

APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Remote Meeting held on 3rd October, 2025.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillors R.M. Birch, J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

355 ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Principal Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

356 ELECTION OF CHAIR –

RESOLVED – T H A T Councillor R.M. Birch be appointed Chair for the Municipal Year.

357 MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March, 2025 be approved as a correct record.

358 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

359 MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL’S STANDARDS COMMITTEE -

The minutes of the meeting of the Appointments Panel re: Standards Committee held on the 19th September, 2025 regarding the appointment of an Independent Member to serve on the Council’s Standards Committee were presented for consideration.

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the Appointments Panel Re Standards Committee be noted and the details of the interviews be considered in Part II of the agenda.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the confidential information contained within the minutes.

360 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

361 PART II MINUTES OF THE APPOINTMENTS PANEL RE STANDARDS COMMITTEE OF 19TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 REGARDING THE INTERVIEWS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, TOGETHER WITH THE APPLICATION FORMS (EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPHS 12, 13 AND 14) –

The Part II Minutes of the Appointment Panel re: Standards Committee held on 19th September 2025 were presented for consideration. The minutes advised that the Panel interviewed eighteen applicants for the position of Independent Member on the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services provided the Appointments Committee with a verbal update in respect of the interviews that had taken place in respect of the four top scoring candidates, as recommended by the interview panel.

Having considered the recommendations of the Appointments Panel re: Standards Committee of 19th September 2025, the verbal update provided by the Monitoring Officer at the meeting and in light of the advice of the Officer regarding the decisions of the Panel, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Mrs. Janet Evans be appointed as an Independent Member to the Standards Committee, the term of office to be for six years respectively to commence from 6th October, 2025, subject to the submission of two appropriate references.

(2) T H A T delegated authority be granted to the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services in conjunction with the Chair of the Standards Committee to consider and (if deemed appropriate) approve the references received.

Reasons for decisions

- (1) To fill the vacancy of Independent Member on the Standards Committee subject to references being received.
- (2) Should the references be not accepted, that a further interview process be undertaken.