

MEETING :	THE COUNCIL
DATE:	22, October, 2009
TITLE:	Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee.
AUTHOR:	Dilys Phillips, Monitoring Officer.
ACTION:	To consider the recommendation of the Consultative panel.

1. Background

1.1 The Council decided, at its meeting on 7th May, 2009, to increase the number of independent members on the Council's Standards Committee from four to five.

1.2. Under the relevant legislation, applications must be considered by a Consultative Panel, which then makes a recommendation to the Council. The Panel consists of three members of the Standards Committee (including one elected member) and, in accordance with the statutory requirements, a representative from the community councils and a 'lay member' who has no direct connection to local government. The Panel's role is to consider each application received and to apply the Council's criteria for appointing independent members to the Committee. Whilst the appointment is made by the Council, it must have regard to the recommendations of the panel.

1.3 The vacancy was advertised in accordance with the statutory requirement and three applications were received. The Consultative Panel interviewed all three applicants on the 8th October, 2009.

1.4 Following detailed and thorough consideration of the applications, the Panel decided to recommend Mr Gwyn Williams to the Council as an independent member on the Standards Committee. Mr Williams lives in Bethel and is the Chief Executive of the Barcud Derwen television company in Caernarfon.

2. Recommendation.

2.1 To appoint Mr Gwyn Williams as an independent member on Gwynedd Council's Standards Committee, to serve for 6 years.