

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
Report to:	County Council
Date:	9th December 2015, 2pm
Subject:	Appointment of Community Council Members to the Standards Committee
Report by:	Monitoring Officer
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Purpose of Report:	To Appoint Community Council Members to the Standards Committee

BACKGROUND

1. The Council must have a Standards Committee consisting of no fewer than five and no more than nine members.
2. Our Standards Committee consists of five independent/lay members, two Town/Community Councillors and two County Councillors.
3. The County Councillors are appointed annually by the full Council. This last occurred on the 26th February 2015.
4. The five current/lay members of the Standards Committee cease to hold office on the 17th December 2015 and their new, and final, term of four years will take effect automatically on 18th December 2015; this having been agreed by the full Council on 26th February 2015.
5. The terms of the two Town/Community Councillors also cease on the 17th December 2015, with any new appointments to take effect from the 18th December 2015, for four years.

THE PROCESS

6. The process for selecting the two Town/Community Councillors is a matter for collective agreement among the Town/Community Councils.
7. To that end, by letter of the 10th February 2015 (**Enclosure 1**) the County Council requested that the two collectively agreed nominations be received by the County Council by no later than the 9th November 2015. It was suggested that, in accordance with previous practice, that the Town/Community Councils request Un Llais Cymru to conduct the nomination/selection arrangements.

8. The matter was also raised by the County Council with Un Llais Cymru on 16th March 2015 and 16th April 2015 and by the Chair of the Standards Committee at the Town/Community Council Forum on 9th July 2015.
9. However, while nominations had been received by the 9th November 2015, these had not been collectively agreed. So, in an effort to try and protect the rights and interests of the Town/Community Councils the County Council invited them to send representatives to a selection meeting on the 1st December 2015. The arrangements were agreed with Un Llais Cymru who also chaired the meeting. Their representative also verified the voting arrangements and announced the outcome of the ballot. Only one elected member from each Community Council was entitled to vote. Each was entitled to vote for up to two candidates. The candidates themselves were not permitted to vote.
10. At the meeting on the 1st December the following Town/Community Councillors were selected:-

Councillor John Chorlton - Holyhead Town Council – first term

Councillor John Roberts – Llanfairpwll Community Council – second and final term

RECOMMENDATIONS

11. With effect from the 18th December 2015, until the 17th December 2019, *to appoint the following as the Town/Community Council representatives on the Standards Committee:-

Councillor John Chorlton - Holyhead Town Council

Councillor John Roberts – Llanfairpwll Community Council

*Footnote: The period of office ends before the 17th December 2019 if the relevant Councillor ceases to be a member of the Town/Community Council by which they were nominated or if they are elected as County Councillors.

ATODIAD / ENCLOSURE

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Dear Sir/Madam

**PWYLLGOR SAFONAU CYNGOR SIR
YNYS MÔN**

**ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL'S
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Hoffwn ddwyn eich sylw at ddau fater yng
nghyswllt Pwyllgor Safonau'r Cyngor Sir :-

I would like to draw to your attention two
issues in relation to the County Council's
Standards Committee:-

1. Fel y gwyddoch mae'n rhaid i'r Cyngor Sir, yn gyfreithiol, gynnal Pwyllgor Safonau gyda chyfrifoldebau statudol yng nghyswllt ymddygiad Cyngorwyr Sir a Chyngorwyr Tref a Chymuned. O'r herwydd rhaid sicrhau bod ar y Pwyllgor Safonau o leiaf un Cyngorydd Tref/Cymuned ond bod swyddogaeth yr unigolyn hwnnw wedi ei chyfyngu i wrando ar haeriadau yn erbyn Cyngorydd Tref/Cymuned pan fo haeriadau o'r fath yn cael eu trosglwyddo i'r Pwyllgor Safonau gan Ombwdsmon Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Cymru.

1. As you know, the County Council is legally required to operate a Standards Committee which has statutory responsibilities in relation to the conduct of County Councillors and Town and Community Councillors. Consequently, the Standards Committee must include at least one Town/Community Councillor, whose role is restricted to hearing allegations against Town/Community Councillors, following referral to the Standards Committee by the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales.

Fodd bynnag, mae'r Cyngor Sir hwn wedi penderfynu ei fod angen dau o gynghorwyr Tref / Cymuned i fod yn aelodau o'i Bwyllgor

This County Council, however, has decided that it requires two Town / Community Councillors to be members of its Standards

Safonau er mwyn sicrhau bod gan Gynghorau Tref a Chymuned gynrychiolydd bob amser os bydd gwrthdaro diddordeb (e.e. os yw'r cynrychiolydd yn aelod o'r Cyngor Tref neu Gymuned sydd dan sylw).

Ar hyn o bryd y Cynghorydd Raymond Evans, Cyngor Cymuned Llanfihangel Esceifiog a'r Cynghorydd John Roberts o Gyngor Cymuned Llanfair yw'r cynrychiolwyr Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned ar y Pwyllgor Safonau. Daw eu tymor i ben ar 17 Rhagfyr 2015.

