
Standards Committee: Independent Members

Report by the Members' Panel

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 We¹ were appointed by the Council at its meeting held on 18th April 2007 to recommend the appointment of Independent Members to serve on the Standards Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As required by the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations, 2001 the office of Independent Member of the Standards Committee had been advertised in the local press. These Regulations state that when a Standards Committee has more than three Members, at least 25% of the total membership must be Independent.
- 2.2 Article 9 of the District Council's Constitution states that Independent Members shall be appointed to serve on the Committee for a term of four years from the date of their appointment. It had therefore become necessary to appoint three Independent Members for a new term of office commencing 16th May 2007.
- 2.3 We noted the interest expressed by Mr D L Hall in continuing to serve as an Independent Member for a further term and interviewed an additional five candidates who had submitted written applications in response to the press advertisement.

3. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Having undertaken the interviews, we concluded that Mr Hall should be re-appointed and that two other applicants should be invited to serve as Independent Members.
- 3.2 Accordingly, we

RECOMMEND

that Mr D L Hall be re-appointed as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee and that Mr P L Boothman of Buckley House, Thicket Road, Houghton and Mr M Lynch of 7 Bury Way, St Ives also be invited to serve as Independent Members for a four year term commencing 16th May 2007.

Councillor G S E Thorpe
Vice Chairman of the Panel

¹ Membership of the Panel comprised Councillors Mrs B E Boddington and G S E Thorpe and Mr G Watkins, Parish Council representative. Although Councillor T D Sanderson was appointed to the Panel he was unable to participate in the interviews.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 8th March 2007.

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