Report of: Democratic Services Manager

Subject: Membership of Disciplinary, Grievance and Appeal Committees

Decision Required: Yes

Recommendation:

The Authority is recommended to confirm the membership of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee, Grievance Committee and Appeals Committee as set out in the report.

1. Key Messages

Appointment of Members to these Committees is an important element of the Governance of the Authority.

2. Background

Members will recall that, at the Annual General Meeting held on the 18 June 2025, it was reported that consideration of the membership of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee, Grievance Committee and Appeals Committee would be confirmed once the Chairs and Deputy Chairs of the Authority and other relevant Committees had been appointed. The necessary appointments to the Committees have now taken place.

The Terms of Reference of the Committees can be found on the Members' portal.

3. Consultation

The Chief Executive has had sight of the report. No consultation has taken place, however Members have the opportunity at this meeting to propose an alternative composition for the Committees.

4. Strategic Policy Context

The information and recommendation(s) contained in this report are consistent with the Authority's statutory purposes and its approved strategic policy context.

Principle 1 of the Authority's Code of Corporate Governance, makes a commitment to adopt a culture of behaviour based on shared values, ethical principles and good conduct and this can be achieved by having in place appropriate complaints and grievance procedures.

5. Financial Considerations

There are no resources or financial implications arising from the proposals.

6. Risk and Compliance Considerations

Appointing Members to these Committees complies with complaints and grievance procedures which mitigates legal, financial and reputational risks to the Authority.

7. Impact on our Public Sector Duties

7.1 Integrated Assessment Completed: No

7.2 Equality, Socio-Economic, Health and Human Rights Impacts

The existence of these Committees protects the rights of staff.

7.3 Welsh Language Impacts

Staff are able to address any of these Committees through the medium of Welsh in accordance with the Authority's Welsh Language Standards.

7.4 Section 6 Biodiversity Duty and Carbon Emission Impacts

These Committees would meet on-line or in person as appropriate, although meeting in person would increase carbon emissions.

7.5 Well-being Goals for Wales and 5 Ways of Working (Sustainable Development Principles) Impacts

Appointment of Members to these existing Committees will have no impact on the Well-being goals for Wales or the Sustainable Development Principles.

8. Conclusion

It is suggested that the composition of the under-mentioned Committees be as follows:

Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

Councillor S Alderman, Deputy Chair, Operational Review Committee Councillor T Evans Ms H Gwenllian Dr M Havard, Chair, National Park Authority Councillor S Skyrme-Blackhall

Grievance Committee

Councillor C George, Deputy Chair, National Park Authority
Mr J Hogg
Dr R Plummer, Chair, Operational Review Committee
Councillor V Thomas, Deputy Chair, Development Management Committee
Councillor C Williams

Appeals Committee

Councillor D Clements, Chair, Audit and Corporate Services Review Committee Councillor Dr SL Hancock, Chair, Development Management Committee Mrs S Hoss Mr G Jones Councillor B Price

9. List Background Documentation:

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