

Report to Council
21 March 2017
Report of Director of business services
Subject Appointment of Independent Persons (Standards)

Item

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Purpose

To consider the appointment of Independent Persons for the council

Recommendation

To appoint Linda Barber and Amanda Montagu as Independent Persons

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority value for money services

Financial implications

When an Independent Person is called upon to complete work for the council they are able to claim a fee of £25 per hour. Where this becomes necessary this will be funded from within existing budget.

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Stonard - Resources and business liaison

Contact officers

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

1. At the meeting of council held on 19 June 2012, council resolved unanimously to adopt, as of 1 July 2012, a new code of conduct and arrangement for dealing with matters raised under the code as provided for by the Localism Act 2011.
2. The monitoring officer was delegated the power to take all steps and deal with all such ancillary matters as are required to implement the appointment of an Independent Person and reserve persons in accordance with paragraph 18-23 of the standards framework and to render the council compliant.
3. The Independent Person is appointed for a term of 4 years. This term has now expired and the existing Independent Person has chosen not to stand for the role again.

Process to recruit Independent Persons

4. npLaw provides the monitoring officer for the council as well as other Norfolk councils.
5. npLaw have advertised for Independent Persons for the council and other Norfolk councils.
6. The monitoring officer and Councillor Keith Driver, chair of the standards committee, interviewed prospective candidates for the role of Independent Person for the council.
7. The monitoring officer and Councillor Keith Driver, the chair of the standards committee, recommend the appointment of Linda Barber and Amanda Montagu (known as Mandy) to act as Independent Persons for the council. Both are currently part time magistrates as well as having previous experience of acting as an Independent Person for other local authorities.

Integrated impact assessment



NORWICH
City Council

Report author to complete

Committee:	Council
Committee date:	21/3/2017
Director / Head of service	Anton Bull
Report subject:	Appointment of Independent Persons (Standards)
Date assessed:	10/3/2017
Description:	Appointment of Independent Persons (Standards)

	Impact			
Economic (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Finance (value for money)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other departments and services e.g. office facilities, customer contact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ICT services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Financial inclusion	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Social (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Safeguarding children and adults	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<u>S17 crime and disorder act 1998</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Human Rights Act 1998	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Health and well being	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

	Impact			
Equality and diversity (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Relations between groups (cohesion)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Eliminating discrimination & harassment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Advancing equality of opportunity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Environmental (please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Natural and built environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Waste minimisation & resource use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pollution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sustainable procurement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Energy and climate change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
(Please add an 'x' as appropriate)	Neutral	Positive	Negative	Comments
Risk management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Recommendations from impact assessment

Positive

Negative

Neutral

Issues