

# Council – Supplementary Agenda

A meeting of the Council will be held on:

**Date:** 15 April 2010

**Time:** 7.00pm

**Venue:** St George's Centre, Pembroke Road, Chatham Maritime, Chatham

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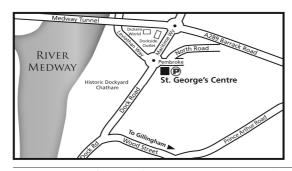
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#### CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS – ADDENDUM REPORT

Report from/Author: Deborah Upton, Monitoring Officer

Peter Holland, Committee Coordinator

#### **Summary**

This addendum report presents the outcome of consideration regarding the membership of the Standards Committee, following the meeting of the Standards Committee on 7 April 2010.

#### 1. Standards Committee – 7 April 2010

- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer introduced a report that advised the Committee on the progress in recruiting Independent Members of the Standards Committee. Members were informed that last year the Committee was advised that Mr Coulson and Mr Povey had served on Medway's Standards Committee for a period in excess of the two terms recommended by Standards for England and would therefore be standing down as soon as their replacements had been appointed. The Committee was also informed that additionally there had been an Independent Member vacancy for some time.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Officer informed Members that she had advertised for new independent members of the Standards Committee held interviews on 26 March 2010.
- 1.3 Following the interview process the Monitoring Officer informed Members that the calibre of candidates interviewed had been high and therefore asked the committee to recommend to Council to appoint the following 3 new Independent Members and retain 6 Independent Members of the Committee:
  - Christopher Sanford
  - Fatima Shah
  - Charles Thompson.

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#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Council is asked to appoint the following new Independent Members of the Standards Committee for a four year term of office expiring in May 2014:
  - Christopher Sanford
  - Fatima Shah
  - Charles Thompson.
- 2.2 The Council is asked to formally place on record its thanks to Mr Coulson and Mr Povey for their valued contribution to the work of the Committee since 2001.

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# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER – ADDENDUM REPORT

Report from/Author: Deborah Upton, Monitoring Officer

Peter Holland, Committee Coordinator

#### Summary

This addendum report presents the outcome of consideration of the report at the Standards Committee on 7 April 2010.

#### 1. Standards Committee – 7 April 2010

- 1.1 The Monitoring Officer presented the Annual Report of the Committee for the period April 2009 to March 2010. The report gave an update on Member Conduct issues, and the work of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.2 The Monitoring Officer asked Members to note that under paragraph 6 of the report (Members' Training and Development) she had recently completed a training session for Parish Councillors more specifically in respect of governance issues.

#### 2. Recommendation

2.1 The Council is requested to consider the Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer.

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