Abbey Road Centre in Bangor and Chair of Y Gymdeithas Ddeintyddol.

He is currently a serving magistrate on the Anglesey/Gwynedd Bench, transferring to sit mostly in Caernarfon following the closure of the Holyhead courtrooms.

He is also an independent member the local Community Health Council, starting the role in late 2019.

## **Celyn Menai Edwards**

Yn ferch leol i'r Ynys, hyfforddodd Celyn fel bargyfreithiwr ar ôl cwblhau ei gradd Baglor ym Mhrifysgol Cymru, Aberystwyth a gradd Meistr ym Mhrifysgol Caerdydd.

Mae hi'n eiriolwr brwd dros hawliau democrataidd dinasyddion Cymru, ac mae hi wedi treulio 8 mlynedd yn gweithio yng Nghynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru. Yno, mae Celyn yn chwarae rhan annatod yn cynnwys pobl Cymru yng ngwaith y Cynulliad wrth ddarparu a chefnogi cyfleoedd i gymunedau ddylanwadu ar fusnes y Cynulliad, cyfrannu at waith Aelodau'r Cynulliad a rhannu gwybodaeth am ein pwerau datganoledig . Mae'r rôl wedi galluogi Celyn i gynghori Aelodau etholedig ar y ffordd orau o gynnwys dinasyddion yn eu gwaith a dwyn y cyfleoedd hynny i fodolaeth, yn ogystal â rhannu arfer gorau ar draws gweinyddiaethau datganoledig y DU a thu hwnt.

Dychwelodd Celyn i Fôn yn 2017 gyda'i gŵr a'i dau blentyn ifanc.

## **Celyn Menai Edwards**

Celyn is a local girl from Anglesey who studied as a barrister after completing her Bachelors Degree at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth and Masters Degree at Cardiff University.

She is a strong advocate for the democratic rights of the citizens of Wales and has spent 8 years working at the National Assembly for Wales. During her time there, Celyn has played an integral part in including the people of Wales in the work of the Assembly by providing and supporting opportunities for communities to influence Assembly business, to contribute to the work of Assembly Members and to share information regarding our devolved powers. The role has enabled Celyn to advise elected Members on the best way of including citizens in their work and to bring those opportunities into existence as well as sharing best practices across the devolved administration of the UK and beyond.

Celyn returned to Anglesey in 2017 with her husband and two young children.

**John R Jones**

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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>6 February 2020</b>
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>Election of Vice-Chair</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:</b>	<b>To Advise the Committee of the Procedure for Electing Vice-Chair.</b>
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The first term of four new independent members of the Standards Committee started on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- 1.2 The previous Vice-Chair's second and final term ended on 19th December 2019.
- 1.3 The Standards Committee must elect a Vice-Chair.

## 2. Legislative Background

- 2.1 In accordance with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, as amended, the members of a Standards Committee shall elect a Vice-Chairperson from amongst the Independent Members of the Committee (Regulation 22 (1)).
- 2.2 The Vice-Chair is elected for the shorter of the following period:
  - (a) A term to be of not less than four nor more than six years or
  - (b) Until the term of office of that person as an independent member of that Standards Committee comes to an end. (Regulation 22 (7))  
[Unless, of course the Vice-Chair resigns earlier]  
[There are also separate provisions where a casual vacancy arises.]

## 3. Constitutional Background

- 3.1 The Constitution does not refer to the Vice-Chair's term. It would be reasonable to consider that the same provision as for the election of a Chair is followed i.e.

'The chairperson will be elected by the members of the standards committee for a period not exceeding four years or the period s/he remains a member of the committee, whichever is the shorter period, but will be eligible for re-election ...'

#### **4. The Election**

- 4.1 On the basis of the above therefore, the Standards Committee must elect a Vice-Chair from among the following members:

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though, clearly, not the person elected as Chair in accordance with this Committee's earlier decision in item 4 on the Agenda.

- 4.2 The Vice-Chair will be elected for a period of **four years** and will be eligible for re-election.
- 4.3 Each candidate may vote for herself/himself.
- 4.4 The newly appointed Chair of the Committee will be entitled to exercise a casting vote if required.

#### **5. Information on the Candidates**

- 5.1 The biographies of the five independent members are included as enclosures to this report.

Rhys Davies – **Enclosure 1**  
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- 5.2 The Vice-Chair must be chosen from the above five names, excluding the individual already elected as Chair.
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#### **6. Recommendation**

- 6.1 The Standards Committee to elect a Vice-Chair from among its independent members for a term of four years (subject to re-election)

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Yn enedigol o Fôn, aeth Rhys i astudio deintyddiaeth yng Nghaerdydd ar ôl bod yn ddisgybl yn Ysgol David Hughes.

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A native of Anglesey, Rhys went from David Hughes School to study dentistry in Cardiff. For most of his career he worked as a General Dental practitioner in Llangefni. He Retired 5 years ago and continues to live on the island.

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He is also an independent member the local Community Health Council, starting the role in late 2019.

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