

Meeting	Full Council
Date	23 June 2022
Subject	Appointment of Members to the Standards Committee
Cabinet Member	Cllr. Menna Jones
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Background

1. The Standards Committee is a statutory committee, and its membership is made up as follows:

- 5 'Independent Members' (members without any connection to local government)
- 1 'Community Committee Member (a member on any of Gwynedd's community councils but not a member of Gwynedd Council).
- 3 'Elected Members' from Gwynedd Council

2. The terms of office of the Elected Members and Community Committee Member come to and end with the local government elections following their appointment. Consequently these seats are now vacant.

Elected Members

3. The procedure for appointing elected members, approved by Full Council, is for the Monitoring Officer to write to all members of the Council inviting applications, and to submit them to the Business Group for consideration. The recommendation of the Business Group is submitted to the Council, which has the authority to make the appointment.

4. Members are appointed to the Committee, not on the basis of political balance, but by considering the criteria established by the Council, which are:

- Listening skills;
- Ability to understand & weigh up evidence;
- Ability to come to an objective view and explain it by reference to the evidence;
- Teamworking skills;
- Respect for others and an understanding of diversity issues;
- Discretion;
- Personal integrity.

5. All eligible members of the Council were therefore invited to apply, and three applications were received within the stipulated time:

- Cllr. Beth Lawton (member for Bro Dysynni)
- Cllr. Anne Lloyd-Jones (member for Gorllewin Tywyn)

- Cllr. Dewi Owen (member for Aberdyfi)

(Councillors Beth Lawton and Anne Lloyd-Jones have already served on the Committee but are eligible to be re-appointed for one further term).

6. The Business Group decided that the three applicants met the required criteria and were deserving of being appointed to the Committee.

Community Committee Member

7. The term of office of the Community Committee Member, Cllr. Richard Parry Hughes (Llannor Community Council) came to an end with the elections in May, but he is eligible to be re-appointed for one further consecutive term.

8. In 2017 he was appointed after the previous community committee member had served for two terms. Nominations were invited from all community councils at that time, and interviews conducted. He has proven to be a valuable and dedicated member of the Committee. Due to his contribution and experience of the work, it is recommended that the Council reappoint Richard Parry Hughes for a further term so that it is not lost to the Committee.

9. The regulations provide that the county's community councils should be consulted prior to re-appointment along with any community council association. All councils within the county have been contacted and the responses that have been received are in favour of re-appointment with the exception of one council which recommended competition. One Voice Wales has no objection to the appointment. The Council's Business Group is also in favour of re-appointment.

Recommendation

10.1 To appoint **Councillors Beth Lawton, Anne Lloyd-Jones and Dewi Owen** to serve on the Standards Committee as Elected Members until the next ordinary local government elections following their appointment.

10.2 To appoint **Councillor Richard Parry Hughes**, Llannor Community Council to serve on the Standards Committee as a Community Committee Member until the next ordinary local government elections following his appointment.

Statutory Officers Comments

Monitoring Officer

Author of report

Chief Finance Officer

“No comments from the perspective of financial propriety”