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### STANDARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

South Wales Fire & Rescue Authority currently has **one** vacancy for an Independent Member of the Standards Committee. This is a statutory Committee which plays a crucial role in maintaining high ethical standards. The role of the Committee is to advise, assist and guide Members in the adoption, monitoring, operation, enforcement and review of various local Codes of Conduct, in particular the Code of Conduct for Members and other ethical guidance. Full details of the Terms of Reference of the Standards Committee can be found on Page 9 of the [Terms of Reference](#) document in the [Publications Library](#) on our Website.

Independent Members are appointed for a period of between four and six years and may be appointed for a further consecutive term of up to four years. The Standards Committee meets at least twice a year, although Independent Members may need to make themselves available for unscheduled meetings at a few days' notice should the need arise.

The Standards Committee comprises five Independent Members, three Fire Authority Members. The roles of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected from amongst the Independent Members of the Standards Committee.

Suitable applicants will be able to demonstrate the following qualities and characteristics:

- Good listener but inquisitive
- Ability to weigh up conflicting evidence and reach an effective conclusion
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Respect for others with an understanding of and respect for strong ethical values
- Integrity and good character

A detailed knowledge of local government is not necessary although it would be an advantage if potential candidates were interested in matters relating to public life and services.

The following persons cannot in law be an Independent Member:

- A serving Councillor or Officer (or the spouse or civil partners of a Councillor or Officer) of a Unitary Authorities:
- a Fire and Rescue Authority
- a National Park Authority
- a Community / Town Council
- Former Fire Authority Members or Officers of South Wales Fire and Rescue Service

The ability to speak Welsh may be considered by the Appointment Panel to be an advantage and the Panel may take into account the need to achieve a balance of skills, qualities and expertise on the Committee, as well as the need to represent the

community as a whole and achieve a geographical spread of representation on the Committee.

An Independent Member should also not have had significant previous dealings with the Service which may compromise their impartiality, nor have a close relationship with any Member or Officer of the Service.

Candidates should have sufficient time to devote to the appointment and an ability to attend at least 2 afternoon / evening meetings a year, plus daytime hearings and training events. The successful candidate is expected to be committed to the four-year term.

The Authority is an equal opportunities employer and provider of services and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Independent Members of the Standards Committee are entitled to claim the following fees as co-opted Members:

Chairperson - daily fee £268 (4 hours and over), (£134 up to 4 hours)  
Ordinary Member – daily fee £238 (4 hours and over), (£119 up to 4 hours).

For an application form, more information or an informal discussion, please contact Geraint Thomas, Monitoring Officer on 01443 232074 or e-mail [GB-Thomas@southwales-fire.gov.uk](mailto:GB-Thomas@southwales-fire.gov.uk).

Further details on the role and an application form can also be found at [www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/working-with-us/latest-vacancies/](http://www.southwales-fire.gov.uk/working-with-us/latest-vacancies/).

The closing date for applications is: 12:00 Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

It is intended that interviews will take place on the afternoon of 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022

The successful candidate will be expected to take up their appointment from 01 September 2022.