

CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Ethics and Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 16 October 2022

Location: Hybrid

Title: Update on Ethics and Standards Committee recruitment and appointments to the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Standards Sub Committee

Purpose of the report: For information

1) Recruitment of Independent Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee

The current Chair, Mrs Caroline White was appointed initially on 30/7/2013 and reappointed on 30/7/2019. The term of office will expire on 29/7/2023. Mrs Caroline White is not now eligible for reappointment.

Consequently it is now necessary to recruit a new independent member to the Ethics and Standards Committee to maintain the Committee's composition, as set out in the Constitution, and as required by legislation.

Consideration was given to the Report upon the Succession planning-lay member at the Ethics and Standards Committee on 25th May 2022. Following discussion, it was AGREED to recommend to Council to approve:

- (i) the role description, person specification and criteria (as set out in Appendix)
- (ii) Membership of the Selection Panel as follows:
 - Chair of the Council (in absence Vice Chair);
 - Independent/Lay Panel member (nominated by the Monitoring Officer)
 - Chair and Vice Chair of the Ethics and Standards Committee (or other independent members nominated by the Monitoring Officer as necessary)
 - Town and Community Council representative nominated by One Voice Wales; and
- (iii) change the title of job description to role description in the Appendix

Council will consider the report on 20th October 2022. Following Council approval the following steps have been drafted:

1st November 2022 – publish the advertisement on Council website and newspapers (open for 3 weeks)
December 2022 – shortlisting
January 2023 – interviews

Professor John Williams has confirmed his availability as the independent/Lay Panel Member. One Voice Wales have been contacted to nominate a representative for the panel.

2)Recruitment of Town/Community Council representatives to the Ethics and Standards Committee

On the 8th July 2022 Council approved the appointment of the Town and Community Council representatives on the Ethics and Standards Committee as:

- Councillor Delyth James
- Councillor Jan Culley

3)Appointments to the Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee Standards Sub Committee

On the 8th July 2022 Council approved the appointment of the following to the Corporate Joint Committee Standards Sub Committee:

- 1 Member of the Ceredigion County Council Ethics and Standards Committee
- Cllr Gwyn Wigley Evans.

Independent Members:

- Caryl Davies
- Carol Edwards

On 20th October 2022 the Council will appoint a second Councillor.

Recommendation(s): To note the current position

Reasons for decision: For information

Reporting Officer: Lisa Evans Scrutiny and Standards Officer

Date: 23 September 2022