

report



meeting	ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	
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REPORT OF THE JOINT ACTING HEADS OF MEMBERS' SERVICES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE VALUATION TRIBUNAL SERVICE

Purpose of Report

1. To report on changes to the appointments process for the Valuation Tribunal Service on a national basis.
2. To consider changes in respect of the membership of the Nottinghamshire Valuation Tribunal Service arising from changes to the national appointment process.

Background

The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill, currently before Parliament will, if agreed, merge the existing 56 English Valuation Tribunals into a single national Tribunal Service with effect from 1 April 2009. Under the proposals Local Authorities will cease to have any involvement in the appointment of Valuation Tribunal members.

As the new arrangements will lead to a reduction in the number of appointed members required, the Nottinghamshire Valuation Service is being discouraged from recruiting brand new members. However, in order to ensure that sufficient members are available for appeal hearings, to maintain an adequate level of service to the people of Nottinghamshire and avoid possible delays, it would be helpful if existing members from Lincolnshire, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire Valuation Tribunals could be appointed to sit on Nottinghamshire Tribunals. An assurance has been given that any member appointed from outside the County will only be asked to sit on a Nottinghamshire Tribunal in an emergency.

The Nottinghamshire Valuation Tribunal therefore wishes to appoint:

Mr JS Connolly, Mr DM Jordan and Mr JG Floyd from the Leicestershire Tribunal Service

Mr JM Partridge and Mr K Maudesley from the Northamptonshire Tribunal Service

Mr M Allingham, Mr BM Brearley, Mr J Dixon, Mr DHC Spencer and Mr GM Warrender from the Lincolnshire Tribunal Service.

For a period of office expiring on 31.03.2009

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the situation concerning changes to the appointments process for Valuation Tribunal to be introduced with effect from 1 April 2009 be noted
- 2) That the appointment of the members referred to above to the Nottinghamshire Valuation Tribunal for a period of office expiring on 31 March 2009 be approved

Chris Holmes/Paul Robinson
Acting Joint Head of Members Services

Legal Services Comments (KK)

The Administration Committee has delegated authority in relation to appointments to outside bodies, relating to functions of Council. The proposals in this report are therefore within the remit of this Committee.

Strategic Director (Resources) Financial Comments (MB 24/10/07)

There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

Background Papers available for Inspection

Letter dated 9 October 2007 from Mr DJ Slater – Clerk to the Nottinghamshire Valuation Tribunal Service.

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