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Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - TUESDAY, 11TH JULY, 2017

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at the Tuesday, 11th July, 2017 meeting of the Council, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

Agenda No Item

13. **Localism Act 2011 - Appointment of Independent Persons (Pages 3 - 4)**
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Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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11 JULY 2017

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Part 1 - Public

For decision

1 LOCALISM ACT 2011 – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS – SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 This supplementary report updates Members on the outcome of the recruitment process for the role of Independent Person.

1.1.2 The Council received 6 applications in response to the advertisement, with interviews of the shortlisted candidates taking place on 7 July 2017. The interview panel was comprised of the Chairman and 2 Vice-Chairmen of the Joint Standards Committee, the Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and the Monitoring Officer.

1.1.3 Details of the 2 applicants to whom it is proposed to offer the position of Independent Person are set out below.

Clive Grenyer

1.1.4 Mr Grenyer is a retired Solicitor, with many years' experience in various tiers of government. He has previously worked for the London Borough of Southwark (as Borough Solicitor), the Association of County Councils and as Draftsman/ Legislative Counsel for the Cayman Islands Government, the States of Jersey, the Government of Antigua & Barbuda and the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission.

David Mercier

1.1.5 Mr Mercier holds a degree in law, together with a postgraduate Diploma in Professional & Legal Skills (BVC) and a Masters Degree in Social Policy and Criminology. He is currently employed as a Parliamentary Assistant to Greg Clark MP and has previous experience of working for a local authority, having worked for Harrow Council for 7 years as a Political Assistant (a politically restricted post). Mr Mercier has also previously held the position of parish councillor with his local parish council.

1.1.6 Both Mr Grenyer and Mr Mercier are residents of the Borough.

1.2 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

- 1.2.1 The Independent Person receives an annual allowance for performance of their role, currently £513 pa.

1.3 Risk Assessment

- 1.3.1 It is important that a robust system exists for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct. The absence of such a framework will lower public confidence in the democratic process.
- 1.3.2 The role of 'Independent Person' is an important element of the standards regime, and will provide independent advice to the Council and Members in connection with allegations of misconduct.

1.4 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.4.1 None arising from this report.

1.5 Recommendations

- 1.5.1 That Mr Clive Grenyer & Mr David Mercier are appointed as Independent Persons under s28 of the Localism Act 2011, for a term expiring on 30 June 2022.

contact: Adrian Stanfield

Background Papers:

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Supplementary Report of the Director of Central Services

Part 1- Public

Matters For Decision

1 APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To consider the reappointment of a Trustee to Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity for a further term.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Since publication of the agenda, the Grants Administrator for the above Charity has advised that the term of office of Councillor Mrs Pam Bates as a local trustee for the parish of St Peter and St Paul with St Saviour will expire at the end of July. The Council has accordingly been invited to consider reappointing her for a further four year term. Councillor Mrs Bates is willing to be reappointed.

1.1.2 The Charity provides financial and pastoral support to individuals in need, usually older or disabled people, living in various West Kent parishes.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 Not applicable.

1.4 Risk Assessment

1.4.1 Not applicable.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

1.6 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 RECOMMENDED that the Council consider the reappointment for a further four year term of Councillor Mrs P Bates as a Trustee of Sir Thomas Smythe's Charity for the parish of St Peter and St Paul with St Saviour.

Background papers:

contact: Claire Fox

Nil

Adrian Stanfield
Director of Central Services