

REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER

**SUBJECT:
INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Background

The Authority's Standards Committee comprises 6 Members; 3 Members of the Authority and 3 Independent Members. There are currently vacancies for two Independent Members. One of our Independent members has retired through ill-health and the Chairman's term of office ends on 28th December 2010.

Following a public advertisement of the vacancy, five applications were received, two of the applicants were unfortunately ineligible for office. The remaining three Applicants were interviewed by the Standards Committee Appointments Panel. This met on the 6th December.

Under the relevant Regulations it is the statutory duty of the Appointments Panel to consider all Applications received and to make recommendations to the Authority. In addition, the Regulations provide that the appointment of Independent Members shall be made by the Authority which shall have regard to the recommendations of the Panel.

A further supplemental report of the recommendation of the Appointment Panel will be conveyed to Members at the meeting for their consideration.

Recommendation

Under Regulation 16(2) of the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, and the Standards Committee (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006 Members are invited to consider and have regard to the recommendations of the Appointments Panel and complete the appointment process.

As there had been no variation of the terms and conditions of membership of the Standards Committee, the "Terms and Conditions" as to the appointment of the Independent Members be in accordance with the terms and conditions previously recommended by the Standards Committee, and adopted by the Authority on the last appointment of an independent member in December 2008.

Background Documents

Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001
Standards Committee (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006

(For further information, please contact Mr John Parsons, Monitoring Officer)

Terms and Conditions to apply upon the appointment of an Independent Member of the Standards Committee

- 1) That the appointment be in accordance with the particulars contained in the Public Advertisement and the Information Pack – details of which have already been supplied to the appointee.
- 2) The period of appointment will be from the * until the *

[Note: a period of 5 years from the date of the appointment as made by the National Park Authority.]
- 3) In accepting the appointment the appointee will be taken to confirm that he/she is not the subject of any statutory disqualification from holding the office of Independent Member of the Standards Committee of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority.
- 4) If the appointee wishes to resign as an Independent Member then he/she will be required to give the Authority two months notice in writing in advance.
- 5) The appointee will immediately be required to sign an undertaking to abide by the Authority's Code of Conduct for Members.
- 6) If the appointee becomes aware of any change in his/her circumstances which may give rise to the potential for a conflict of interest with his/her role as an independent Member, then the appointee must inform the Authority's Monitoring Officer immediately.
- 7) The Authority reserves the right to terminate the appointment of the Independent Member in the event that the appointee has suffered prolonged ill health or other matter which renders the appointee unable to carry out the role.
- 8) Due to the nature of the appointment, the Authority also reserves the right to terminate the appointment of the Independent Member in the event of any breach of the Members Code of Conduct by the appointee.
- 9) The Authority further reserves the right to terminate the appointment of the Independent Member if the appointee has misled the Authority in any way in order to secure his/her appointment.
- 10) This appointment does not constitute a contract of employment between the appointee and the Authority.