

MEETING: North Wales Corporate Joint Committee

DATE: 24 November 2023

SUBJECT: Standards Sub-Committee - Appointment of Members

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DECISION SOUGHT:

- 1. Adopt the modifications to the Standards Sub-Committee Terms of Reference Appendix 1.**
 - 1. Adopt the criteria for appointing independent members to the Standards Sub - Committee and establish an Interview Panel in accordance with Appendix 2**
 - 3. Delegate arranging the appointment process to the Monitoring Officer.**
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1. REASON FOR THE DECISION

Legislative changes mean the arrangements for establishing a Standards Sub Committee adopted in May of this year need to be reviewed.

2.BACKGROUND

Modifications to the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 have come into force which place statutory requirements on the establishment of the CBC Standards Committees. Although most of the Terms of Reference remain relevant there are some changes which were not envisaged and deviate from the guidance contained in the Statutory Guidance namely:

1. "using the existing standards committee of one of its constituent councils
2. set up its own standards sub-committee, which could be populated according to principles Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 but by members of constituent council standards committees
3. establishing a standards sub-committee in accordance with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001"

According to the regulations published in October this year require independent seats to be filled through an advertising and interview process in the same way as

the Councils and Park Authority Standards Committees. An interview panel also needs to be appointed as well as criteria for appointment.

The modifications required to be included in the Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 1 and the proposed appointment arrangements are in Appendix 2. I will be working with the region's Monitoring Officers to facilitate the process.

Monitoring Officer

Report author

Finance Officer

" I have no objections from the perspective of financial propriety."

Appendices:

1. Standards Sub-Committee Terms of Reference
2. Appointments Process