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Fire and Rescue Authority

# APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report of the Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority

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**Agenda No:**

**Date:** 19 December 2008

**Purpose of Report:**

To seek approval to the appointment of a new temporary independent member of the Standards Committee following the resignation of the current incumbent.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 At the Annual General Meeting on 23 May 2008 Richard Best was reappointed as the independent member of the Standards Committee. Unfortunately due to personal reasons Mr Best feels unable to continue and has submitted his resignation.
- 1.2 In order to be quorate the Standards Committee has to have an independent member and the proposed appointment of Beverley Denby will remedy the situation.

## **2. REPORT**

Following the resignation of Mr Best, the Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority has sought to find a suitable replacement and is proposing that Beverley Denby should be appointed to that role.

Ms Denby is already an independent member of the City Council's Standards Committee and can legitimately be appointed to fill the immediate vacancy that has arisen until such time as further permanent arrangements can be put in place.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Authority has already budgeted for an independent member's allowance and expenses as part of its budget process.

## **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

There are no human resources and learning and development implications arising from this report.

## **5. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

There are no equality issues arising from this report.

## **6. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

As mentioned earlier in the report, in order to be quorate, the Standards Committee must have an independent member. The proposed temporary appointment will resolve that situation.

## **8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

If no appointment is made the Standards Committee will not be able to function and this will have an impact on the Authority's governance.

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 9.1 It is recommended that Ms Beverley Denby be appointed as the independent member of the Authority's Standards Committee until the next Annual General Meeting of the Authority.
- 9.2 Mr Best be thanked for his previous service to the Authority.

## **10. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)**

None.

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