

## **STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE**

### **27 APRIL 2022**

## **RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

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### **Recommendation**

- 1. The Assistant Director for Legal and Governance recommends that:**
  - (a) the Committee considers the approach to be taken in seeking to recruit an independent member to the vacancy on the Committee; and**
  - (b) the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance be authorised in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to finalise the detailed arrangements for the appointment of the independent member by the Committee.**

### **Background**

2. The constitution sets out that the Committee should have 3 non-voting independent members upon it in addition to the elected members. Independent Member Cliff Slade resigned from the role earlier this year, so there is a need to appoint a 3rd (who cannot be an elected member or an officer of the Council).
3. There are no particular legal processes which need to be followed for the appointment of independent members, who are co-opted onto the Committee.
4. The Committee is asked to consider how the recruitment and appointment process for a further independent member should be pursued.
5. Previously the Committee has agreed that the AD for Legal and Governance' predecessor contact district council colleagues, create a press release and make Group Leaders aware of the vacant position. The enclosed job description for the independent member was also agreed.
6. Since that time the Council has developed use of social media and has used LinkedIn and other methods to advertise voluntary and similar roles. It is therefore suggested that the AD for Legal and Governance explores maximising use of such media to attract a wide interest in the role.

## **Supporting Information**

Appendix – job description for an Independent Member of the Standards and Ethics Committee.

## **Contact Points**

### Specific Contact Points for this report

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## **Background Papers**

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance) there are no background papers relating to the subject matter of this report.