

**CORPORATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
15 FEBRUARY 2012**

**APPOINTMENT – INDEPENDENT MEMBER
STANDARDS COMMITTEE/SUB-COMMITTEE**

RICHARD LONG: DIRECTOR OF LEGAL & DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To request Members to consider the re-appointment of an independent member of the Council's Standards Committee and Review Sub-Committee.

BACKGROUND

- 2 As Members will be aware following enactment of the Localism Act 2011, the present standards regime is due to cease at the end of July this year. For the remainder of that period of time before the committee(s) are abolished, the Council will still need to respond to any complaints against Members and have independent members available to sit on the Standards Committee and its sub-committees.
- 3 The term of office of one of the current members, Professor Brian Footitt has recently expired and rather than look to external recruitment for appointment for this short period of time, Members are requested to consider his re-appointed as a member of the Standards Committee and as Chair of the Standards (Review) Sub-Committee for the remainder of the life of both committees. Professor Footitt was first appointed as a member of the Standards Committee in 2008 and is willing to continue.
- 4 The Council will be required to consider how it will deal with ethical standards issues in the future and the Monitoring Officer will report to Council on this in due course.

RECOMMENDATION

That Professor Brian Footitt be re-appointed as a member of the Standards Committee and Chair of the Standards (Review) Sub-Committee up to 31 July 2012 or until the abolition of those committees whichever if the later date.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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