

REPORT OF MONITORING OFFICER

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

Background

Members will recall that, at the meeting of the National Park Authority held on the 11th December 2019, it was resolved to increase the number of Independent Members on the Authority's Standards Committee to four. As a result of that decision – and the fact that the previous Chair's term of office had come to an end – two vacancies had been advertised in the local press, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 ("the Regulations").

Regulations 15 and 16 state that a Panel must be established to consider all applications received, and to make a recommendation to the Authority. Regulation 16 also states that the Authority must have regard to the recommendation(s) of the Panel. Sixteen applications were received in total and, following a rigorous shortlisting exercise, the Standards Committee Appointments Panel agreed to invite six candidates for interview. These were undertaken over two days; 28th January and the 11th February 2020, the minutes of which are to be found on the agenda for this meeting.

The Panel recommends that Ms Wendy Taylor and Mr Phillip Davies be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee with effect from the 2nd April 2020. The appointments are for a period of 5 years.

RECOMMENDATION:

Under Regulation 16(2) of the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, Members are invited to consider and have regard to the recommendation of the Standards Committee Appointments Panel and complete the appointment process of Ms Taylor and Mr Davies for a period of five years with effect from the 2nd April 2020 and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in Appendix 1.

Background Documents

Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001

(For further information, please contact Mrs Janet Evans, Administration & Democratic Services Manager and Deputy 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 s/he 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 s/he 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.