

Report of Monitoring Officer

Subject: Independent Members of the Standards Committee

Background

As noted in the report of the Standards Committee to the Authority in June 2024, the term of office of Mrs V Tomlinson, an independent member of the Standards Committee, came to an end in September of this year. The vacancy was advertised in the local press in June 2024, 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. One candidate was interviewed by the Standards Committee Appointments Panel in July 2024 but was unsuccessful. Following re-advertisement, a second candidate was interviewed on 20 November 2024. The minutes of these meetings are found elsewhere on the agenda.

The Panel recommends that Mr John Hogg be appointed as Independent Member of the Standards Committee with effect from the 11 December 2024. The appointment is 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 Mr John Hogg for a period of five years with effect from the 11 December 2024 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 Caroline Llewellyn, Democratic Services Manager)

APPENDIX 1

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.