

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING:	County Council
DATE:	26 October 2023
TITLE OF REPORT :	To Appoint a Co-opted Independent Member to the Standards Committee
REPORT BY :	Standards Committee Selection Panel
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PURPOSE OF REPORT :	To Ratify the Recommendation of the Standards Committee 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 more than nine members, the majority of whom must be independent members of the public.
2. The Standards Committee currently consists of five independent members (including one casual vacancy), two community councillors and two county councillors.
3. Independent members must be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Standards Committee Selection Panel. The Standards Committee currently has one casual vacancy.

CASUAL VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4. Statutory Regulations require that the independent members of Standards Committee be appointed by Council, but only after compliance with a statutory selection process. To conduct this recruitment and selection process the County Council has delegated its authority to the Standards Committee Selection Panel; which consists of one independent member of the public, one community councillor and three county councillors (subject to political balance).
5. The current members of the Panel are Councillor Aled Morris Jones; Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair); Councillor Margaret Murley Roberts; Councillor Gordon Warren from Amlwch Town Council; and Dr Teleri Mair Jones as the independent member.
6. In the meeting of the Standards Committee Selection Panel on 6 June 2023, the Panel approved the recruitment process and the vacancy was advertised on the Council's website and social networks (from 19/6/2023 until 7/7/2023) the Bangor and Anglesey Mail (on 21/6/2023) and the Daily Post (on 24/6/2023).

6. The advertisement closed at 5pm on 7 July and the applications received were considered by the Standards Committee Selection Panel in a shortlisting process which took place on 25 July.
7. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed by the Standards Committee Selection Panel on 26 September and 3 October 2023, when the Panel agreed to nominate **Mr Trefor Owen** to be appointed to the role of independent member of the Standards Committee, subject to satisfactory references; which have since been received and assessed by the Chair of the Standards Committee Selection Panel.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To accept the recommendations of the Standards Committee Selection Panel as follows:-

1. to appoint **Mr Trefor Owen** as co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee with immediate effect;
2. in the event that a casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint **Mr Brace Griffiths** to this role without need for a further recruitment process, provided always that this candidate remains eligible for the role, and subject to satisfactory references being received prior to the appointment; and
3. in the event that a second casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, or should Mr Brace Griffiths be unable, to automatically appoint **Mr David Abbott** to this role without need for a further recruitment process, provided always that this candidate remains eligible for the role, and subject to satisfactory references being received prior to the appointment.