

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

1 MAY 2013

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

RECRUITMENT TO THE INDEPENDENT APPEALS PANEL FOR SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for the appointment of the following persons to the Independent Appeals Panel for School Admissions and Exclusions:

Mrs Jacqueline Griffiths.

Mr Michael Daw

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

The role of the Independent Appeals Panel links to the Corporate Theme, "Young Voices".

3. Background

The Authority is required by legislation to have an Independent Appeals Panel for School Admissions and Exclusions. The Authority is also required to regularly review its Panel membership.

4. Current Situation/proposal

4.1 Following a recent advertisement for Independent Appeal Panel members, several applications for membership have been received. The following applications are considered suitable and meet the eligibility criteria:-

4.2 Mrs Jacqueline Griffiths is currently an Independent Appeal Panel Member at both the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff Council. As a member of these Panels for several years she has relevant experience in undertaking this role and has received appropriate training. Mrs Griffiths has applied to become a Member of this Authority's Independent Appeals Panel. It is therefore proposed that Mrs Griffiths' appointment be approved.

4.3 Mr Michael Daw is currently an Independent Appeal Panel member at both the Vale of Glamorgan Council and Cardiff Council, he has also sat on neighbouring Authority Appeal Panels. Mr Daw is also a Magistrate and has had several years' experience sitting as Chair in both his role as Panel Member and Magistrate. He has relevant

experience in undertaking this role and has received appropriate training. Mr Daw has offered his services to this Authority and has applied to become a Member of this Authority's Independent Appeal Panel. It is therefore proposed that Mr Daws' appointment be approved.

4.4 Following appointment, all new Members will receive appropriate training.

5. Effect Upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework or the Procedure Rules. This report accords with the Procedure Rules in terms of appointment process.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no negative equality implications

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications

8. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

8.1 Appoints Mrs Jacqueline Griffiths and Mr Michael Daw as Members of the Independent Appeals Panel for School Admissions and Exclusions.

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Background Documents:

None

