

Meeting:	<b>THE COUNCIL</b>
Date:	21, June, 2012.
Subject:	Appointments to the Standards Committee
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1. There are 9 members on the Standards Committee, namely :-
  - 5 independent members (i.e. members with no connection with a local authority).
  - 1 community meeting member who is a member of a Gwynedd community council (but not a Gwynedd Council member).
  - 3 Gwynedd Council elected members.
2. In accordance with the procedure agreed by the Council on the 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2012, two vacant seats were advertised in the press for an independent member and three replies were received from persons who met the criteria and were eligible for appointment. A consultation panel was established to consider the applications and to interview applicants. The panel will meet on the 19<sup>th</sup> June and its recommendation will be presented to the Council.
3. All members of the Council received a letter inviting them to express an interest to serve on the Standards Committee and the names of those interested will be presented to the Business Group for consideration on the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The recommendations of the Business Group will be presented at the Council meeting.
4. The term of the community Committee member came to an end with the May elections, but the individual in question, namely Ashley Michael David Clay is eligible for reappointment. Consultations on the intention took place with the community councils through One Voice Wales and a recommendation to reappoint him was received. Due to his contribution to the Committee, his experience of the work, and the fact that half of the committee members will be new members, it is recommended that David Clay be reappointed for a further term.
5. The regulations state that the term of councillors on the Committee to be either four years or up to the date of the next local government election, whichever is the shortest. As the date of the next election has been postponed until 2017 an application has been sent to the Welsh Government to change the regulations to allow the member to serve for the rest of this Council's term.

**6. RECOMMENDATION.**

- a) To appoint two independent members to the Standards Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Consultation Panel, to serve for a period of 6 years.
- b) To appoint three members to the Standards Committee in accordance with the recommendation of the Business Group to serve for the whole of the Council's term if the regulations permit.
- c) To reappoint David Clay to the Standards Committee to serve for the whole of the Council's term if the regulations permit.