

Agenda item:

**[No.]**

**Standards Committee**

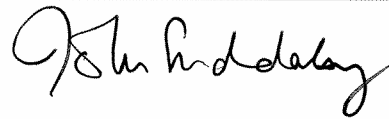
**On 23 March 2009**

Report Title: Recruitment of Independent Member for Standards Committee

Report of: John Suddaby, Monitoring Officer

Signed :

Contact Officer : John Suddaby, Monitoring Officer



Wards(s) affected: **All**

Report for: **Non Key Decision**

**1. Purpose of the report**

- 1.1. To update the Standards Committee with the progress being made to recruit to the vacancy for an independent member on that Committee.
- 1.2. To agree an appointment sub-committee to conduct the recruitment shortlisting and interview and to appoint two independent members and two Councillors to the Appointment sub-committee, with the chair having the casting vote.
- 1.3. To agree the date of the shortlisting and interview.

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member**

2.1. N/A

**3. State link(s) with Council Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

3.1. N/A

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1. Members are asked to note the progress made so far in advertising the vacancy.  
4.2. Members are asked to agree the size and composition of an appointment panel.

**5. Reason for recommendation(s)**

- 5.1. The Standards Committee currently has four existing Independent Members and one newly agreed Independent Member making a total of five. It is necessary for the Standards Committee to recruit to this new vacancy. One of the current four Independent Members of the Standards Committee's term of office will come to an end in April 2009 and therefore this resultant vacancy will need to be filled. The Standards Committee is therefore appointing two new Independent Members to serve on the Committee for a four year term.

**6. Other options considered**

- 6.1. N/A

**7. Summary**

- 7.1. The Standards Committee is asked to agree the establishment of an Appointment Sub-Committee in order to shortlist and interview applicants for the two Independent Member positions on the Standards Committee.

**8. Chief Financial Officer Comments**

- 8.1. There are no financial implications

**9. Head of Legal Services Comments**

- 9.1. The legal comments are included in the body of the report.

## 10. Report

The Standards Committee held on 21 October 2008 agreed to commence the process for the recruitment of an independent member of the Committee. This report updates the Committee on progress made so far. The Committee further agreed to increase the Independent Membership of the Standards Committee by one on 22 December 2008, which was confirmed by Full Council on 19 January 2009.

In accordance with the decision of the Standards Committee, an advertisement was placed in the Journal series newspapers published the week beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009. An advertisement was also running in the February edition of Haringey People. The advertisement was also being displayed on the Council website. The closing date for applications was Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The proposed recruitment timescale is as follows:

- 20 March 2009 – Closing date.
- 26,27 & 31 March 2009 and 01, 02 & 03 April 2009 – Shortlisting
- 6-9 April 2009, 14-16 April 2009 and 20-23 April 2009 - Interviews

The Committee is asked to agree the establishment of an Appointment Sub-Committee to conduct the recruitment shortlisting and interview. Members are asked to agree one date for shortlisting and one date for interviews from the dates shown above. The Appointment Sub-Committee will comprise of two Independent Members and two Councillors with the Chair of the Sub-Committee having the casting vote.