Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council is seeking to appoint an Independent Member and a reserve Independent Member to its Standards Committee. The Standards Committee of the County Borough Council has been established under the Local Government Act 2000 and subsidiary legislation. Included in its terms of reference is the consideration of matters relating to Elected Members’ conduct. The Committee comprises elected members of the Council, a Community Council Member and independent members. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee are elected from the independent members.

The Council has adopted the following criteria for the appointment of independent members:

- They must be “independent”, as defined by the Standards Committee (Wales) Regulations 2001, not be disqualified by those regulations nor by Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1972
- They must be entitled to be included in the electoral register for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
- They must be a respected member of the community within the area served by Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council and have experience relevant to the Standards Committee’s work.

In addition, all applicants must be totally independent of politics.

The appointment will be for a period of six years. An Independent Member is entitled to receive a daily allowance rate of £198 (£99 for ½ day) plus expenses for their attendance at meetings which is payable in accordance with the Council’s Schedule of Member Remuneration.

Application forms and further details can be obtained from Mr. C. B. Jones, Monitoring Officer, Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, County Borough Council Offices, The Pavilions, Cambrian Park, Clydach Vale CF40 2XX – Telephone (01443 424045) or e-mail director.legal@rctcbc.gov.uk

Completed application forms should be returned by no later than Tuesday 6th February 2018.