

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

13 June 2005

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF STANDARDS COMMITTEES

REPORT OF CITY SECRETARY AND SOLICITOR

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

A letter has been received from the Regional Co-ordinator of the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Surrey and Sussex Forum of Independent Members, seeking to assess the level of interest for the establishment of a national body to provide a support framework for Independent Members.

A copy of that letter, together with a letter and questionnaire addressed to the Independent Members, is attached to this report.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee considers whether or not it wishes to support the establishment of a national Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

1 CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

1.1 To ensure the Council's work practices are consistent with corporate values.

2 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

2.1 If the Council decided to support the initiative, costs are likely to be modest and met from existing budgets.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Letters from the Regional Co-ordinator of the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Surrey and Sussex Forum of Independent Members.