
Meeting: Standards Committee
Date: 17 July 2009
Subject: Invitation to join the Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England
Report of: Monitoring Officer
Summary: To draw to Members' attention a letter received from AIMSce inviting Independent Members to join the Association.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Non-executive

Reason for urgency (if appropriate) N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Committee determine their response.

1. Members will see set out at Appendix "A" to this report a letter received from the Association of Independent Members of Standards Committees in England. This Association is a relatively new body which provide peer group support, championing the role of Independent Members and representing their interests in this area. It also provides a strong networking and informal supporting group for Independent Members.
2. Further information about this group can be found on their website www.aimsce.org.uk. The Association is involved in consultation with the Government and the Standards Board for England on a number of issues important to Independent Members and the broader standards matters .
3. The cost of membership is a joining fee of £15, together with an annual subscription of £10.
4. Members' views are sought in respect of whether the Independent Members would wish to join this Association

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Contributes to all Council priorities to ensure good governance

Financial:

£15 joining fee and £10 annual fee per Member

Legal:

N/A

Risk Management:

N/A

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

N/A

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Community Development/Safety:

N/A

Sustainability:

N/A

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands