

APPOINTMENT OF 2 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE FOR DENBIGHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

We are looking to appoint 2 Independent Members to the Council's Standards Committee who are responsible for promoting, maintaining and improving ethical arrangements within the Authority and the City, Town and Community Councils within Denbighshire.

Applicants will be required to demonstrate independence, integrity and impartiality in discharging the work of the committee and possess the following qualities and skills: -

- Listening skills
- Ability to understand and weigh up evidence
- Discretion
- Ability to come to an objective view and explain that view by reference to the evidence
- Respect for others and an understanding of diverse issues
- Empathy with the Welsh Language and Culture
- Experience of attending and contributing to meetings

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. In addition, independent members must: -

- Be eligible for selection as an independent member as defined in the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001 (see below as to who cannot be an independent member*)
- Be able to meet the time commitment involved and be available at short notice
- Be well respected in the community
- Be able to provide two references
- Candidates should not otherwise be disqualified (e.g. under Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972)

***A person cannot be an independent member if they:**

- are a Councillor or officer (or spouse or civil partner to a Councillor or officer) of any County/County Borough Council, National Park Authority, Fire Authority or a City, Community or Town Council
- a former Councillor or officer of Denbighshire County Council
- was a Councillor or officer of another County/County Borough Council, National Park, or a Fire Authority within the 12 months prior to their appointment (May 2025)

Independent Member Payments

You will receive between £105 to £268 per day depending on your role and the Standards Committee meets up to 6 times per year in Denbighshire.

All applications will be judged on their merit and 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 will all be taken into account in making the final appointments.

The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2025. The appointment will be subject to an interview with an Advisory Panel 10th April 2025. The Advisory Panel will make a recommendation to Full Council on the 13th of May 2025 who will make the final decision on the appointment.

For an informal discussion regarding the role please contact Gary Williams, Monitoring Officer on gary.williams@denbighshire.gov.uk or 01824 712562.

Applications forms are available from Amy Foster on amy.foster@denbighshire.gov.uk or by telephone on 01824 712607.

Denbighshire County Council is committed to Equal Opportunities and its Welsh Language Standards. We welcome applications in the Welsh Language and application forms received in the Welsh Language will not be treated less favourably than an application form submitted in English.