Dan yr amgylchiadau rhaid penodi 2 gynrychiolydd newydd am y cyfnod fydd yn cychwyn ar 18 Rhagfyr 2015. Gellir ailbenodi'r Cynghorydd Roberts ond ni ellir ailbenodi'r Cynghorydd Evans gan y bydd eisoes wedi gwasanaethu am ddau dymor. Mae'r Cynghorydd Roberts wedi dweud y byddai'n fodlon gwasanaethu eto pe bai'n cael ei ddewis. Bydd y cyfnod yn parhau am 4 blynedd neu hyd oni fydd y Cynghorydd yn peidio â bod yn Gynghorydd Tref/Cymuned - pa ddyddiad bynnag sy'n digwydd gyntaf. Nodwch os gwelwch yn dda nad yw Cynghorwyr Sir cyfredol, na gweithwyr cyfredol Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn yn gymwys i'w henwebu i'r Pwyllgor Safonau.

Felly rydwyf wedi ysgrifennu at holl Gynghorau Tref a Chymuned yr Ynys yn gofyn iddynt wneud trefniadau i ddewis, ar y cyd, dau berson i gynrychioli'r Cynghorau Tref a Chymuned ar y Pwyllgor Safonau o 18 Rhagfyr 2015 ymlaen.

Efallai y byddwch yn cytuno i ofyn i gorff allanol megis "Unllais Cymru" gynnal y broses o ddewis a dethol. Dyma'r trefniant yr ydych wedi ei ddilyn o'r blaen. Ond pa broses bynnag a ddewisir rhaid sicrhau cyfle rhesymol a chyfartal i'r holl Gynghorau Tref a Chymuned gyflwyno enwau, gyda'u caniatâd os mai dyna yw eu dymuniad, a phleidleisio ar yr enwau hynny. Pe penderfynid gwneud hynny trwy gael cyfarfod, yn hytrach na

Committee to ensure that it always has a representative in the event of a conflict of interest arising (e.g. if the representative is a member of the Town and Community Council under consideration).

Councillor Raymond Evans, of Llanfihangel Esceifiog Community Council and Councillor John Roberts of Llanfair Community Council are currently the Town and Community Council representatives on the Standards Committee. Their terms of office are due to end on the 17th December 2015.

In the circumstances 2 new representatives need to be appointed, for a term beginning on the 18th December 2015. Councillor Roberts can be re-appointed but Councillor Evans cannot as he will already have served two terms. Councillor Roberts has confirmed that he would be willing to do so if he was selected again. The term will last for four years, or until the Councillor ceases to hold office as a Community/Town Councillor, whichever occurs first. Please note that neither current County Councillors, nor current employees, of the Isle of Anglesey County Council are eligible to be nominated to the Standards Committee.

I have therefore written to all of the Island's Town and Community Councils requesting that they now make arrangements to select two collectively agreed nominee(s) to represent all the Town and Community Councils on the Standards Committee, from 18th December 2015.

You may, of course, agree to ask a third party facilitator, such as "One Voice Wales", to put in place a selection process. This is the arrangement you have followed on previous occasions. Whatever process is adopted should include a reasonable and equal opportunity for all Town and Community Councils to put forward nominees (with their consent), if they wish to do so, and to vote on those who have been nominated.

phleidleisio trwy'r post, yna gall y Cyngor Sir, â chroeso, ryddhau Siambr y Cyngor i'r pwrpas hwnnw.

If it is decided to do this by means of a meeting, rather than through postal balloting, then the County Council will be pleased to make the Council Chamber available for that purpose.

Ond beth bynnag fydd eich dewis bydd raid rhoi gwybod i'r Cyngor Sir beth yw enwau'r ddau unigolyn y cytunwyd arnynt ar y cyd erbyn 9 Tachwedd 2015 a hynny gan y bydd raid i'r Cyngor llawn, yn ffurfiol, gadarnhau'r enwebiadau yn ei gyfarfod ar 9 Rhagfyr 2015. A fydddech cystal os gwelwch yn dda ag anfon manylion am y ddau unigolyn y cytunwyd arnynt yn ysgrifenedig ataf i.

However you decide to proceed, the County Council must be informed of the identity of your collectively agreed two nominee(s) by no later than 9 November 2015 as the nominations must be formally confirmed by the full Council at its meeting on the 9th December 2015. Details of the two agreed nominees should be sent to me in writing please.

Petaech yn dymuno cael rhagor o oleuni ar y materion yn y llythyr hwn mae croeso i chwi gysylltu gyda mi ar 01248 752563.

If you require any clarification concerning the matters raised in this letter please do not hesitate to telephone me on 01248 752563.

Llawer o ddiolch.

Many thanks.

Yr eiddoch yn gywir / Yours sincerely

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