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**THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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**1 PURPOSE**

To appoint an independent member to a vacancy on the Standards Committee.

**2 DETAILS**

- 2.1 A vacancy has arisen for an independent member of the Standards Committee, following the death of Barry Keene, who was appointed to this position in November.
- 2.2 There are certain statutory requirements for such appointments and the Council may either appoint one of the candidates who applied in October last year, or instruct the officers to readvertise the vacancy and begin the selection process afresh.
- 2.3 The officers recommend that the Council should appoint one of the candidates, a Mr Stewart Gillies, who applied in October. He was interviewed at the time by a panel of senior officers and members, who considered that he would be well suited for the role.
- 2.4 It would be inappropriate to include Mr Gillies' biographical and personal details in this Part 1 report, but, once appointed, he will be bound by the same Code of Conduct and required to complete the same list of interests as all other Members. The Register of these interests is open for public inspection.

**3 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That Mr Stewart Gillies be appointed an independent member of the Standards Committee.

**5 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 5.1 The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001
- 5.2 The Standards Board for England "Guidance on Standard Committees" May 2002