

CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee was held on 31 January 2007.

PRESENT: Councillor Clark (Chair), Councillors Elder, J A Jones, McPartland, Mrs H Pearson and Porley.

OFFICIALS: J Bennington and C Davies.

**** PRESENT AS AN OBSERVER:** Mr G Melville.

**** DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made at this point of the meeting.

**** MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Affairs Committee held on 27 September 2006 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION APPOINTMENTS

The Members' Office Manager submitted a report regarding the latest appointments to the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

Members were reminded of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 February 2006 when it had been agreed that recruitment to the three posts which had expired on the Independent Panel be undertaken once the current review of allowances had been completed.

The Committee was advised that five applications had been received and all the applicants interviewed by the Monitoring Officer and the Members' Office Manager. It had been 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. Following consultation, the Chair had indicated his approval to the three appointments.

As previously agreed the recruitment process had included advertisements to faith and voluntary groups in an endeavour to ensure a broad range of experience.

A Member referred to possible implications of paragraphs 49 to 52 inclusive of ODPM Guidance on Consolidated Regulations for Local Authority Allowances.

The Members Office Manager confirmed that the information referred to related to Government guidance only and that the appointment process had been carried out in accordance with The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England Regulations 2003 (as amended)).

ORDERED that the appointment of June Goodchild, John Hargan and Dr Jim Whiston to the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration for a period of up to three years be confirmed.