

AGENDA ITEM 4

**CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
31 JANUARY 2007**

**INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION:
APPOINTMENTS**

DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES : RICHARD G LONG

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To ask Members to confirm the latest appointments to the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

BACKGROUND

- 2 It was reported to Members on 8 February 2006 that the terms of office in respect of the Chair, Dr Jim Whiston, Mr Dennis Lane and Mr George Melville, had expired. Committee ordered that recruitment to the three posts on the Independent Panel be undertaken once the current review of allowances had been completed. Recruitment was to be undertaken by the Chair of the Corporate Affairs Committee, the Monitoring Officer and the Members' Office Manager, and subsequently reported to the Committee.
- 3 Five applications were received and all the applicants were interviewed. Interviews took place in September 2006, and were undertaken by the Monitoring Officer and the Members' Office Manager.
- 4 Following the interviews, it was decided that places should be offered to Dr Jim Whiston, to serve a further term of office, and two new members, June Goodchild and John Hargan. In subsequent discussions with the Chair, the Chair indicated his approval of the three appointments.

RECOMMENDATIONS

5 That Members confirm the appointment of the following to the Independent Panel:

June Goodchild
John Hargan
Dr Jim Whiston

for a period of up to 3 years.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes of the Corporate Affairs Committee, 8 February 2006.

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