

COMMITTEE :	The Council
DATE :	3 March 2016
TEITL :	Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee
AUTHOR :	Iwan Evans, Monitoring Officer
ACTION :	To appoint an independent member to the Standards Committee

1. Background

1.1. A vacancy has recently arisen on the Standards Committee. As the vacancy was for an independent member, it was advertised in accordance with the statutory requirements, and a Consultative Panel considered the applications on 18 February 2016.

1.2 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.

1.4 Following a detailed and thorough consideration of the applications, the Panel decided to recommend Aled Jones to the Council. Aled lives in Bangor and is joint managing director of the Cymen translation company in Caernarfon.

2. Recommendation

2.1 To appoint Aled Jones as an independent member on Gwynedd Council's Standards Committee to serve for a period of 6 years.