

Report of: Director of Corporate Resources

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Standards	14th January 2008	8	

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Subject: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**1. Synopsis**

To consider the continued membership of the two co-opted members on the Committee.

2. Recommendation

To agree whether to continue the membership of the current two co-opted advisory members.

3. Details

- 3.1 In October 2006 this Committee agreed to appoint Mr. Kit Peverly and Mr. Manjit Kumar as co-opted advisory members onto the Committee, initially for a one year period.
- 3.2 The purpose of the appointments was to widen representation on the Committee and to make use of a broad range of experience and expertise. It was hoped this would also help to improve the outward facing aspects of the Committee's work and communicate the importance of standards of public life and thus boost confidence in it.
- 3.3 Of the four Committee meetings held in 2007 both advisory members have only attended one meeting. Mr. Kumar was in hospital for the very last meeting in October 2007.
- 3.4 Given the attendance record so far, the Committee is asked whether they wish to continue with the membership of the current advisory members.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

None.

4.2 Legal Implications

Section 53 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001 set out the requirements for the appointment of Independent Members to the Committee.

The Regulations do not prohibit the authority from including advisory members onto the Committee but these members would not be able to hear or decide cases referred by the Standards Board or have voting rights.

4.3 Equalities Impact Assessment

Broadening the membership of the Committee to include young people and representations from BME groups will help give a wider perspective of views from the local community.

Background papers:

None.

Final Report Clearance

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