

<b>Committee :</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>26 January 2015</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Membership of the Standards Committee</b>
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<b>Action:</b>	<b>For Information</b>

## **Background**

1. The terms of office of two independent members of the Committee, Gwilym Ellis Evans and Sam Soysa (the current Chair and Vice-chair) will come to an end in February this year. As both have served two terms they are not eligible to be re-appointed for a further term.

2. The steps that will have to be taken to appoint new independent members are:

- Advertise in not less than two newspapers circulating in the authority's area.
- Establish a Consultative Panel.
- The Panel to consider the applications (this is usually done through interviews)
- The Panel's recommendations presented to a meeting of the Full Council, which will make the appointments. The next meeting is on 05/03/15.

3. The Full Council has delegated to the Monitoring Officer the power to establish a Consultative Panel whenever a vacancy arises. The Panel must consist of no more than five members and one must be a lay member (with no direct connection with local government) and one member of a community council.

4. The last time a Panel was convened it consisted of the Chair of the Standards Committee, the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee, the Standards Committee's Community Committee Member and two lay members.

5. Applicants must be considered against the criteria set down by the Council when the Committee was established. These criteria are set out, for information, in the appendix to this report.

## **Recommendation**

6. Members are asked to note the information and for any comments they may have on the process.