

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO COUNCIL

20 JANUARY 2021

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 well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

- 2.1 This report assists in the achievement of the following corporate well-being objective under the **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015:-**

- **Smarter use of resources** – ensure that all resources (financial, physical, ecological, human and technological) are used as effectively and efficiently as possible and support the creation of resources throughout the community that can help to deliver the Council's well-being objectives.

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 P Davies (County Borough Member)
- Mr J Baker (Independent Member)
- Mrs J Keily (Independent Member)
- Mr C Jones OBE (Chair, Independent Member)
- Mr P Clarke (Independent Member)

- 3.2 A vacancy has arisen on the Committee for a Town and Community Council Member due to the resignation of Cllr Graham Walters (Town and Community Councillor). The Council has previously provided delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to oversee a recruitment process 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 and Community Councils within the administrative area of the County Borough of Bridgend seeking expressions of interest.
- 4.2 The following criteria was adopted by the Standards Committee for the shortlisting

of candidates:

- 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 Following formal interviews at a meeting of the Standards Committee on 21st December 2020, the Committee approved the appointment of Cllr Gavin Thomas 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. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 Implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. As the report is for information only and is retrospective in nature it is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 None.

9.1 Recommendation

9.1 It is recommended that Council note the appointment of Cllr Gavin Thomas as a Town and Community Councillor representative with immediate effect.

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Background documents

None