

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (GOVERNANCE)

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RECENT REFERENCES:

None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Standards for England issues periodic bulletins containing information about recent developments related to probity and ethics. Members have been circulated with past editions and found them to be of interest. Therefore, the most recent is attached in its entirety.

Particular attention is drawn to the item concerning the re-appointment of Independent Members where it is explained that, subject to certain provisions, they could serve for a further term beyond the current maximum of two terms of four years.

The Council has always appointed Independent Members (and Parish Representatives) for a two year term of office and the current term will expire on 30/4/11. The Committee is requested to indicate a view on this matter, because should the principle of such an extension be supported, it can equally apply to those appointed for shorter periods (i.e. the Council could choose to extend for another two years), but the process must be completed and agreed by Council before the normal expiration of office.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Committee notes the contents of Bulletin 48 from Standards for England and expresses a view about the possible extension to the Independent Members term of office.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

CORPORATE STRATEGY (RELEVANCE TO):

An Efficient and Effective Council.

RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

The extension of the term of office of Independent Members would save on advertising and associated costs which are incurred when re-appointing (£500 approx.)

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Standards for England Bulletin 48