



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 At the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 18th of May 2017, Mr Tim Griffiths was appointed as an Independent Person for Shropshire Council for a period of 5 years.
- 1.3 It is desirable that a second Independent Person is appointed to assist the Council to fulfil its legislative duties.

2. Recommendation

- 2.4 **That Mr Stephen Donkersley 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 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.
- 3.3 An advertisement has been placed and applications received to fill the vacancy that exists.

- 3.4 Having considered the applications that have been received, the Monitoring Officer proposes that Mr Stephen Donkersley is appointed to the position for a five year period.

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)

Local Member

All

Appendices

None