

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

6 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Members will be aware that a vacancy for a Town and Community Councillor has arisen on the Standards Committee. It is therefore necessary for an appointment to be made to fill this vacancy.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives/Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The Standards Committee functions directly support the Corporate Priorities.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 provide for the membership of Standards Committees. The Standards Committee of this Council has a current membership of six members comprised as follows:

- Cllr M Clarke (County Borough Member)
- Cllr D Lewis (County Borough Member)
- Mr J Baker (Independent Member)
- Mrs J Keily (Independent Member)
- Mr C Jones (Chair, Independent Member)
- Mr P Clarke (Independent Member)

- 3.2 The Council has previously provided delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to oversee a recruitment process and appointment and to report to Council any successful appointment.

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 For the vacancy of Town and Community Councillor, the Monitoring Officer contacted all Town & Community Councils within the administrative area of the County Borough.

- 4.2 The following criteria was adopted for the appointment:

- Understanding of the Model Code of Conduct.
- Understanding / experience of undertaking investigative hearings.
- Understanding of Local Government and the role of Members.
- Acceptance of the values required within public office.

4.3 At a meeting of the Standards Committee on 27 July 2017, the Committee approved the appointment of Cllr Graham Walter as a Town and Community Councillor representative of the Committee.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework & Procedure Rules

5.1 There is no effect upon the Policy Framework and Procedure Rules; however the Standards Committee contributes to the maintenance of probity in the Authority.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 None.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that Council note the appointment of Cllr Graham Walter as a Town and Community Councillor representative with immediate effect for a term of four years.

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Background documents

None