

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

**COUNTY COUNCIL
25th January 2018**

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 18th May 2017 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 interview applicants and make appropriate recommendations to the County Council.
2. The Standards Committee appointed County Councillor Sarah Lewis as the County Councillor representative on the Panel and the Chair of Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer appointed Community Councillor Hugh Pattrick 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 J Evans. The High Sheriff Mrs S Thompson acted as Independent Panel Member. The Panel appointed Mrs Rhydderch-Roberts as Chair.
3. Following public advertisement of this vacancy in the local press and on the Powys County Council website expressions of interest were received from 35 members of the public.
4. Applications were received from 15 eligible candidates and these were considered at a shortlisting meeting of the Panel on 23rd October 2017. Six applicants were invited to interview on 8th November 2017.
5. The Panel recommend that Mrs Chris Mulholland be appointed as Independent (Lay) Member for a period of 6 years from 25th January 2018 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 Mrs Chris Mulholland as an Independent (Lay) Member for a period of 6 years from 25 th January 2018.		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: