

# NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

18 May 2009

### Independent Member Appointment

#### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's recommendations to full Council regarding the appointment of an Independent Member to the Standards Committee.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 In 2005, Mr James Daghish was appointed to the Standards Committee as an independent Member for a four year period, until the annual County Council meeting in May 2009 (which will now take place on 17 June 2009).
- 2.2 The Committee has previously agreed an appropriate recruitment process for the independent Member position currently held by Mr Daghish.

#### **3.0 RECRUITMENT PROCESS**

- 3.1 The position was advertised in the Yorkshire Post newspaper on 26 March 2009.
- 3.2 Four information packs were requested, following the advert. One potential applicant was, however, ineligible to apply due to previous employment by the Council within the last five years.
- 3.3 Three completed application forms were received by the deadline date of 9 April 2009. The Monitoring Officer and Vice-Chair of the Standards Committee short-listed all three applicants.
- 3.4 A meeting of a panel of Members drawn from this Committee interviewed the short-listed candidates on 22 April 2009 and decided on its recommendations to the Committee at its meeting today. The panel was comprised of Ms Gillian Fleming (Chairman), County Councillors John Marshall and Peter Sowray, and Mr Henry Cronin. The meeting was also attended by the Monitoring Officer (not part of the panel) and the Principal Committee Administrator (to take notes, also not part of the panel).
- 3.5 The panel recommends to the Standards Committee that Mr James Daghish be appointed to the independent Member position until the annual meeting of the County Council in 2010.
- 3.6 The Standards Committee is requested to consider the panel's recommendation and, if in agreement, to make the necessary recommendation to full Council to approve the appointment, at its meeting on 17 June 2009.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That Members recommend to full Council for approval that Mr James Daghish be re-appointed to the independent Member position currently held by him upon the expiration of his term of office on 17 June 2009, to serve until the annual meeting of the County

Council in 2010.

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Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) and Monitoring Officer

Background Documents:

None

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8 May 2009