

**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR STANDARDS**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To formally approve the appointment of three Independent Persons to be called upon as and when required to provide their views on complaints against Councillors and co-opted members.

**Information and Advice**

2. At its meeting on 5 July 2012 the Council adopted a revised Code of Conduct and procedure for dealing with allegations that an elected or co-opted member has breached the Code. The provisions of the Localism Act 2011 required the Council to review its arrangements.
3. The Localism Act requires the Council to appoint at least one Independent Person to provide their views regarding any complaint alleging a breach of the Code; the Council must take into account the Independent Person's views before making a decision in relation to a complaint.
4. At its meeting on 5 July the Monitoring Officer was delegated authority to contact the four former independent members of the Council's statutory Standards Committee in order to invite expressions of interest for the role of Independent Person. Three of the former independent members expressed an interest in the role and the Monitoring Officer issued letters of appointment on 23 July 2012, subject to formal appointment by County Council.
5. Council is requested to formally appoint the following Independent Persons for a term of 5 years from 23 July 2012:
  - a. Charles Daybell, former independent member and Chairman of Standards Committee
  - b. Robert Lilley, former independent member of Standards Committee
  - c. Christine Southwell, former independent member of Standards Committee

**Other Options Considered**

6. County Council could appoint fewer Independent Persons. As no allowance will be payable the only costs associated will be travel and subsistence; appointing three people will have a negligible impact on costs and will help ensure availability.

**Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

7. To comply with the Council's obligations under the Localism Act 2011.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1) To formally approve the appointment of the following to act as Independent Persons under the Localism Act 2011 for a term of 5 years from 23 July 2012:
  - Charles Daybell
  - Robert Lilley
  - Christine Southwell

**Jayne Francis-Ward**  
**Monitoring Officer**

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## **Constitutional Comments (SG 07/09/2012)**

9. Full Council is the appropriate body to decide the issues set out in this Report.

## **Financial Comments (MB 07/09/12)**

10. There are no specific financial implications arising from the report.

## **Background Papers**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- The County Council report of 5 July 2012 is published on the Council's website: <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/94/Committee/2/SelectedTab/Documents/Default.aspx>
- Letters of appointment dated 23 July 2012

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All