

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>The Council</b>
<b>DATE :</b>	<b>3 March 2022</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Re- appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee</b>
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## **Background**

1. There are five 'independent members' (i.e. members without any connection with local government) on the Council's Standards Committee. The committee also includes a member representing the community councils and three elected members from Gwynedd Council.
2. The 6 year term of office of one of the independent members, Aled Jones, is coming to an end.
3. The relevant regulations (The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001) allow independent members to be re-appointed for one further consecutive term not exceeding four years. The member is eligible for re-appointment and has expressed his willingness to serve for a further term. Re-appointing him would mean that the committee will not lose the experience and expertise that he has gained during his service.
4. Whilst a statutory process of advertising and interviewing must be undertaken when appointing new independent members, it is not necessary to do so when re-appointing members.

## **Recommendation**

5. To re-appoint Aled Jones as an independent member of the Standards Committee for a further term of four years.

## **Monitoring Officer Comment**

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## **Chief Finance Officer Comment**

Nothing to add from the perspective of financial propriety".