

## **CITY COUNCIL – 4 FEBRUARY 2008**

### **REPORT OF THE LEADER**

#### **STANDARDS COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBERS**

##### **1 SUMMARY**

Recommendations are made arising from an exercise to recruit up to two additional Independent Members to serve on the Standards Committee.

##### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

IT IS RECOMMENDED that Ms Beverley Denby and Mr Trevor Savage be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee with immediate effect and that the membership of all Independent Members be reviewed with the other appointments to committees, at the appropriate meeting of Council in 2008, with a view to their subsequent re-appointment until the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2009.

##### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 Members may recall that my report to the Council meeting on 18 May 2007 regarding the appointment of committees, etc. included an increase in the number of Independent Members on the Committee from two to four and confirmed that, in future, the Committee would be chaired by an Independent Member.
- 3.2 Mr David Hibbert was appointed Chair of the Committee at its meeting on 25 July 2007 and following the conclusion of the recruitment procedure referred to in my earlier report, two further members of the public have been identified as fulfilling the criteria for appointment. The individuals are:-

Ms Beverley Denby  
Mr Trevor Savage

- 3.3 I am now able to recommend the appointment of Ms Denby and Mr Savage on the terms outlined in section two of this report.

#### **4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The City Council has a duty to appoint Independent Members to its Standards Committee and the recruitment of Ms Denby and Mr Savage will further enhance the work of the Committee.

#### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Independent Members of the Standards Committee receive no allowance for their work. The costs of attendance, travel and subsistence at training events will be met from within existing budgets.

#### **6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None.

#### **7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 7.1 Report of the Leader to the Council and minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 May 2007.

**COUNCILLOR JON COLLINS  
LEADER**