



## MINUTES OF MEETING

# STANDARDS MEETING

FRIDAY, 21ST JANUARY, 2022

**PRESENT:** J Morgan (In the Chair)

**Councillors:**

G Richards and C Tovey

**Independent Members:**

D McCarthy and M Veale

**Community Council Representative:**

R Searl

**Officers:**

C Kennedy (Head of Legal and Governance Services -  
Monitoring Officer)

M Edmunds (Democratic Services Officer)

| ITEM NO. | AGENDA MATTER                    | DECISION  |
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| 587      | Apologies for absence            | Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Amos, A Morgan and I Cathrew.   |
| 588      | Declarations of Interest         | There were no declarations of interest made.  |
| 589      | Standards Committee Chairs Forum | <p>The Monitoring Officer brought to the Committee's attention the Standards Conference on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and checked that everyone had seen the invitation and agenda and requested that those that wished to attend put their names forward do so by Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.</p> <p>The Standards Committee Chairs Forum is a proposal that</p> |

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|     |   | <p>has come from the All Wales Monitoring Officer Group, suggesting that there be a Forum of Chairs of Standards Committee across Wales, the idea of the Forum is for discussion and sharing ideas of good practice. Committee Members agreed that this would be a good idea and therefore the Monitoring Officer will advise that Merthyr Tydfil agree to be part of the Standards Committee Chairs Forum.</p>  |
| 590 | Recruitment of Independent Members - Update | <p>The Monitoring Officer advised Committee that after today's meeting there would be three vacancies on the Standards Committee. No final figures on applicants were known as the advert had not closed, but there are at least 11 applications. The interview panel will consist of C Kenndy and S Jones with support from M Edmunds.</p> <p>Following a question raised, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that the three members leaving Standards Committee were Jeffrey Morgan (Chair), Ian Cathrew (Vice Chair) and David McCarthy.</p> <p>As soon as the new members are appointed, the next committee meeting date will be set, at which time a new Chair and Vice Chair will need to be appointed from Co-opted Members.</p> <p>A Committee Member sought clarity on appointment timelines/streamlining of Standards Committee.</p> |
| 591 | Training - Update                           | <p>The Monitoring Officer advised there was no training update and anticipated that there would be further information on training available when we get into the next administration cycle.</p>   |
| 592 | Date of next meeting                        | To be decided.   |
| 593 | Any other item deemed urgent by the Chair   | <p>The Chair thanked the Committee for all the help and support provided and wished them well for the future.</p> <p>Committee Members thanked J Morgan, I Cathrew and D McCarthy for their participation on the Standards Committee.</p> <p>The Chair declared the meeting closed.</p>  |