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

**STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE – INDEPENDENT MEMBER RE-
APPOINTMENT**

Reason for this Report

1. To inform the Council that the term of office of one of the current independent members of the Standards and Ethics Committee (the Chair) is due to expire on 23rd September 2015; and to recommend his reappointment.

Background

2. The Council's Constitution (Article 9.2(a)(i)) provides that the Standards & Ethics Committee's membership shall include 5 independent members (along with three county councillors and one community councillor).
3. The appointment of independent members to the Standards and Ethics Committee is governed by the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended) ("the Regulations"). Under the Regulations, an independent member cannot be either a councillor or an employee or the spouse of a councillor or an employee of the authority or any other 'relevant authority' (as defined by the Local Government Act 2000); and must be appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Regulations.

Issues

4. The appointment of the current Chair as an independent member of the Standards and Ethics Committee was approved by Council on 22nd September 2011 for a term of four years commencing on 23rd September 2011. Mr Tebboth's term of office is therefore due to expire on 23rd September 2015.
5. The Regulations provide that an independent member of a standards committee may be reappointed by the authority for one further consecutive term of up to 4 years. If however, any vacancy arises on the standards committee for an independent member, the Council is obliged to carry out a publicly advertised appointment process to fill the vacancy. The obligation

to carry out a publicly advertised appointment process does not apply to reappointments made in accordance with the Regulations.

6. The independent member concerned, Richard Tebboth, has indicated that he is willing to stand for re-appointment.
7. The Standards and Ethics Committee is considering a report on this matter at its meeting on 21st July 2015, with a recommendation that Richard Tebboth be re-appointed to the Committee with effect from 23rd September 2015 for a further four year term (the maximum term allowed by law).
8. The decision on appointment, however, rests with full Council. The Council is recommended to approve Richard Tebboth's re-appointment accordingly.

Legal Implications

9. The relevant legal provisions are set out in the body of the report.

Financial Implications

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approves the reappointment of Richard Tebboth as an independent member of the Standards and Ethics Committee with effect from 23rd September 2015 for a further four year term.

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Background Papers

Council report, 'Appointment of New Independent Members of the Standards and Ethics Committee', 22 September 2011 and minutes thereof
Standards & Ethics Committee report, 'Independent Member – Expiry of Term of Office', 21 July 2015