



Committee and date
Council

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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Shropshire Council is required by the Localism Act 2012 to have in place at least one independent person whose views are to be sought and taken into account when dealing with allegations that its Councillors, and those of the Town and Parish Councils in Shropshire, have failed to comply with the code of conduct.
- 1.2 The term of office of the current independent Person is coming to an end.

2. Recommendation

- 2.4 **That Mr Tim Griffiths be appointed as an Independent Person for a period of five years.**

REPORT

3 Independent Person(s)

- 3.1 The "arrangements" adopted by the Council for the promotion of ethical conduct must include provision for the appointment by Council of at least one "Independent Person."
- 3.2 The term of office of the current Independent Person is coming to an end.
- 3.3 The Independent Person must not have been a member or co-opted member of the authority for a period of 5 years prior to their appointment and must have applied following an advertisement being placed locally.
- 3.4 An application has been placed, and applications received to fill the vacancy that arises.
- 3.5 The selection process has been delayed as a consequence of Local Government Elections and an appointment is necessary with some urgency.

- 3.6 One of the applicants, Mr Tim Griffiths, was previously an Independent member of the statutory Standards Committee and was offered a reserve position following an interview when applications were last invited.
- 3.7 The Monitoring Officer proposes that, having regard to previous experience and following interviews which took place during the previous selection process, Mr Tim Griffiths is appointed to the position for a five year period.
- 3.8 It is also proposed to continue with the current selection process to secure the appointment of a second Independent person.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

TBC

Local Member

All

Appendices

None