

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(from 14 March 2013)

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The appointment of Independent Persons for the Municipal Years 2013 to 2016 (Governance and Audit and Standards Committee Minute 27 refers)

The purpose of the report by Strategic Director and City Solicitor, set out on pages 123 to 125 of the appendices, is to consider

- (1) the appointment of Independent Persons for the period from May 2013 to May 2016 under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 ("The Act") and
- (2) to approve the number to be appointed and the procedure for their appointment.

RECOMMENDED to Council

- (1) **that the Committee's procedure be agreed for the appointment of Independent Persons as required by the Act, for the period May 2013 to May 2016, which is**
 - **to advertise on the Council's website and in a local newspaper**
 - **for the interview panel to be drawn from a cross-party panel of three Councillors from the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee.**
- (2) **that three Independent Persons be appointed.**

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Whistleblowing Policy Changes Report (Governance and Audit and Standards Minute 24 refers)

Following a recent Whistleblowing Investigation it has come to light that under both the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Acts the Authority is legally obliged to release certain information if requested to do so. The Whistleblowing Policy, set out on pages 130 to 136 of the appendices, has been updated to reflect this.

RECOMMENDED to Council that Members approve the updated Whistleblowing Policy subject to minor amendments to be made by the City Solicitor.

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Health and Wellbeing Board Constitution (Governance and Audit and Standards Committee Minute 25 refers)

The purpose of the report by the Director of Adults Services, set out on pages 137 to 143 of the appendices, is to seek approval of the constitution for the Health and Wellbeing Board as it assumes its statutory responsibilities from 1st April 2013.

RECOMMENDED to Council that the constitutional change to the Board be supported and that authority is given to the City Solicitor to include wording in the Standing Orders to make appropriate consequential changes.

Councillor Terry Hall
Chair