
REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2005

Chair: * Councillor Janet Cowan

Councillors: * Branch * Mrs Joyce Nickolay
* Ann Groves * Thammaiah
Harrison

Independent Persons: * The Rt Revd Peter Broadbent Mrs Bijal Shah

* Denotes Member present

[Note: Councillor Eileen Kinnear also attended this meeting in a participatory role].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION I - Independent Members

The Director of Corporate Governance introduced the report which set out proposals for the recruitment of Independent Members.

Members noted that the term of office for the current Independent Members was due to expire in May 2006 and that new Independent Members were required to go through the recruitment and selection process in preparation for the forthcoming 4-year term in office for the Municipal Years 2006 to 2010. The officer outlined the timescale in which the vacancy needed to be advertised, candidates shortlisted and interviewed.

Members suggested that the number of Independent Members on the Standards Committee should be increased in order to allow greater flexibility. There were currently two Independent Members, and should one Independent Member be absent, the onus was for the other member to attend otherwise the Standards Committee would not be quorate.

Having appointed Members to the Selection Panel for the appointment of Independent Members it was

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)

That four Independent Members be appointed to the Standards Committee.

(See also Minute 130).