
Report to
Council

13th January, 2009

Report of
Director of Finance and Legal Services and Director of Customer and Workforce Services

Title
Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee

1 Purpose of the Report

To appoint three Independent Members to fill vacancies on the Standards Committee.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the appointments of Gaile Allen, Christine Edden and Anil Patel as Independent Members of the Standards Committee with immediate effect
- 2.2 To approve that the one remaining position for an Independent Member on the Standards Committee remains vacant until a suitable candidate is identified

3 Background

- 3.1 The Council's Constitution provides that the membership of the Standards Committee is thirteen and comprises three elected members, eight independent members and two members from parish councils.
- 3.2 At its Annual Meeting on 15th May 2008, the City Council appointed five Independent Members to the Standards Committee and left three vacancies to be filled following a recruitment and selection process. Since the Annual Meeting, Margaret Farrell, an independent member has resigned and therefore four vacancies for Independent Members now exist on the Committee.
- 3.3 Following a recruitment and selection process, interviews were held on the 18th December 2008 and three Independent Members were selected for appointment to the Committee.

4 Proposal and Other Option(s) to be Considered

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Council appoint Gaile Allen, Christine Edden and Anil Patel as Independent Members to fill three of the vacancies on the Standards Committee and to leave the remaining independent position vacant.

5 Other specific implications

5.1

	Implications (See below)	No Implications
Best Value		✓
Children and Young People		✓
Climate Change & Sustainable Development		✓
Comparable Benchmark Data		✓
Corporate Parenting		✓
Coventry Community Plan		✓
Crime and Disorder		✓
Equal Opportunities		✓
Finance		✓
Health and Safety		✓
Human Resources		✓
Human Rights Act		✓
Impact on Partner Organisations		✓
Information and Communications Technology		✓
Legal Implications	✓	
Neighbourhood Management		✓
Property Implications		✓
Race Equality Scheme		✓
Risk Management		✓
Trade Union Consultation		✓
Voluntary Sector – The Coventry Compact		✓

6 Monitoring

6.1 Monitoring of the composition of the Standards Committee is continually monitored to ensure that it has an appropriate representation of members.

7 Legal Implications

7.1 It is a legal requirement that at least 25% of members of the Standards Committee are Independent and the Council has always met this requirement. With the proposed additional three new members this will increase independent members representation on the Committee to 58%.

	Yes	No
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Key Decision		✓
Scrutiny Consideration (if yes, which Scrutiny meeting and date)		✓
Council Consideration (if yes, date of Council meeting)	13 th January, 2009	

List of background papers

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