

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-2018

**COUNCIL
17 MAY 2017**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR,
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC
SERVICES**

Agenda Item No. 8

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE STANDARDS
COMMITTEE**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To consider the appointment of Members to the Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Council:

(1) Appointment of County Borough Members to the Standards Committee:

Appoint two County Borough Councillors to the Standards Committee with terms of office until the next Local Government Election; and

(2) Appointment of a Community Councillor to the Standards Committee:

Following the required consultation with Community Councils as outlined in the report, to re-appoint Community Councillor Cllr. Raymond Butler (Llantwit Fardre), for a further term of office until the next Local Government Election as the Community Council Member on the Standards Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

Membership of the Standards Committee

- 3.1 The Standards Committee comprises of five members; three Independent, two County Borough Members and one Community Council Member who represents all Community/Town Councils within the County Borough.

Appointment of County Borough Councillors and a Community Councillor to the Standards Committee

- 3.2 The membership of the Standards Committee is not politically balanced but previously the two County Borough Members have been from the majority group and the largest opposition group and it is suggested that this practice is continued.
- 3.3 In view of the experience Elected Members acquire by sitting on the Standards Committee, it is considered that two County Borough Members and one Community Council Member should be appointed until the next Local Government Elections.
- 3.4 At its AGM in 2012 Council agreed that the Council's Standards Committee, following an appointments process, appoint a Community Council Member to the Committee until the next Local Government Election.
- 3.5 Following that appointments process the Standards Committee appointed Cllr. Raymond Butler (Community Councillor – Llantwit Fardre Community Council) to the Committee.
- 3.6 Legislation permits a Community Council Member of the Standards Committee to be reappointed for one further consecutive term. Following his recent re-election to Llantwit Fardre Community Council, Cllr. R. Butler has confirmed he would be willing to be reappointed to the Committee for a further term i.e. until the next Local Government Election.
- 3.7 Before reappointing a Community Council Member however the Council must consult—
 - (a) community councils which are situated within its area; and
 - (b) community council associations established for and operating within that area (if any).
- 3.8 It is therefore proposed that following the required consultation with the Community Councils, Council re-appoints Community Councillor Cllr. Raymond Butler (Llantwit Fardre), for a further term of office until the next Local Government Election as the Community Council Member on the Standards Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

as amended by

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

COUNCIL

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MATTER REPORTED FOR INFORMATION

REPORT

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Freestanding matter

