

Standards Committee Appointments Panel

17 June 2025

Present: Dr M Havard, Councillor D Clements and Mr I Thomas (Lay Member).

Mr Michael Kent, Monitoring Officer, was also present at the meeting in a governance advisory capacity.

(NPA Offices, Llanion Park, Pembroke Dock: 2.00p.m. – 5.15p.m)

1. **Appointment of Chair**

It was **resolved** that Dr Havard be appointed Chair for the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor A Tinley.

3. **Disclosures of interest**

Councillor Clements disclosed that she knew one of the candidates in a professional capacity but considered this to be only a personal interest.

4. **Exclusion of the public**

It was **resolved** that the public be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, would be disclosed.

5. **Appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee**

The Panel was reminded that a vacancy had arisen for an Independent Member to serve on the National Park Authority's Standards Committee. Five candidates had applied and been shortlisted for interview to fill the vacancy, however only four of these had accepted the invitation to interview.

Following the interviews, due to the calibre of the applicants, the panel discussed appointing two independent members, rather than just one, because of the difficulty in appointing Independent Members previously.

It was **resolved** that a recommendation be made to the National Park Authority that Mr Lyndon Freeman and Mr Rhodri Lewis be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

