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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

Agenda No:

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Purpose of Report:

To seek approval to the appointment of a new additional independent member of the Standards Committee.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Authority held on 20 February 2009 a report was presented setting out details of the new Local Determination Regime and proposing changes to the composition of the Standards Committee in order to integrate the new regime.
- 1.2 One of the approved recommendations from the report was for an increase in the membership of the Committee from four to six with two of those members being non elected independent members. As the committee at that time only included one non elected independent member the Clerk and Monitoring Officer was authorised to advertise and interview for any vacancies in respect of independent members with any recommendation regarding an appointment being considered by the full Fire Authority.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Following an external advertising process a panel comprising the independent chair of the Standards Committee, Beverley Denby, the Chief Fire Officer, the Clerk and Monitoring Officer to the Authority and the Treasurer, Peter Hurford, interviewed three prospective candidates for the vacant role.
- 2.2 It was the unanimous view of the panel that the candidate best suited to the role was Mr Alan Street and that he should be recommended for appointment. Mr Street is currently an independent member of the Police Authority but will soon have to vacate that role following completion of his second four year term with that Authority. Irrespective of that engagement Mr Street is still eligible for appointment as an independent member of this authority.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Authority has already budgeted for members' allowances 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

In order to be legally compliant at least 25% of the Standards Committee must be comprised of non elected independent members. The appointment proposed in this report will enable the Authority to satisfy that requirement.

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

It is recommended that Mr Alan Street be appointed as an independent member of the Authority's Standards Committee for a four year term from the date hereof.

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

None.

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