

## CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Recruitment of Independent Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee</b>
<b>Purpose of the report:</b>	<b>To ensure appropriate appointments are made to the Ethics and Standards Committee</b>
<b>For:</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:</b>	<b>Councillor Matthew Vaux Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Housing, Legal and Governance and Public Protection</b>

### **BACKGROUND:**

The Ethics and Standards Committee comprises of nine members:

- 5 X independent members and,
- 4 councillors (2 x County councillors, and 2 x Town/Community councillors).

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.

A recruitment process was undertaken, with interviews held on 12 January 2023. The successful candidate was Gail Storr.

It is proposed that the appointment will be for one term of 6 years, with option to reappoint for a second term of 4 years, up to no more than two consecutive administrative terms inclusive of the current term (up to 10 years- up to 29/7/32)

Council approval will be sought in 2029 if the option to extend for a further term of 4 years is to utilised

<b>Wellbeing of Future Generations:</b>	<b>Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed?</b> <b>If, not, please state why</b> <b>Summary:</b> N/A <b>Long term:</b> <b>Collaboration:</b> <b>Involvement:</b> <b>Prevention:</b> <b>Integration:</b>
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**Recommendation(s):** That Council resolves to approve the appointment of Gail Storr as independent / lay person of the Ethics and Standards Committee with effect from 30 July 2023 up to 27<sup>th</sup> July 2029.

<b>Reasons for decision:</b>	The recommendations are necessary to ensure that the appropriate appointment is in place, in accordance with the relevant legislation and the Constitution.
<b>Overview and Scrutiny:</b>	N/A
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	N/A
<b>Corporate Well-being Objectives:</b>	<p>Effective Ethics and Standards ensures that the Council can deliver on all Corporate Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boosting the Economy, supporting Business and Enabling Employment</li> <li>• Creating Caring and Healthy Communities</li> <li>• Providing the Best Start in Life and Enabling Learning at All Ages</li> <li>• Creating Sustainable, Green and Well-connected Communities</li> </ul>
<b>Finance and Procurement implications:</b>	In accordance with the Independent Remuneration Panel
<b>Legal Implications:</b>	To comply with legislative requirements
<b>Staffing implications:</b>	None
<b>Property / asset implications:</b>	None
<b>Risk(s):</b>	None
<b>Statutory Powers:</b>	<p>Local Government Act 1972  Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011  <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/mwa/2011/4/contents</a>  Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021  <a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asc/2021/1/contents</a></p>
<b>Background Papers:</b>	None
<b>Appendices:</b>	None
<b>Corporate Lead Officer:</b>	Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer, Legal and Governance
<b>Reporting Officer:</b>	Lisa Evans, Scrutiny and Standards Officer
<b>Date:</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023