

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report relates to the appointment of members to serve on committees and the further appointment of independent members to serve on the Council's Standards Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended:

- (i) That the appointments referred to in paragraph 5.1 be confirmed.
- (ii) That Mr W Maddox and Mr J Till be re-appointed to serve as independent members on the Council's Standards Committee until the next review in June 2012 should this prove necessary.

REPORT

3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

The Council has a duty at present to appoint a number of non-elected individuals to serve as independent members on its Standards Committee. It is also regarded as best practice to promote openness and transparency so as to provide the public with confidence of the Council's probity and propriety.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations set out above.

5.0 Scrutiny Committees

5.1 Following the appointments made by the Council at the Annual Meeting on 12 May 2011, the Leader of the Council has advised that he wishes Mr P Adams to replace on the Healthy Communities Scrutiny Committee. Mr Wynn will be one of the Conservatives substitutes on that Committee. In addition, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, Mr N J Hartin, has advised that he wishes Mr J M W Kenny to replace Mr T Davies on the Protecting and Enhancing Environment Scrutiny Committee. The Council is requested to confirm these appointments.

6.0 Standards Committees

6.1 At the Annual Council in June 2009 the Council appointed six independent members to serve on its Standards Committee for variable periods ranging from two to four years

6.2 The term of office for the two individuals appointed for two years, namely Mr W Maddox and Mr J Till, has now expired. However, because of the remaining uncertainty over the Standards regime, it is not considered appropriate to seek replacements at this time.

6.3 Mr Maddox and Mr Till have both confirmed their willingness to continue to serve until any change required by the enactment of the Localism Bill is completed, The Council is requested to reappoint them both for a further period of one year and to review the position in June 2012 should this prove necessary.

<p>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</p>
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<p>None</p>

<p>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</p>

<p>Keith Barrow</p>

<p>Local Member</p>

<p>All</p>

<p>Appendices</p>

<p>None</p>
