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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 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Mrs Ananda Hale be appointed an independent Member of the Standards Committee.

**3 BACKGROUND**

The membership of the Standards Committee provides for an Independent Member to serve as Chair with another Independent Member serving with elected Members. Annual Council on 23rd May 2006 appointed Stewart Gillies as Chair of the Committee and the vacancy for another independent Member was advertised in the local press..

**4 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION AND OTHER OPTIONS**

Individuals who replied to the advertisement met with the Independent Chair of the Standards Committee, members of Strategic Management Board and the Borough Solicitor and it is recommended that the Council appoint Mrs. Ananda Hale. Mrs Hale is a chartered Surveyor who has had experience of Local Government both as an officer and a consultant and it is considered that with her knowledge and experience she is well suited for the position on the Standards Committee.

It would be inappropriate to include Mrs. Hale's biographical and personal details in this Part I report, but once appointed, Mrs. Hale 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.

**5.1 Financial Implications**

Any costs will be met from within the overall budget for Members' allowances and expenses.

**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

**APPENDICES**

None