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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD	NOTICE OF MEETING
PANEL DETHOL Y PWYLLGOR SAFONAU	STANDARDS COMMITTEE SELECTION PANEL
DYDD IAU, 6 TACHWEDD 2025 am 10:00 o'r gloch	THURSDAY, 6 NOVEMBER 2025 at 10.00 am
SIAMBR Y CYNGOR, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM
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Yn cynrychioli'r Cyngor Sir/Representing the County Council

Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Aled Morris Jones

Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Dylan Rees

Y Cynghorydd/Councillor Margaret M Roberts

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

Mrs Ann Kennedy

Aelod Annibynnol / Independent Member

Dr Teleri Mair Jones

AGENDA

1 <u>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</u>

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

MINUTES (Pages 1 - 2)

To submit for confirmation, the draft minutes of the meeting of the Panel which took place on 21 October 2025.

3 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** (Pages 3 - 4)

To consider adoption of 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 the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said act and in the attached Public Interest Test".

4 <u>APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS</u> <u>COMMITTEE</u> (Pages 5 - 52)

To submit the report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE SELECTION PANEL

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 21 October 2025

PRESENT: Representing the County Council

Councillor Margaret M Roberts (Chair)

Councillor Aled M Jones Councillor Dylan Rees

Representing the Town/Community Councils

Mrs Ann Kennedy

Independent Member

Dr Teleri Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring

Office

Legal Services Manager/Deputy Monitoring Officer (LL)

Committee Officer (SC)

APOLOGIES: None

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest was received.

2. MINUTES

The draft minutes of the Selection Panel's previous meeting held on 23 September 2025 were presented and confirmed as correct.

3. 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 the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test."

4. APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO A VACANCY ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A report by the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer was presented to the Selection Panel to consider the arrangements to appoint a new Independent Member to the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer reported that following the Selection Panel's meeting on 23 September 2025, the vacancy for an Independent Member was advertised on the Council's website, Twitter and Facebook, Bangor and Anglesey Mail and Daily Post, the closing date for applications being 5:00pm on 10 October 2025.

The Panel considered the applications received against the set criteria previously agreed and as outlined in the report, in order to draw up a short-list of candidates for interview.

RESOLVED: -

- That the Selection Panel considered each application (Enclosure 1 to the report) and drew up a shortlist of candidates for interview.
- That the Selection Panel agreed on each element of the interview process as follows: -
 - The questions to be asked;
 - The scoring matrix as detailed in Enclosure 4 to the report;
 - How the scoring matrix will work;
 - That the shortlisted candidates be invited for interview at a date and time to be confirmed.
 - To request references prior to interview in relation to each shortlisted candidate (with the consent of each shortlisted candidate).

The meeting concluded at 3:35 pm

COUNCILLOR MARGARET M ROBERTS
CHAIR

PRAWF BUDD Y CYHOEDD PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Penodi Aelod Annibynnol i Swydd Wag ar y Pwyllgor Safonau / Appointment of Independent Member to a Vacant Seat on the Standards Committee

> Paragraffau 12 ac 13 Atodlen 12A Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 Paragraphs 12 and 13 Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

Y PRAWF – THE TEST

Mae budd i'r cyhoedd o ddatgelu oherwydd / There is a public interest in disclosure as:-

- Y budd i'r cyhoedd with beidio datgelu yw / The public interest in not disclosing is:-
- Mae disgwyliad am angen а dryloywder wrth benodi aelodau cyfetholedig i'r Pwyllgor Safonau oherwydd y rôl arwyddocaol sydd gan y Pwyllgor mewn perthynas â llywodraethiant ac ymddygiad cynghorwyr etholedia sir а chynghorwyr y cynghorau tref a chymuned.
- There is a requirement for and expectation of transparency in the appointment of co-opted members to the Standards Committee, given the significant role played by the Committee in relation to governance and conduct of elected county councillors and town and community councillors.
- disgwyliad Mae rhesymol gan ymgeiswyr y bydd eu ffurflenni cais a'u hasesiadau'n cael eu trin yn gyfrinachol ac bydd eu cyfweliadau'n cael eu cynnal breifat. Mae'n bosib y gellid cymryd camau am beidio â chwrdd â'r fath ddisgwyliad rhesymol barchu cyfrinachedd.
- Mae'n rhesymol disgwyl y gallai cyhoeddi neu ddatgelu ffurflenni cais fynd yn groes i ddisgwyliadau rhesymol yr ymgeiswyr am gyfrinachedd. Mae'n debygol y byddai cynnal proses ddethol sy'n hollol gyhoeddus yn niweidiol oherwydd mae'n rhesymol i ystyried y byddai'n arwain at lai o ymgeiswyr, os o gwbl, yn ymgeisio am swyddi yn y dyfodol.
- Cydnabyddir fod y Panel wedi ei benodi i ymgymryd â rôl sicrwydd ar ran y Cyngor a'r cyhoedd ac, ar ôl dilyn y broses briodol, bydd yn gwneud ei argymhellion i'r Cyngor llawn a fydd yn cymeradwyo'r penodiadau terfynol. Er y bydd manylion am y penodiadau terfynol yn cael eu cyhoeddi, nid yw datgelu gwybodaeth am ymgeiswyr ac ymgeiswyr aflwyddiannus yn cefnogi'r budd cyhoeddus.

- There is a reasonable expectation of confidentiality by the applicants that their application forms, assessments and interviews will be conducted in private.
 A breach of such a reasonable expectation of confidence is potentially actionable.
- Publication and disclosure of applications would be contrary to the reasonable expectations of the confidentiality of the candidates. A wholly public selection process is likely to be detrimental as it might reasonably result in fewer, or no, candidates applying for future vacancies.
- It is recognised that the Panel has been appointed to undertake the assurance role on behalf of the Council and the public and, following due process, will make its recommendations Council which will ratify the final appointments. Whilst the final appointments will be made public, the public interest is not served by disclosure of information about applicants and unsuccessful applicants.

Argymhelliad - Mae'r budd i'r cyhoedd wrth gadw'r eithriad o bwys mwy na'r budd i'r cyhoedd a ddeuai yn sgil datgelu'r wybodaeth.

Recommendation - The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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Agenda Item 4

By virtue of paragraph(s) 12, 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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