

COUNCIL:

26 OCTOBER 2017

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND LEGAL
SERVICES AND MONITORING OFFICER**

**APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS
& ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Reason for this Report

1. To report the recommendation of the Standards & Ethics Committee Appointment Panel of 13 October 2017 for the appointment to the Community Council Member vacancy.

Background

2. The Constitution provides that the Standards & Ethics Committee shall have five Independent Members, three County Councillors and one Community Council Member. The appointment of members of the Standards and Ethics Committee is governed by the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) ("the Regulations") and the Council's Constitution.
3. The Council was required to recruit and make an appointment to fill the Community Council Member vacancy on the Standards & Ethics Committee.
4. Under the Regulations and the Council's Constitution, the Standards and Ethics Committee must have one Community Council Member, who can be appointed for up to 2 consecutive terms. Community Councillor John Hughes served for the maximum permissible time on the Committee, from his appointment in 2008 until the Local Government Election in May 2017. His term of office cannot be further extended. The Council therefore needs to make a new appointment.
5. Members should note that a Cardiff County Councillor who is also a Community Councillor in Cardiff may not be appointed as the Standards and Ethics Committee's community council member (under Regulation 11).

Issues

6. The Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Regulation 10 wrote to the Clerks of the six Cardiff community councils and One Voice Wales, the Community Council umbrella organisation in Wales, to inform them of the vacancy and inviting nominations to be received by no later than 29th September 2017.
7. Two expressions of interest were received and the Standards and Ethics Committee Appointment Panel appointed by the Standards and Ethics Committee on 4 September, 2017, consisting of the Chair of Standards and Ethics Committee, one County Councillor (who was not a serving Community Councillor) and one Independent Member met on the 13 October, 2017 to interview the two candidates.

Legal Implications

8. The legal implications are contained within the body of the report.

Financial Implications

9. There are no financial implications in relation to this appointment that are not already covered within existing budget.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is requested to ratify the recommendation of the Standards & Ethics Committee Appointment Panel following the selection process on 13 October 2017 to appoint Community Councillor Richard Stuart Thomas to the vacancy for the Community Council Member on the Standards & Ethics Committee with effect from 27 October 2017. The term of office being until the next ordinary Local election, which may be extended to one further consecutive term.

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Director of Governance and Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

19 October 2017

Background Paper

[Standards and Ethics Committee Vacancies Report – 4 September 2017](#)