

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>The Council</b>
<b>DATE :</b>	<b>9 October 2014</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Appointment of Elected Member to the Standards Committee</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>To appoint a member to the Standards Committee</b>
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## **Background**

1. The membership of the Standards Committee is made up as follows:

- 5 'Independent Members' (i.e. members without any connection with local government).
- 1 ' Community Committee Member, who is a member on any of Gwynedd's community councils (but not a member of Gwynedd Council).
- 3 elected members from Gwynedd Council

2. A seat on the committee for an elected member a now become vacant. The other two members currently serving on the committee are Cllrs. Eryl Jones-Williams and Michael Sol Owen.

3. In accordance with the established appointment procedure, I wrote to all members of the Council inviting applications for the vacancy, and presented the applications received to the Council's Business Group for consideration. The purpose of this report is to present the Business Group's recommendation to Full Council, which has the power to make the appointment.

4. Members are not appointed on the basis of political balance but by reference to the criteria set down by the Council, namely that must possess the following qualities and skills:-

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

5. Under the relevant regulations, an elected member can serve on the Committee for a period of not more than four years or until the ordinary local

government elections next following their appointment, whichever is the shorter.

6. Two applications were received and the Business Group decided that both applicants met the criteria and were worthy of being appointed to the Committee. Since then one of the applicants has withdrawn his name. It is recommended therefore that the other applicant, Cllr. Lesley Day, the member for Garth, Bangor should be appointed to the Committee.

### **Recommendation**

7. That Cllr Lesley Day is appointed to serve as an Elected Member on the Gwynedd Standards Committee for a period of four years or until the ordinary local government elections next following her appointment, whichever is the shorter