



COUNCIL – 19TH NOVEMBER 2013

SUBJECT: STANDARDS COMMITTEE – RESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER & APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

REPORT BY: INTERIM MONITORING OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To note the resignation of an independent member of the Standards Committee and the appointment of a new member.

2. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 2.1 The Council's Constitution, in accordance with statute, establishes a Standards Committee with a majority of independent members. Following the resignation of one of the independent members, it is necessary for the Council to appoint a replacement member in order to comply with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000.

3. THE REPORT

- 3.1 On the 11th June 2013 following an appointments process undertaken by the Authority regarding a vacancy on the Council's Standards Committee, the Council made two recommendations. The first a recommendation to make an appointment to the Standards Committee which was duly made. The second to establish a reserve list of independent members so that if a vacancy arose within 6 months it could be filled from the reserve list.
- 3.2 The reserve list was established and Mr David Lewis accepted the invitation to remain on the list for a period of 6 months from 12th June 2013.
- 3.3 On the 12th November 2013 Professor S Griffiths, Chair and independent member of the Standards Committee tendered her resignation from the Standards Committee, for personal reasons with immediate effect.
- 3.4 Mr David Lewis has been contacted and he has confirmed that he is prepared to fill the vacancy that has arisen, as a result of the resignation of Professor Griffiths.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There is an existing provision for allowances for independent members and therefore there are no additional financial implications arising under this report.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Equalities implications were considered as part of the Appointments process. There are none arising from this report.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The new appointee will be given induction training.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 None, the report reflects the recommendations of Council on 11th June 2013.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (a) that the resignation of Professor S Griffiths be noted, and that officers be asked to write to her to thank her for her service on the Standards Committee.
- (b) that the Council note that Mr D Lewis has been appointed from the reserve list to the Standards Committee as independent member for a period of 4 years from the date of this report.

9. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 In order to comply with statutory requirements in relation to the establishment of a Standards Committee and to give effect to the recommendations of the Panel set up under the regulations as approved by Council on 11th June 2013.

10. STATUTORY POWERS

- 10.1 Local Government Act 2000 and associated Regulations.

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Background Papers:
Council 11th June 2013