

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
20th January 2016**

REPORT BY: Solicitor to the Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Independent (Lay) Member on the Standards Committee.

REPORT FOR: Decision

1. At the meeting of the County Council on the 21st October, 2015 arrangements were agreed to fill a vacancy in the office of an Independent (Lay) Member on the Standards Committee including the appointment of a Panel (to be chaired by the High Sheriff) to interview applicants and make appropriate recommendations to the County Council.
2. The Standards Committee appointed County Councillor K Roberts-Jones as the County Councillor representative on the Panel and the Chair of Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer appointed Community Councillor Clare Evans as the Community Council representative on the Panel. The two Independent (Lay) Members completing this five Member Panel were the Chair of Standards Committee Mrs H Rhydderch-Roberts and the Mrs S Jarman. On receipt of the applications it became apparent that the High Sheriff and Mrs Jarman were unable to act as Panel Members as they knew one or more of the applicants. Ex-High Sheriff Lady Large was able to take the role of Panel Chair and Mrs J Evans was able to join the Panel as Independent Member of the Standards Committee.
3. Following public advertisement of this vacancy in the local press and on the Powys County Council website expressions of interest were received from 53 members of the public.
4. Applications were received from 49 eligible candidates and these were considered at a shortlisting meeting of the Panel on 27th November 2015. Six applicants were invited to interview on 10th December 2015.
5. The Panel recommend that Mr Stephan Hays be appointed as Independent (Lay) Member for a period of 6 years from 26th January 2016 which is the date that the post becomes vacant.

Recommendation:		Reason for Recommendation:	
To note the contents of this report and to consider the Panel's recommendation and appoint Mr Stephan Hays as an Independent (Lay) Member for a period of 6 years from 26 th January 2016		To comply with the requirements for Independent (Lay) members of the Standards Committee as required by the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (as amended).	
Relevant Policy (ies):	N/A		
Within Policy:	N/A	Within Budget:	N/A

Relevant Local Member(s):	N/A		
Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer)		
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	Immediately following the Council meeting.		
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Background Papers used to prepare Report: