

**Title:** **Appointment of External Members to the Standards Committee**

**Reporting Officer:** **Tim Darsley**

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**1. Purpose**

To recommend to Council the appointment of external members of the Standards Committee.

**2. Background**

The membership of the Standards Committee comprises:

- Three external members;
- One member of a Parish Council;
- One member of a Town Council;
- Four District Councillors, broadly spread across the political groups.

Three new external members are required to be appointed for the duration of the Council.

**3. Appointment Process**

External members are appointed by Council on the recommendation of a Panel comprising:

- The Leader - Councillor Sarah Content;
- The Chair - Councillor Paul Batchelor;
- The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee - Councillor Tony Phillips;
- The Chair of the Audit Committee - Councillor Duncan Hames.

The Panel is advised by the Monitoring Officer - Tim Darsley.

An invitation to apply for membership of the Committee was placed in the Wiltshire Times on 6 April. Six applications were received on an application form developed specifically for Standards Committee Membership.

One applicant subsequently withdrew their application. All five other applicants were interviewed by the Panel on 25 April. A series of questions was put to each candidate.

#### **4 Financial Implications**

There are none.

#### **5 Legal Implications**

The appointment process is in accordance with the requirements of the constitution.

#### **6 Recommendations of the Panel**

All five applicants had much to offer the Standards Committee. After consideration, the Panel agreed that Bruce Epsley, Tony Frost and Thomas Robson were the most suitable by virtue of their experience, skills and motivation for the positions.

Accordingly the Panel recommends to Council that :

- Bruce Epsley, Tony Frost and Thomas Robson be appointed as external members of the Standards Committee for the duration of this Council.

Tim Darsley  
Monitoring Officer

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