

Standards Committee – 30th June, 2009

Report of the Interim Director of Law and Property

Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee

Purpose of Report

1. To recommend to the Council the appointment of a third Independent Member to serve on the Standards Committee.

Background

2. Miss L Smith, appointed to serve as an Independent Member on the Standards Committee in April, 2006, has recently tendered her resignation as a member of the Committee. In view of the difficulty experienced in the filling of such vacancies approaches were made to a number of persons and bodies to ascertain whether they could assist with the filling of this vacancy.
3. Arising from this, an Interview Panel, comprising the Chairman of this Committee and Councillors J R Davies and Tyler met on Thursday, 18th June, 2009 to interview a Father Alan Williams and unanimously agreed that he be recommended to the Council to fill the vacancy.

Finance

4. The post of Independent Member is unpaid but an Independent Member is entitled to receive travelling expenses.

Law

5. The appointment of Independent Members to a Standards Committee is governed by Section 56 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008. At least 25% of the membership of the Standards Committee must be independent members and their appointment must be confirmed by full Council.

Equality Impact

6. The arrangements for the interviewing for the post of an Independent Member comply fully with the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

7. That the decision of the Interview Panel be endorsed and that Father Alan Williams be recommended to Council as the third Independent Member of the Council's Standards Committee for the four year period commencing on 14th July, 2009.



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Background Papers

None