

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
MEETING:	County Council
DATE:	12 December 2017
TITLE OF REPORT :	To Appoint a Co-opted Independent Member to the Standards Committee
REPORT BY :	Dr Haydn Edwards – Chair of the 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 9 members, the majority of whom must be independent members of the public.
2. The Standards Committee currently consists of 5 independent members (including one casual vacancy), 2 community councillors (both seats being vacant) and two county councillors (who are appointed annually by the Council).
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. No member of the Selection Panel may also be a member of the Standards Committee.

5. In the meeting of the Standards Committee Selection Panel on the 20th September 2017, the Panel approved the recruitment process and the vacancy was advertised on the Council's website, Twitter, and Facebook (from 20/09/17 until 31/10/2017), North Wales Chronicle (on 28/9/17 and on 5/10/2017) and the Bangor and Anglesey Mail (on 27/9/2017 and on 4/10/2017).
6. The advertisement closed on the 31st October 2017 and the applications received were considered by the Standards Committee Selection Panel in a shortlisting process which took place on the 17th November 2017.
7. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed by the Standards Committee Selection Panel on the 27th November 2017, when the Panel agreed to nominate **Mr John Robert Jones** 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 John Robert Jones** as co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee with immediate effect;
2. in the event that a further casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint **Ms Sarah Laing Gibbens** 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.