

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE – 8 SEPTEMBER 2005

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Purpose

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the Committee's approval of the proposed timetable for the appointment of independent members to the Standards Committee.

Background

2. The terms of reference of the Constitution Committee include the function of advertising and interviewing suitable people for recommendation to the County Council for appointment as an independent member of the Standards Committee.
3. The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committees) Regulations 2001 require that where a Standards Committee has more than three members, at least 25% must be independent members. The County Council appoints five elected members to the Standards Committee and therefore two independent members are required.
4. The appointment of the current independent members of the Standards Committee expires on 30 November 2005. In order that the new appointments can be put to the County Council for approval on 7 December 2005, the following timetable is proposed:

MIS to members attaching copy of advertisement	20 September
Letter to various bodies including District Councils asking them for assistance in publicising the opportunities	20 September
Advertisement	by 23 September
Closing date for applications	14 October

Shorlisting by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee	Week beginning 24 October
Letter to invite candidates for interview	by 31 October
Interviews to be conducted by this Committee	Between 9 and 25 November
County Council meeting	7 December

Recommendation

5. That the proposed timetable for the appointment of independent members to the Standards Committee be approved.

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None

Background Papers

Report to the Constitution Committee on 26 September 2001 on New Ethical Framework Regulations and Appointment of Independent Members to Standards Committee.

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