

**CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**23 FEBRUARY 2011**

**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 an appointment 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. Due to a recent resignation only 5 of the 6 members are currently in post.
- 3 Details of the current membership are as follows:

Member	Appointed or re-appointed	Term of office expires
Dr Jim Whiston (Chair)	Sept 2009	Sept 2012
June Goodchild	Sept 2009	Sept 2012
Brian Footitt	Dec 2010	Dec 2013
Paul Hopson	Dec 2010	Dec 2013
Alexander Porter	April 2008	April 2011

John Hargan, who was re-appointed in September 2009 to serve a further term of three years, has since had to resign due to other commitments.

- 5 Alexander Porter's term of office expires in April: he has expressed an interest in serving a further term of office.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7 In the past the Council has had difficulty in recruiting Panel members. The current Panel members understand the legislation, and have conducted themselves properly and fairly. It is therefore recommended that Committee confirms the re-appointment of Alexander Porter for a further term of office of three years from April 2011

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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