

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Standards Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>23 January 2017</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>The Standards Committee's Membership following the Local Authority Elections 2017</b>
<b>Author:</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Action:</b>	<b>To consider the proposed steps to appoint members to the Standards Committee.</b>

## **Background**

1. Elections will held on 4 May 2017 to elect members to Gwynedd Council and all the county's community councils. Whilst this will have no effect on the Independent Members of the Committee, the terms of office of the **Elected Members** and the **Community Committee Member** will come to an end. We are anxious to be in a position to appoint new members at the meeting of the Full Council at the end of June 2017.

## **Elected Members**

2. Three Gwynedd Council members will need to be appointed, with all members apart from the Leader and members of the Cabinet being eligible. An Elected Member cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms on the Committee. Of the present members, Councillors Michael Sol Owen a Lesley Day have served only one term, whilst Cllr. Eryl Jones-Williams has served two.

3. The Council has delegated to the Monitoring officer the power to write to all eligible members of the Council when a vacancy arises and to present the applications to the Business Group. The Group will then make a recommendation to the Full Council, which will make the appointment.

4. It is therefore intended to to follow the procedure followed previously, which is to write to the members after the election and to present the applications to the Business Group so that the Council can appoint at its meeting at the end of June.

## **Community Committee Member**

5. A community councillor who is not a member of Gwynedd Council will have to appointed. A member cannot serve for more than two consecutive terms of office. The current Community Committee Member, Cllr. David Clay has served for two.

6. Whilst the appointment is made by the Council, it must consult with all the community councils and also any association representing community councils in the area.

7. In accordance with the Council's decision, the Monitoring Officer has delegated powers to establish a panel from the members of the Standards Committee to consider applications to become the Community Committee Member whenever it is necessary to appoint one.

8. The intention is to follow the procedure used previously, which was to write to all the community councils to give them the opportunity to nominate one of their members for the post. Although it will not be possible to nominate until after the election, we intend to write to the clerks before then so that they can ensure that the matter can be discussed at the first meeting of their council. We will also be contacting One Voice Wales as part of the process.

9. It is intended to form a panel from the present members of the Standards Committee to consider the applications, so that a recommendation can be presented to the meeting of the Full Council at the end of June.

### **Recommendations**

10. The Committee's views on the proposed procedure is requested.