



Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

**Standards Committee**

**On 7 February 2008**

Report Title: Recruitment of Independent Member for Standards Committee

Forward Plan reference number:

Report of: **Monitoring Officer**

Wards(s) affected: All

Report for: Non Key Decision

**1. Purpose**

- 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

**2. Introduction by Cabinet Member**

**3. Recommendations**

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

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**4. Director of Finance Comments**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications

## 5. Head of Legal Services Comments

The legal implications are included in the body of the report

## 6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

### 6.1 Local Government Act 2000 and relevant regulations

## 7. Report

The Standards Committee held on 8 October 2007 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 Monitoring Officer has received a letter of resignation from Nicholas Weber creating a vacancy for the position that will be advertised.

In accordance with the decision of the Standards Committee, an advertisement has been placed in the Journal series newspapers published week beginning January 14<sup>th</sup>. A full page advertisement is also running in the February edition of the Haringey People. The advertisement is also being displayed on the Council website, and the possibility of it running on other external websites is being investigated. The closing date has been moved further back to February 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 to allow the advert to appear in Haringey People.

The proposed recruitment timescale has been amended as follows:

- January 2008 – advertisement placed in local press (week of 14/1), Haringey People (February edition) and website
- 25 February 2008 – closing date
- Early March 2008 - shortlisting
- Mid-March 2008 – interviews
- Late March/April 2008 – appointment and initial training.

## 8. Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications. The costs of running the recruitment independent member will be borne by the Member Services Budget.

## 9. Legal Implications

9.1 There are no legal implications.

## **10. Equalities Implications**

10.1 The recruitment process will be conducted in accordance with Council procedures and will pay due regard to the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

## **11. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs**

11.1 Appendix 1 Advertisement for Independent Member vacancy