

## **REPORT OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE 1/ 2024/2025**

### **FULL COUNCIL 22 July 2024**

Chair: Councillor Ibrahim Ali

#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.2 Full Council is being asked to approve the appointment of Stephen Ross as an Independent Person, and Ian Balbi as Secondary Independent Person to the Standards Committee. This is under s28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 4 years commencing 31 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2028; Full Council is further asked to approve the allowance paid per annum to the Independent Person, and Secondary Independent person at £1250.00 and £250.00 respectively.

#### **2 Appointment of Independent Persons under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 (to support the operation of the Code of Conduct by the Standards Committee) from 31 July 2024 to 30 June 2028.**

- 4.1 We considered the report set out at appendix 1 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2024. We also held interviews with applicants on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 where we asked them detailed questions to assess their experience and expertise to fulfil this role. We carefully considered responses against the person specification and agreed to recommend Stephen Ross as the Independent Person and Ian Balbi as Secondary Independent Person under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011, to support the operation of the Code of Conduct by the Standards Committee. We noted that Independent Persons appointed to this position may also be appointed to a panel convened to consider a proposal to dismiss a Statutory Chief Officer under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2015.

#### **WE RECOMMEND**

That Full Council:

- 5.1 Approves the appointment of Stephen Ross as Independent Person, and Ian Balbi as secondary Independent Person under s28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 4 years commencing 31 July 2024 and ending on 30th June 2028;
- 5.2 Approves the allowance to be paid to the Independent Person, and Secondary Independent person at £1250.00 and £250.00 per annum respectively.