

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

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1 Summary

- 1.1 The Committee is requested to note that a new member needs to be appointed, and the process for this appointment.

2 Decision issues

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to recommend to full Council that the Monitoring Officer and Chairman of the Standards Committee be authorised to interview and appoint a suitable candidate to the Standards Committee.

3 Background

- 3.1 The Standards Committee comprises three members of the authority, two parish members and up to four independent members. The current position is that one of the independent members has ceased to be a member of the committee, due to a failure to attend for a six month period. Therefore there are currently only three independent members.

4 Current Position

- 4.1 It will be necessary to recruit to this vacant positions, as the independent members are a necessary and essential part of the committee. The role of Independent Members on the Committee is considered so important by the Government that the Committee will not be able to conduct any business unless at least one independent member is present.
- 4.2 It will be necessary to place an advertisement to find suitable candidates to fill this vacancy, and it is proposed that the Chairman and Monitoring Officer interview the candidate with a view to making a recommendation to full Council for appointment.

5 Financial implications

5.1 The costs of the advertisement can be met from existing budgets.

6 Legal implications

6.1 These are set out in the main body of the report.

7 Recommendations

7.1 That the Council agree that:

- (1) The Monitoring Officer and Chairman of the Standards Committee be authorised to interview for a new independent member, and to make a recommendation to Full Council for appointment.

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