

Urgency Committee of the Full Council

Meeting to be held on 17 January 2012

Electoral Division affected: None

Appointment to Independent Remuneration Panel

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Executive Summary

The appointment of a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel.

Recommendation

To appoint Mrs Gail Stanley, MBE, DL, as a member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a term of four years.

Background and Advice

The County Council is required by Regulations to put in place a Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Authority about the Allowances to be paid to Members. The Regulations require Panels to consist of at least 3 members and the county council has previously agreed that its Panel should consist of up to 5 members

The existing Members of the Panel are the following:

Gordon Johnson, DL (Chair)
Dennis Mendoros, OBE, DL

National guidance includes advice as to who should be appointed to Panels and indicates that candidates' knowledge of local government and the way it works should be considered. It also suggests that an Authority should consider the term of office of Members of the Panel.

At least one further member must be appointed to the Panel for it to be quorate. Notice of the vacancies inviting applications have been placed on the Council's website.

Only one application has been received, this being from Mrs Gail Stanley MBE, DL. Mrs Stanley has extensive knowledge of local government and the public sector and has served as chair of West Lancashire Borough Council's Independent Remuneration Panel since 2002

It is recommended that Mrs Stanley be appointed as a member of the Panel for a term of four years. Further efforts will be made to make additional appointments to ensure that the Panel can continue to discharge its responsibilities.

Consultations

N/A

Implications:

Financial: Members of the Panel receive an annual allowance £354 per annum plus travel costs.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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