

**CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

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**APPOINTMENTS TO THE INDEPENDENT PANEL ON MEMBERS' REMUNERATION**

**RICHARD LONG: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1 To seek Committee confirmation of appointments to the Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration.

**BACKGROUND**

- 2 The Council is required to have an Independent Panel on Members' Remuneration, but how that Panel is constituted and appointed is the decision of the Council. The Middlesbrough Panel currently comprises six members, each of whom serve a term of three years. Members may serve more than one term of office.
- 3 The current Chair of the Panel is Dr Jim Whiston. He has served on the Panel since 2002, and has chaired the Panel since 2004.
- 4 Details of the current membership are as follows:

Member	Appointed	Term of office expires
Jim Whiston (Chair)	Sept 2006	Sept 2009
John Hargan	Sept 2006	Sept 2009
June Goodchild	Sept 2006	Sept 2009
Brian Footitt	Dec 2007	Dec 2010
Paul Hopson	Dec 2007	Dec 2010
Alexander Porter	April 2008	April 2011

- 5 The three members whose term of office has now expired are Jim Whiston, John Hargan and June Goodchild. All have expressed an interest to serve a further term of office. Dr Whiston has also indicated that he is quite willing to serve an additional term as the Chair of the Panel.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6 In the past the Council has had difficulty in recruiting Panel members. The current Panel understand the legislation, and have conducted themselves properly and fairly. It is therefore recommended that Committee confirms the re-appointment of Dr Jim Whiston, John Hargan and June Goodchild, and that Dr Whiston is invited to continue to serve as Chair of the Panel.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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