

## **Standards (Parish & Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel**

A meeting of Standards (Parish & Independent Representatives) Appointment Panel was held on Tuesday, 24th June, 2008.

**Present:** Cllr Ken Lupton (Chairman), Cllr Maurice Frankland (vice Cllr David Coleman), Cllr Terry Laing (vice Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont), Cllr Bill Noble

**Officers:** D E Bond, S Johnson (LD)

**Also in attendance:** No other persons in attendance

**Apologies:** Cllr Mrs Jennie Beaumont, Cllr Dick Cains, Cllr David Coleman, Cllr Lee Narroway, Cllr Steve Walmsley

### **SAP 1/08      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **SAP 2/08      Standards Committee - Appointment of Substitute Parish Representatives and Independent Members**

Consideration was given to a report that provided details of the applicants for the positions of substitute Parish representative and substitute independent member on the Council's Standards Committee.

It was explained that following the previous Panel meeting on 14 January 2008, Council agreed that two substitute Parish representatives should be appointed to the Committee; that interviews should be included as part of the appointments procedure and the term of office of the substitute representatives should be three years, to be reviewed annually.

Further to these decisions, all Town/Parish Clerks were informed what was proposed and were asked to advise their members about the vacancies and the closing date for applications. In addition a notice was placed on the Council's website and in the Evening Gazette. Details were also circulated to all Town/Parish Clerks of the Parish Councils in the Authority's administrative area.

Members of the Committee were provided with copies of the job description and the criteria for appointment.

It was also explained that an advertisement for a substitute independent member of the Standards Committee was placed in the Evening Gazette and existing independent members of the other Standards Committees in the Tees Valley were canvassed on an individual basis.

Members of the Committee were provided with copies of the job description and the selection criteria for the post.

The applicants were interviewed by the Committee.

**RECOMMENDED to Council that:-**

- 1. RM, subject to the receipt of the appropriate reference, be appointed as substitute Parish representative on the Standards Committee, for a term of three years to be reviewed annually.**
- 2. JC be appointed as substitute Parish representative on the Standards Committee, for a term of three years to be reviewed annually, subject to confirmation by the Director of Law and Democracy, in consultation with the Chairman, that the eligibility issue raised during the interview by the panel has been satisfactorily resolved.**
- 3. CJN be appointed as a substitute independent member on the Standards Committee, for a term of three years to be reviewed annually.**
- 4. Appointed substitute representatives receive the agreed co-optees allowance and are entitled to claim appropriate travel and subsistence for attending Committee meetings, training events etc.**