

REPORT FOR: SELECTION PANEL

Date of Meeting: 9 March 2010

Subject: Appointment of Independent Members

Responsible Officer: Hugh Peart, Director of Legal and Governance Services

Exempt: No

Enclosures: None

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report proposes the procedure for the Panel to shortlist applicants who have applied for the position of Independent Member of the Standards Committee.

Recommendations:

The Panel is requested to consider the applications received for the four positions of Independent Members (plus one reserve Member) of the Standards Committee and shortlist those whom the Panel wish to invite for an interview.

Section 2 – Report

1. At the last meeting of the Panel on 21 January 2010, the Panel agreed to criteria and application pack for the recruitment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee.
2. In accordance with the suggestions by the Panel, the advert publicising the roles to be appointed to, was placed in a variety of forums including Harrow People, Harrow Times, the Council website, the Asian Voice and the Voice newspapers.
3. The closing date for applications is 8 March 2010. The purpose of this meeting is for the Panel to consider all applications and to shortlist those applicants for interview.
4. Applications will be tabled at the meeting due to the closing date. Members may wish for some time during the meeting to read through the applications.
5. The interviews and discussions will take place at a date to be determined with the preferred candidates reported on to the Standards Committee on 23 March 2010.
6. Final confirmation and appointments will be made at the Annual Council meeting on 25 May 2010. Appointments will be for a period of four years.

Financial Implications

7. All costs including for the recruitment of Independent Members will be contained within existing budgets.

Risk Management Implications

8. Not identifying candidates to be interviewed will result in Independent Members not being appointed to the Standards Committee and ultimately in the Council's statutory obligations not being fulfilled.

Corporate Priorities

9. The recruitment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee promotes the Council's Corporate Priority of Building Stronger Communities by encouraging all members of the community to apply and play an important role in the integrity, transparency and accountability of the Council.

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Steve Tingle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Chief Financial Officer
Date: 4 March 2010		
Name: George Curran	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the* Monitoring Officer
Date: 4 March 2010		

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: List **only non-exempt** documents (i.e. not Private and Confidential/Part II documents) relied on to a material extent in preparing the report (e.g. previous reports). Where possible also include a web link to the documents.

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES