

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL - 19 OCTOBER 2016

REPORT BY THE MONITORING OFFICER

APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT PERSON

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report seeks an appointment to be made for the role of Independent Person to the Standards Sub Committee under the Localism Act 2011.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL</u> That:	
(A)	Nicholas Moss be appointed as Independent Person.

1.0 Background

1.1 This report seeks an appointment to be made for the role of Independent Person on the Standards Sub Committee due to a vacancy.

2.0 Report

2.1 The vacancy was advertised in accordance with the legislation.

2.2 The individual proposed to be appointed is suitable for the post of Independent Person and meets the criteria in the regulations. He has confirmed that he would be prepared to accept the appointment.

2.3 The Localism Act 2011 requires the Council to appoint an "Independent Person". The Act requires that the views of the Independent Person must be sought on a complaint, alleging a breach of the Code of Conduct, referred for investigation, before the outcome of the complaint is decided by committee.

- 2.4 The Act requires that this appointment be approved by the Members of the Council. The Chief Executive, Leader of the Council and the Committee Chairman have all been consulted and support this recommendation.
- 2.5 Nicholas Moss is a retired media executive. He has and continues to hold appointments in professional and judicial regulatory bodies. He is a longstanding JP and has held many positions on national advisory bodies relating to the broad judicial field. Under the former standards regime he has chaired the Standards Committee of an adjoining district council and currently is their Independent Person. He therefore, comes to the role here with a wealth of experience.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers
Localism Act 2011

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