

## **COUNCIL**

**15 APRIL 2010**

### **CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS – ADDENDUM REPORT**

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#### **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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