

COMMITTEE :	The Council
DATE :	5 March 2015
TEITL :	Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee
AUTHOR :	Iwan Evans, Monitoring Officer
ACTION :	To appoint two independent members to the Standards Committee

1. Background

1.1. The terms of office of two independent members of the Council's Standards Committee, come to an end in February this year. As both have served two terms they are not eligible to be re-appointed for a further term.

1.2 The vacancies were advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements, and a Consultative Panel will interview applicants on 26 February 2015.

1.3 Under the relevant legislation, the Panel must consider the applications and then make a recommendation to the Council as to whom to appoint. The Panel consists of the Chair of the Council, the Chair of the Standards Committee, the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee and, as required by the regulations, a representative of the community and town councils and a 'lay member' with no direct connection to local government. The Panel's role is to consider all applications against the criteria set by the Council. Whilst it is the Council that makes the appointments, it must have regard to the Panel's recommendations.

1.3 Due to the timing of the interviews, the Panel's recommendation will be presented to the Council at the meeting.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To consider and decide upon the Panel's recommendation for appointing two independent members to the Standards Committee.