



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

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Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

## **Appointment of an Independent Member of the Standards Committee**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To confirm the appointment of Mr Philip Sunderland as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for the period ending at the Annual Meeting in May 2009.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Following the resignation of Mr Gajinder Bagga, a vacancy occurred for an Independent Member of the Standards Committee.
- 2.2 On 9 February 2006, the remaining members of the Standards Committee interviewed candidates who had submitted applications following a public advertisement, and agreed to recommend the appointment of Mr Philip Sunderland. Council is asked to confirm this appointment.
- 2.3 Council has previously agreed that Independent Members will serve for a three year period of office.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

1. Independent Members of the Standards Committee are entitled to travel and subsistence expenses. No fees or allowances are paid.

**Legal**

- 2.1 The Local Government Act 2000 and the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001, provide that a person may not be appointed as an independent member of the authority's Standards Committee unless the appointment is:
  - (a) approved by a majority of the members of the authority
  - (b) advertised in one or more newspapers circulating in the authority's area
  - (c) of a person who has submitted an application to the authority
  - (d) of a person who has not, within the period of five years immediately preceding the date of the appointment, been a member or officer of the authority, and
  - (e) of a person who is not a relative or close friend of a member or officer of the authority
  - (f) of a person who is not currently a member of any local authority, including a parish council, police authority or fire authority
- 2.2 Guidance from the Standards Board for England states that the person should be independent of any political party and local government.

**Personnel**

3. None directly arising.

**Equalities Impact**

4. The process for recruiting the independent member was carried out in a fair and open way so as not to disadvantage any group.

**Corporate Themes and Priorities**

5. The Standards Committee supports the Corporate Value "We will be open, transparent and honest in everything we do."