

STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE 27 APRIL 2016

CO-OPTION OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Recommendation

- 1. The Head of Legal and Democratic Services recommends that the Committee confirms the co-option of Mr Cliff Slade as an Independent Member of the Standards and Ethics Committee.**
2. The Committee will recall that it has welcomed the presence of Independent Members (that is members who have no connection with the Council and are not Officers or Elected Members) on the Committee. There was a vacancy for the third Independent Member, which in accordance with the Committee's decision in July 2015 was advertised in the local media and on the Council's website.
3. There were a number of applications received for members of the public interested in the role, including a number of strong candidates. The applications were carefully assessed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee in conjunction with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.
4. It is recommended that Mr Cliff Slade be co-opted to the Committee as the third Independent Member of it. Mr Slade is a serving Magistrate and is able to apply his experience in this role to structured decision-making processes. Mr Slade is a trained Family Mediator with Counselling training skills as well as having experience in Human Resources and business. Mr Slade has attended County Hall and met the Chairman and Monitoring Officer for preliminary induction subject to the Committee's decision.

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda papers for the meeting of the Standards and Ethics Committee on 1 July 2015.