



AGENDA ITEM: 11

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

16 December 2013

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report by Colin Everett, Clerk to the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 To propose reappointing two independent members to the Authority's Standards Committee.

Introduction

- 2 During 2003, in accordance with legislative requirements, the Authority established a Standards Committee. This committee comprises six members, four of whom are independent members and two of whom are members from the Fire and Rescue Authority (currently Cllr Brian Dunn and Cllr Jim Evans).
- 3 Following the introduction of the Standards Committees (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2006, an independent member can be reappointed for a maximum of one further term of up to four years. There is no legal requirement to advertise a vacancy if it is intended to make a reappointment.
- 4 The independent members whose terms of office come to an end in December 2013 are Jane A Eyton-Jones and Celia Blomeley. Both ladies have indicated that they are willing to be reappointed.

- 5 If any vacancies need to be advertised, the established interview process would require an advisory panel to be convened consisting of not more than five members, one of whom must be an independent lay panel member. The advisory panel would then consider the applications and make a recommendation to the Authority on who should be appointed as in the past. To simplify the process given the gaps between full meetings of the Fire Authority, it is proposed below that the appointment of the lay panel member should be delegated to the Chair, Clerk and the Chief Fire Officer.

Recommendation

- 6 That Jane A Eyton-Jones and Celia Blomeley are reappointed as independent members of the Standards Committee with effect from January 2014 for a term of four years.
- 7 That authority is delegated to the Chair, Clerk and Chief Fire Officer to appoint a lay member to the advisory panel for any future Standards Committee appointments as and when they arise.