

CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL

Report to: Council

Date of meeting: 14 December 2023

Title: Recruitment of Independent Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee

Purpose of the report: To approve the appointment of an Independent Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee

For: Decision

Cabinet Portfolio and Cabinet Member:

Councillor Matthew Vaux, Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Housing, Legal and Governance and Public Protection

Introduction

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).

John Weston, was appointed by Council as an independent member to the Ethics and Standards Committee on 22/2/2018. Mr Weston did not seek reappointment once the initial six years appointment comes to an end on 21/2/2024.

Consequently, it was 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.

Council agreed the recruitment process for a replacement independent member to the Ethics and Standards Committee on 13 July 2023.

Following a recruitment process, Llinos James was selected as Independent / Lay Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee.

Proposal

It is proposed that Council confirms the appointment of Llinos James as Independent / Lay Member to the Ethics and Standards Committee from 22 February 2024 for one term of 6 years (up to 21/2/2030).

There will be an option to reappoint for a second term of 4 years (up to 22 February 2034), up to no more than two consecutive administrative terms inclusive of the current term (totalling 10 years, up to 22 February 2034).

Wellbeing of Future Generations:

Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If not, please state why.

N/A

Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:

Long term: N/A
Collaboration: N/A
Involvement: N/A
Prevention: N/A
Integration: N/A

Recommendation(s):

To approve the appointment of Llinos James as Independent / Lay Member of the Ethics and Standards Committee, from 22 February 2024, for one term of 6 years up to 21/2/2030.

Reasons for decision:

To ensure that appropriate appointments are in place, in accordance with the Constitution and relevant legislation

Overview and Scrutiny:

N/A

Policy Framework:

Ceredigion County Council's Constitution

Corporate Well-being Objectives:

Cross-cutting theme to ensure that services are fit for purpose

Finance and Procurement implications:

N/A

Legal Implications:

Without this decision the Committee will not comply with legislative requirements

Staffing implications:

N/A

Property / asset implications:

N/A

Risk(s):

Without this decision the Committee will not comply with legislative requirements on composition, becoming inquorate and not be able to function effectively

Statutory Powers:

- Local Government Wales: The Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (2001/2283 Regulations)
- Local Government Wales: The Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) 2006 (2006/1849) & 2016 (2016/85) Regulations
- Local Government Act 1972
- Local Government Act 2000

- Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

None

Corporate Lead Officer:

Elin Pryor, Corporate Lead Officer, Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Reporting Officer:

Lisa Evans, Democratic Services Officer

Date:

20.11.2023