

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

24 June 2013

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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RECENT REFERENCES:

ST96 – Future Role of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives (Standards Committee – 28 January 2013)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

At its Annual Meeting held on 15 May 2013, Council resolved:-

‘That the Standards Committee be authorised to appoint three Parish Representatives to serve as non-voting, co-opted members for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Municipal Years, and to recommend to Council on 17 July 2013 the appointment of one further Independent Person for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Municipal Years, to join the two Independent Persons already appointed.’

The Parish positions were notified to all Parish Clerks and the Winchester District Association of Parish Councils. The closing date for applications was some weeks ago.

The Independent Person vacancy was advertised in the Hampshire Chronicle, the Mid Hants Observer and on the Council’s website. A copy of the advertisement is attached as Appendix A, together with a copy of the application pack which sets out the skills, competencies and role description of an Independent Person. The closing date is 14 June 2013 and all applications received will be sent to Committee Members next week.

As all the applications contain personal information, it is proposed that both sets of appointments be dealt with in exempt session. Therefore, whilst the report and Appendix A is available to all Members, the application forms in Appendices B and C will be sent to the Committee only.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Committee appoints three Parish Representatives to serve as non voting, co-opted members on the Standards Committee for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Municipal Years.
2. That the Committee recommends to Council the appointment of an Independent Person to serve for the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Municipal Years

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CHANGE PLANS (RELEVANCE TO):

Efficient and Effective Council.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The Council on 18 July 2012 agreed that an Independent Person should receive an annual allowance of £500, plus travel expenses. The Parish Representatives receive £242 plus travel expenses. Budgetary provision exists for these payments.

RISK MANAGEMENT

None provided agreed procedures are followed.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

OPEN APPENDIX

Appendix A – Advertisement and Application Pack

EXEMPT APPENDICES

Appendix B – Parish Representative Applications

Appendix C – Independent Person Applications (to follow)