

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

30 APRIL 2014

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To appoint Ms Mary Powell as Chair of the Standards Committee.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority

2.1 The Standards Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by members and co-opted members. The conduct of members and co-opted members directly impact upon the Authority's ability to implement the Corporate Improvement objectives and other Corporate Priorities.

3. Background

3.1 The Council's Standards Committee consists of three Independent Members, two County Borough Council Members and one Town and Community Council Member.

3.2 The term of appointment for Mr John Irvine, current Chair of the Standards Committee has now expired and there is a vacancy of the post of Chair.

4. Current situation / proposal

4.1 Council is asked to recommend the appointment of Ms Mary Powell as Chair of the Standards Committee. Ms Mary Powell has served continuously on the Committee since 27th February 2008 and for most of that time as Vice-Chair. On 20th February 2012 she was reappointed as an Independent Member for a further term of four years.

4.3 The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 permit the appointment of a Chair for whichever is the shorter of the following periods-

- (a) a period of not less than four nor more than six years, or
- (b) until the term of office of that person as an independent member of the standards committee comes to an end.

4.4 It is therefore proposed that Ms Mary Powell be appointed as Chair until her term of office as an Independent Member comes to an end on 20 February 2016.

4.3 A scheduled meeting of the Standards Committee will take place on May 6th 2014 where the Committee will be asked to elect a Vice-Chair.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework& Procedure Rules

5.1 None.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

It is recommended that Council:

- 8.1 appoint Ms Mary Powell as Chair of the Standards Committee with immediate effect until 20 February 2016;
- 8.2 delegate to the Monitoring Officer authority to make arrangements for the recruitment and selection of a Town and Community Councillor Member and an Independent Member of the Committee;
- 8.3 receive a further information report advising of the appointment of the Vice-Chair;
- 8.4 authorises the Monitoring Officer to thank Mr John Irvine on behalf of the Authority for the support that he has provided to the Authority.

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Background Documents

Report to Council 20 February 2012.