

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8th FEBRUARY 2007

**RESIGNATION OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER
OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Mrs. Spencer
Responsible Head of Service	Claire Felton - Head of Legal and Democratic Services

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To report the resignation of an Independent Member of the Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be requested to write to Mr O'Mahoney to thank him for his contribution to the work of the Standards Committee
- 2.2 That members agree the term of office for the vacant position of Independent Member of the Standards Committee.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 In a letter dated 17th January 2007 Mr M O'Mahoney resigned as an Independent Member of this Committee citing work commitments as the reason why he was unable to continue to fulfil the role.
- 3.2 Mr O'Mahoney was first appointed as an Independent Member of this Committee in November 2001 for a period of two years. In November 2003 he was reappointed for a four year period extending until November 2007.
- 3.3 This Council has agreed that there should be three Independent Members of this Committee. Members may recall that as part of the review of the Council's Constitution approved in 2006 the Articles of the Constitution relating to the make up of this Committee were amended. Article 11.02 (5) now states

"Upon the expiry of the term of office of an independent member or Parish Member of the Standards Committee, the vacancy shall be determined by the Appointments Panel making a recommendation to the full Council."

Therefore, the appointment of a new independent member of the Committee will be considered by the Appointments Committee rather than this Committee which had previously been the case. A report requesting the establishment of the Appointments Committee will be considered by the Council at its meeting on 27th February.

- 3.4 Members will recall that the term of office of each of the independent members is scheduled so that there is a rolling programme of expiry of terms of office. Each member is appointed for a four year term of office with the recruitment process taking place in October/November three years out of four. Mr O'Mahoney's term of office was due to expire in November this year. Members will therefore need to consider if the term of office of newly appointed Independent Member runs from either March/April 2007 – March/April 2011 or from March/April 2007 to November 2011.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of advertising the position of independent member can be met from within existing budgets.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The appointment of an independent member of the Committee is covered by Sections 53 – 55 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 Improvement – Reputation and Performance

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The arrangements set out in this report are necessary to ensure that the Council meets its legal obligations.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 None

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues	None
Personnel Implications	None
Governance/Performance Management	Ethical Governance and Statutory requirements
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998	None
Policy	Constitution
Environmental	None

Equalities and Diversity	None
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10. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Portfolio Holder	No
Acting Chief Executive	No
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Author
Head of Financial Services	No
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Author
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

11. APPENDICES

None

12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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