

Report of	Meeting	Date
Monitoring Officer	Standards Committee	5 June 2008

UPDATE ON RECRUITMENT OF ADDITIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- To update the Standards Committee on the recruitment of additional members.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

- To note the report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF REPORT

- The new Regulations and local assessment of complaints against Councillors requires three sub-committees for each stage of the process. Each sub-committee will need to consist of no less than three members of the standards committee, including an independent member and a parish council representative if the matter under consideration relates to parish issues.
- At the Annual Meeting the membership of the Committee was increased to take account of this to ensure that there is an independent member and parish council representative available without a conflict of interest for both the assessment and review sub-committees.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Put Chorley at the heart of regional economic development in the Central Lancashire sub-region		Develop local solutions to climate change.	
Improving equality of opportunity and life chances		Develop the Character and feel of Chorley as a good place to live	✓
Involving people in their communities		Ensure Chorley Borough Council is a performing organization	

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS

- A job description and person specification have been drawn up. Applicants will be requested to apply by letter. Advertisements will be placed in a local paper, in Chorley Borough News and on the Council's website.
- Interviews will be held with the Chair and Monitoring Officer later in the summer. There are two positions to fill.

PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

8. The Committee must consult parish and town councils within its area on Parish Council issues. A letter will be sent to the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils requesting them to nominate a total of three representatives. A copy of the job description and person specification prepared for the recruitment of independent members will be enclosed for information.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

9. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Corporate Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	
Legal	✓	No significant implications in this area	

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There are no background papers to this report.

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