

## **CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Report to:** Ethics and Standards Committee

**Date of meeting:** 17 January 2022

**Title:** Appointing Town & Community Councillors to the Ethics and Standards Committee –Succession Planning

### **Purpose of the report:**

#### **Background**

In accordance with Regulations, the Ethics and Standards Committee consists of :

- x5 Independent lay members
- x2 Elected Members: county councillors
- x 2 Elected Members: Town & community councillors

The procedure and criteria for appointment of independent members are set out in The Local Government Wales: The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2006 (2001/2283)(as amended).

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Council approved the appointment of the Elected Members (Community Council Representatives) Julian Evans, Gill Hopley on 29/6/17.

Their term of office will expire at end of the Administrative term in May 2022. Two new representatives will need to be appointed following the May 2022 election.

Historically, One Voice Wales have provided the names of two Councillors to sit on the Ethics and Standards Committee.

#### **Current position**

It is recognised that an open and fair process is required to ensure that all Town & Community Councillors within the Ceredigion area who express an interest, can be considered as members of the Ethics and Standards Committee (ESC).

It is proposed therefore that all clerks will be contacted before the May 2022 election, asking for names of Councillors on their respective Town & Community Councils who are interested in being considered for the role of:

Elected Members Town & Community councillor

on the Council's Ethics and Standards Committee. This information to be provided within a specific date following the May 2022 election.

Appropriate and relevant induction information about the ESC will be provided Including:

- the role and functions
- Terms of Reference
- its vision,
- competencies/skills required –Job Description/Person Specification

In the event that more than two names are made available, a suitable selection process will be required. It is proposed that the Selection Panel will consist of:

- Chair Ceredigion Council (in absence, Vice Chair)
- ESC Chair-Lay Independent (in absence, Vice Chair or a substitute independent ESC member)
- ESC Vice Chair- Lay Independent ( in absence a substitute ESC member)
- 1x ESC County Councillor ( in absence a substitute County Councillor)
- 1x ESC Town & Community councillor (in absence or conflict, a substitute Town/Community Councillor nominated by One Voice Wales.)

Successful candidates will need to be formally approved by Council.

**Recommendation(s):** That the Ethics and Standards Committee approves proposed process for selection of the Town & Community Councillors to the Ethics and Standards Committee for the administration period May 2022-May 2027

**Reasons for decision:** To ensure that the Committee remains for purpose and compliant with legislation and Constitution

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**Acronyms:**