

# REPORT TO COUNCIL

19 JANUARY 2022

## REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

### REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of Council to the extension of the term of office of two Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

#### 2. Connection to corporate well-being objectives / other corporate priorities

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

1. **Supporting a successful sustainable economy** – taking steps to make the county borough a great place to do business, for people to live, work, study and visit, and to ensure that our schools are focused on raising the skills, qualifications and ambitions for all people in the county borough.
2. **Helping people and communities to be more healthy and resilient** - taking steps to reduce or prevent people from becoming vulnerable or dependent on the Council and its services. Supporting individuals and communities to build resilience, and enable them to develop solutions to have active, healthy and independent lives.
3. **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 In accordance with the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001 the Standards Committee shall consist of not less than five nor more than nine members at least two of which shall be County Borough Councillors. The Committee currently comprises seven members namely:

- Mr Clifford Jones (OBE) Chair, Independent Member
- Mrs Judith Kiely, Independent Member
- Mr Philip Clarke, Independent Member
- Mr Jeff Baker, Independent Member
- Cllr Mike Clarke, County Borough Councillor
- Cllr Paul Davies, County Borough Councillor
- Cllr Gavin Thomas, Town and Community Councillor

#### **4. Current situation/proposal**

- 4.1 The term of office for two Independent Members runs out in February and May 2022. The Members are eligible to be reappointed for a further term. Thereafter, they must stand down and cannot serve more than two terms of office under the Regulations. In addition, the Regulations specify that the second term of office can be a maximum of four years.
- 4.2 The Members have made a beneficial contribution to the governance of the Council and are in agreement to standing for a further term.

#### **5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules**

- 5.1 This is a matter for determination by Council and is within the policy framework and procedure rules.

#### **6. Equality Act 2010 implications**

- 6.1 The protected characteristics identified within the Equality Act 2010, Socio-economic Duty and the impact on the use of the Welsh language have been considered in the preparation of this report. As a public body in Wales, the Council must consider the impact of strategic decisions, such as the development or the review of policies, strategies, services and functions. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable equality impacts as a result of this report.

#### **7. Well-being 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. It is considered that there is no significant or unacceptable impact upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

#### **8.1 Financial implications**

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

#### **9. Recommendation**

- 9.1 That Council reappoints Mr Jeff Baker and Mr Philip Clarke to the Standards Committee for a further term.

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