

REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Meeting held on 30 March 2007)

1. PROCEDURE FOR RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT AND PARISH/TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES TO THE COMMITTEE (REPORT A) (MINUTE 42)

The Committee has considered arrangements for recruiting and appointing independent and town/parish members to the Committee.

For independent Members, the Committee has agreed eligibility criteria, as well as the interview and shortlisting process, together with a proposed information pack based on a model adopted by various other local authorities.

For the appointment of Town and Parish Councillors, the Committee has agreed that, in addition to asking the New Forest District Association of Local Councils to nominate a representative, the District Council will also be asking each Parish or Town Council if they wish to nominate a member to serve on the Committee. (Not all Councils are members of the Association).

The Committee has made recommendations concerning the re-appointment of the two existing Independent Members, and one of the two parish/ town council representatives to continue on the Committee until 2011. The Committee has passed a vote of thanks to Cllr Mrs Gregory for her work as a parish/town councillor member of the Committee over the past years, as she is standing down in May.

Given the anticipated extra workload over the next two years the Committee considered it advantageous to expand its membership to include one extra independent member and one extra town/parish member, to be appointed by the end of 2008. If this proposal is agreed, the Committee's composition by the end of 2008 would be: 4 District Councillors, 3 Independent Members, and 3 parish / town Council representatives.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) ***That membership of the Standards Committee be increased by the appointment of a further independent member and also a further town/parish member, to be appointed by the end of 2008.***
- (b) ***That Mr Lander and Mr Giltrow be appointed as the independent Committee Members until the quadrennial elections in 2011.***
- (c) ***That subject to Cllr Chard remaining a town/parish councillor after 3 May 2007, and the Local Association continuing to support his appointment, Cllr Chard be appointed to serve on the Committee until the quadrennial elections in 2011.***

**Cllr J A G Hutchins
Vice-Chairman**