

FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

DATE: **MONDAY, 13 APRIL 2015**

REPORT BY: **CHIEF OFFICER, GOVERNANCE**

SUBJECT: **VACANCY ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

1.00 **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.01 To approve the process for filling the vacancy on the committee.

2.00 **BACKGROUND**

2.01 The Committee has had a vacancy for an independent Member since the previous Chair retired in June 2014. The vacancy was being held open to enable a shared recruitment process with Denbighshire County Council, who had a forthcoming vacancy and were initially keen to share cost and good practice.

2.02 DCC have recently started their own vacancy without seeking to share the recruitment process. It is not now possible to share that appointment due to the legislative process that must be followed.

2.03 Wrexham CBC will have 2 vacancies arising towards the end of the calendar year. They are looking to advertise in July and interview in September. They would be willing to share the recruitment process though it is not possible to hold joint interviews and though it is possible that they would want to make a joint appointment. More detail will be given at the meeting.

3.00 **CONSIDERATIONS**

3.01 The legislative process requires an advert to be placed in 2 newspapers circulating in our area containing the criteria for appointment. There must be a recruitment panel consisting of no more than 5 members, 1 of whom must be a community councillor and 1 who must be a lay person. This panel must make recommendations to full Council.

3.02 I would recommend that the appointment panel consist of:

- the Chair of Council
- the Committee Chair
- the Community Council representative
- Graham Binnie, lay person

- a Councillor member of this Committee.

3.03 If Wrexham are interested in sharing the recruitment costs then shared criteria for appointment could be developed. These would be based on those attached at Appendix 1 which were used by this Council last time.

4.00 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.01 That the Chief Officer Governance advertises to fill the vacancy on the Standards Committee and shares as much of that process with WCBC as possible.

4.02 That a panel of the following consider applications and makes recommendations to Full Council for the appointment of any suitable candidate:

- the Chair of Council
- the Committee Chair
- the Community Council representative
- Graham Binnie, lay person
- a Councillor member of this Committee.

5.00 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.01 The Council must advertise the vacancy in 2 or more newspapers circulating in its area. Last time this cost approximately £4,000

6.00 ANTI POVERTY IMPACT

6.01 None.

7.00 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7.01 None.

8.00 EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.01 None.

9.00 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

9.01 None.

10.00 CONSULTATION REQUIRED

10.01 The panel makes recommendations to Full Council which will make the final decision.

11.00 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

11.01 None.

12.00 APPENDICES

12.01 Appendix A – criteria for appointment.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT) 1985
BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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