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## REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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### MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2009

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Chairman:	* The Right Revd Peter Broadbent	
Councillors:	* Husain Akhtar	* Mitzi Green (1)
	* Mrs Lurline Champagne	* Joyce Nickolay
	* B E Gate	* Paul Osborn (1)
Independent Persons:	Ms Sheila Darr	* Dr J Kirkland
	Mr Mohammad Rizvi	

\* Denotes Member present

(1) Denotes category of Reserve Member

[Note: Councillor Mrs Kinnear also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 130 below].

#### **PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **RECOMMENDATION I - Appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee**

In accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the Committee received a report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services which was admitted late to the agenda in order that the recruitment process for Independent Members to serve from May 2010 could commence as early as possible.

An officer explained that, further to the preparation of the report, discussions had taken place with each of the Leaders of the main political groups, for their nominations to the proposed Selection Panel. These had been obtained and reported accordingly.

##### **Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to Council)**

That (1) four Independent Members be appointed to serve on the Standards Committee for four years from May 2010, and one Independent Member be appointed to act only (a) in the event that any of the Independent Members resigns or is unable to continue before the expiry of their term of office and (b) as and when appointed by Council;

(2) a Selection Panel comprising four Members of Council (two Conservative; one Labour; one Liberal Democrat) be established by the Standards Committee for the purposes of recruiting the Independent Members of the Standards Committee from May 2010, and that the proposed terms of reference of the Panel be agreed;

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(3) the membership and Chairman of the Panel be appointed, subject to the approval of resolution (2) above by Council, as follows:

Councillor Paul Osborn (Chairman)  
Councillor Brian Gate  
Councillor Vina Mithani  
Councillor Paul Scott