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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE RE: STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a remote meeting held on 4th March, 2025.

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Present: Councillors R.M. Birch, J.E. Charles and C.P. Franks.

ANNOUNCEMENT –

Prior to the commencement of the business of the Committee, the Chair read the following statement: “May I remind everyone present that the meeting will be live streamed as well as recorded via the internet and this recording archived for future viewing”.

MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (MO/HLDS) –

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for the re-appointment of two Independent Members on the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in presenting the report, advised that Independent Members were Members who were not either a Councillor or an Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council or the spouse of a Councillor or an Officer of the Vale of Glamorgan Council or any other relevant Authority as defined by legislation, appointed in accordance with the procedure set out in the Standards Committees (Wales Regulations) 2001 (as amended) and the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006.

Independent Members were appointed for a period of not less than four and no more than six years in accordance with Regulation 18(i) of the Standards Committees (Wales Regulations) 2001 (as amended) as amended by Regulation 28a of the Local Government (Standards Committees Investigations,

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Dispensations and Referral) (Wales) Amendment Regulations 2016 and may be re-appointed for one further consecutive term not exceeding four years.

Committee was also informed that, both Mr. G. Watkins and Mr. R. Alexander were appointed to the Standards Committee on 13th March, 2019, for a six year term of office which was due to expire on 12th March, 2025 respectively, however, both Independent Members had advised Democratic Services that they were prepared to be re-appointed for one further consecutive term not exceeding four years in accordance with the legislation.

It was therefore proposed that both Independent Members, as referred to above, be reappointed as Independent Members to the Standards Committee for a further four years in accordance with the legislation until 12th March, 2029, with the subsequent decision of the Committee being presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Standards Committee.

In response to a query raised by the Chair as to whether there were any concerns in relation to meeting attendance levels for the individuals concerned, the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal and Democratic Services advised that Mr. Alexander's attendance levels had been reviewed previously and were found to be in line with the six monthly attendance requirement. Mr. Alexander was also previously requested to return his corporately provided laptop for assessment following technical difficulties in attending a previous meeting, however, the related technical issues had since been rectified. Democratic Services Officers would continue to monitor the attendance levels of all Standards Committee Members and any developing concerns raised with the Monitoring Officer accordingly.

With no further questions or comments, the Committee subsequently

RESOLVED – T H A T the re-appointment of Mr. G. Watkins and Mr. R. Alexander, from 13th March, 2025, as Independent Members on the Standards Committee for the next four years, be approved.

Reason for decision

Having received confirmation from both Independent Members that they wished to be re-appointed for one further consecutive term, not exceeding four years in compliance with the legislation, until 12th March. 2029.