

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Full Council</b>
<b>Date</b>	<b>1 December 2022</b>
<b>Subject</b>	<b>Appointment of Members to the Standards Committee</b>
<b>Aelod Cabinet</b>	<b>Cllr. Menna Jones</b>
<b>Awdur</b>	<b>Iwan Evans, Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Decision Sought</b>	<b>Approval for the appointment of an Independent Member to the Standards Committee</b>

## **Background**

1. The Gwynedd Standards Committee comprises five independent members, three Gwynedd councillors and one community councillor
2. The term of office of two of the independent members have or are about to come to an end. As both have served two terms they are not eligible to be appointed for a further term.
3. The appointment of members of the Standards Committee is governed by the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 ("the Regulations"). The Regulations require the Council to carry out a public recruitment exercise as specified in the Regulations and to establish an appointments panel (comprised of up to five panel members, and including one lay panel member and one community councillor), to assess applications against the criteria established by the Council for the post, and to make a recommendation on appointment to full Council.
4. The decision on appointment must be made by full Council, having regard to the recommendation of the Appointments Panel.
5. The vacancies were advertised in accordance with the statutory provisions and one application was received.
6. An Appointments Panel was established, which comprised Dr Einir Young, Chair of the Standards Committee, Community Councillor Richard Parry Hughes (Community Member of the Standards Committee), Gwynedd Councillors Dewi Owen and Annwen Hughes and Mr Griffith Jones as lay member.
7. The Panel, supported and advised by the Monitoring Officer, interviewed the candidate on 9th November 2022. Having regard to the criteria set out in the person specification for the role, the Panel recommended the appointment of Mark Jones.
8. Mark lives in Bangor and is a former police Chief Superintendent with 30 years experience in a variety roles, including as Head of Professional Standards for North Wales Police. He served as a Community Governor and Vice Chair at Ysgol Glanadda for 20 years. He is also a former Chair of Adra, where he continues to serve as a Board member.

9. The Regulations provide that the independent members' terms of office must be set at between four and six years.

10. Efforts will continue to recruit another member to fill the remaining vacancy.

**Recommendation**

11. The Council is recommended to approve the appointment of Mark Jones as Independent Member of the Standards Committee, for a term of 6 years.

**Views of Statutory Officers**

**Monitoring Officer**

Responsible Officer

**Chief Finance Officer**

No objections from the perspective of financial propriety