

 <b>Standards Committee</b> <b>17 May 2010</b>		<b>Agenda Item No.</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>Appointment of an Independent Representative</b>	
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<b>Service Area</b>	Members' Services	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>	None	
<b>Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006</b>	No	
<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>	N/A	
<b>Background Papers</b>	Standards Committee job role and person specification	

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive		
Head of Service		
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		
Monitoring officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)		
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
Please insert details of any consultation undertaken with regard to this report.		
<b>Final Decision?</b>	Yes	
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## 1. **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines the proposal for the recruitment of an independent member of the Committee.

## 2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 The process for appointing an independent representative to this Committee, as set out below, be approved;

1. Advert included on website w/c 17 May 2010
2. Deadline for applications 3 June 2010
3. Shortlist 7 June 2010
4. Interviews (Interview Panel Monitoring officer & Vice Chair of the Committee) 16 June 2010
5. Standards Committee receives recommendation of interview panel 16 June 2010
6. Council confirms appointment 14 July 2010

## 3. **REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Under the Constitution of this Council the Committee the Standards Committee must have four independent members.

## 4. **ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

## 5. **BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 There are no budgetary implications from this report.

## 6. **POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 There are no policy issues with this report.

## 7. **BACKGROUND**

- 7.1 As set out in the practice guide from Standards for England and the Warwick District Council Standards Committee job role and person specification once appointed an independent member of the Committee has a four year term office. After which they can be appointed for a further four years, but must apply for the position.
- 7.2 On 15 June 2010 Mr C Purser will have been a member of the Committee for four years. This means the Council needs to re advertise this position. However Mr Purser could apply for this position again.
- 7.3 Normally the interviews would be by the Chair of the Committee and the Monitoring Officer. As the Chair could potentially be one of the candidates for the position it is suggested that this role be undertaken by the Vice-Chair.