

<b>COUNCIL</b>
<b>26 February 2009</b>

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS TO THE CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>  (To approve the appointment of five Independent Persons to the Standards Committee)
<b>REPORT OF</b>	<b>Monitoring Officer</b>
<i>Contact Officer: Barbara Morris (Tel: 01462 611024)</i>	

**IMPLICATIONS**

<b>SUSTAINABILITY</b>	To maintain balanced representation on the Standards Committee
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	None
<b>LEGAL</b>	The Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001 Local Government Act 2000
<b>PERSONNEL/EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES</b>	Advertised and nine applications received and considered
<b>COMMUNITY DEV/SAFETY</b>	None
<b>TRADE UNIONS</b>	None
<b>HUMAN RIGHTS</b>	None

**OTHER DOCUMENTS RELEVANT TO REPORT**

None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

**That Kenneth Frazer, Keith Ford, Jeremy Dann, Deborah Maggs and Mike Jones formally be appointed as Independent Persons to serve on the Standards Committee with effect from 1 April 2009 until the Elections to be held in 2011.**

1. In accordance with the draft Central Bedfordshire Council's Constitution, the Standards Committee will comprise of:-
  - Five elected Members
  - Five independent persons, and
  - Five members of Town or Parish Councils in the area.

2. A ring fenced selection process took place in January 2009 from the existing pool of Independent persons of Mid Bedfordshire Council, South Bedfordshire District Council and Bedfordshire County Council Standards Committees. All the Independent persons were requested to submit applications if they were interested in standing as an Independent persons for the Central Bedfordshire Council's Standards Committee. The recruitment process was tailored to utilise the expertise that had been built up in all Authorities among the Independent persons. The closing date for applications was 31 December 2008, with interviews taking place on 21 and 27 January 2009. The interviewing panel consisted of the Chairman of the Central Bedfordshire Shadow Council, together with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services/Monitoring Officer for Central Bedfordshire Council.
  
3. Following those interviews the recommendation is that the following persons be appointed to the Central Bedfordshire Standards Committee:-
  - (a) Mr Kenneth Frazer
    - Retired RAF Avionics Engineer Officer
    - Currently Member and Chairman of Bedfordshire County Council's Standards Committee
    - Led Committee's transition and implementation of its new adjudication responsibilities.
  
  - (b) Mr Keith Ford
    - Worked in various teaching positions in schools between 1972 – 2004, including Head Teacher
    - Governing bodies of 5 schools, including Chair of Governors
    - Magistrate (Luton and South Beds) – Chair of the Bedfordshire Magistrates' Training Committees and the Bedfordshire Magistrates' Association
    - Member of the Bedfordshire Valuation Tribunal Panel
    - Currently Member of South Bedfordshire District Council Standards Committee and Chairman since 2007
  
  - (c) Mr Jeremy Dann
    - 23 years experience working as a civil servant in various Government Departments
    - Last 8 years advised Ministers on complex policy issues and familiar with consulting and interpreting legislation, including lead for liaison in respect of heritage buildings and funding
    - Member of Mid Beds District Council Standards Committee

(d) Miss Deborah Maggs

- 25 years' public service experience as both Immigration and Chief Immigration Officer, including training responsibility, conducting investigations and management
- Magistrate, regularly chairing Court
- Full team mentor in making decisions and always give the public an account of the court's reasons for its findings
- Member and Chairman of Mid Beds District Council Standards Committee

(e) Mr Mike Jones

- 35 years telecommunications industry engaged in international business development, international relations and setting up and management of BT in Japan
- Served as a Director of the Boards of companies in which BT had investments
- Independent consultant in general management, project management, bid management and the management of change chiefly in the Healthcare sector
- Member of South Beds District Council Standards Committee

4. It is a requirement of the legislation that the appointment of Independent persons are approved by the majority of the Members of the Council. It is therefore requested that the Council approves the recommendation as set out above.

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**Background Papers:** None  
**Location of Papers:** N/A  
**File Reference:** N/A