

Item 5(i) – Appointment of Independent Members to the Standards Committee

Standards Committee’s Recommendation to Council

At its meeting on 9 November 2010 the Standards Committee considered the matter as follows:

Following the resignation of Mr. Hobbs as an Independent Member of the Committee, six applicants were scheduled to be interviewed for the position of Independent Member on the Committee. The Committee was advised that one of the Independent Members, Mr. Painter, had also recently announced his resignation.

The second scheduled applicant gave notice of her withdrawal during the meeting.

The interviews followed the procedure approved at the meeting of the Committee held on 3 November 2005. Appropriate questions were asked of each interviewee.

After the interviews had taken place the Committee discussed each applicant in turn and was of the view that Mr. Henderson and Mr. Newman should be appointed as Independent Members of the Committee.

It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer would phone the successful candidate to invite him/her to become a member of the Standards Committee and would also phone the unsuccessful applicants to inform them of the Committee’s decision.

The Committee noted that the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 Part 2 Para 5 (1)(a) provided that a person may be appointed as an Independent Member of a Standards Committee only if the appointment was approved by a majority of the Members of the authority. Accordingly, the appointment of the Independent Members would be referred to Council on 16 December 2010 for approval.

Resolved: That, due to immediate vacancies and subject to the receipt of satisfactory references, it be recommended to Council **that Mr. John Henderson and Mr. John Newman be appointed as Independent Members of the Standards Committee.**

The recommendations highlighted in bold are for consideration by the Council.

