

MEETING :	THE COUNCIL
DATE:	6, December, 2012.
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 There are 9 members on the Standards Committee, namely :-
- 5 independent members (i.e. members with no connection with a local authority).
 - 1 community committee member who is a member of a Gwynedd community council (but not a Gwynedd Council member).
 - 3 Gwynedd Council elected members.
- 1.2 On the 19th July 2012 the resignation of one independent member was received, creating a vacant seat on the committee.
- 1.3. In accordance with the procedure agreed by the Council the vacant seat for an independent member was advertised in the press with a closing date of 27th September.
- 1.4 Under the relevant legislation a Consultative Panel must consider the applications and then makes a recommendation to the Council which applicant to appoint. Members of the Panel were the Chairman of the Democratic Services Committee, Chairman of the Standards Committee, member of a Community Council and two lay members with no connection with local government. The Panel's role is to consider each application 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.
- 1.5 The Consultative Panel met on the 22nd October and interviewed 3 of the applicants. The fourth applicant was unavailable for interview but consideration was given to his application on paper and the Panel came to the conclusion that he did not excel the successful applicant.
- 1.6 Following a detailed and thorough consideration of the applications, the Panel decided to recommend Dr Einir Meredydd Young to the Council as an independent member on the Standards Committee. Dr Young lives in Talybont, Bangor and is employed at the University.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To appoint Dr Einir Meredydd Young as an independent member on Gwynedd Council's Standards Committee to serve for a period of 6 years.