

REPORT TO: SPECIAL HARBOUR BOARD

Date: 05/05/2021

**TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO
THE HARBOUR BOARD**

REPORT BY: HARBOUR MASTER

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report details the selection process for the appointment of an Independent Member to the Ilfracombe Harbour Board.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Mr Nigel Thomas be appointed as an Independent Member on the Harbour Board for a four year period until 20th July 2025.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Members of the Interview Panel, (the Panel), considered following the interview process that Mr Nigel Thomas had demonstrated the required attributes, and, therefore recommend Mr Nigel Thomas to be co-opted to serve on the Harbour Board.

4 REPORT

- 4.1 An Independent Member vacancy arose on the Ilfracombe Harbour Board due to Mr Colin Knill tendering his resignation August 2020.
- 4.2 The position was advertised in the local press and on North Devon Council's website.
- 4.3 The Panel agreed to interview the two applicants who had applied to serve on the Board as an Independent Member; the two candidates were interviewed each having met the essential criteria of the selection criteria.
- 4.4 The interview panel consisted of Captain Georgina Carlo-Paat and Councillor Geoff Fowler, Chair of the Harbour Board.
- 4.5 Following the interviews of each of the candidates the Panel considered that Mr Nigel Thomas was the preferred candidate to be recommended to Council for appointment.

4.6 The selection process mirrored that undertaken for the appointment of Independent and Parish Council appointments to the Ethics Committee and the Council's Officers' appointments.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no resource implications associated with this report.

6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
Part 3, Annexe 1, Paragraph 6	Referred

7 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- Application forms and evaluation forms that also contained personal information relating to an individual which are not for publication as they contained material personal to that applicant.

The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

9 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

9.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and officers.

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Date: 20/04/21