

LOCALISM ACT 2011 – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

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Summary:

Reports the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer on appointment of a second Independent Person under the Localism Act 2011 to assist the Council in matters relating to the Code of Conduct.

Recommendation: That Mr John Graham be appointed as an Independent Person until May 2015 on the terms set out in the report to Council on 14 June, and that the appointment be re-confirmed by the Council at the Annual Meeting in 2013 and 2014.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Council is required under Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 to appoint at least one independent person to assist the Council in matters relating to potential breaches of the Code of Conduct.

1.2 The Council on 14 June decided to seek to appoint three Independent Persons; appointed Mr Anthony Payne to one of the positions; and delegated authority to the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates for the remaining positions, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Leader of the Opposition Group. Appointments themselves can only be made by full Council.

2. INTERVIEWS

2.1 Following receipt of a written expression of interest, the Chief Executive and the Monitoring Officer have interviewed Mr John Graham, Head of HR and Training at LLW Repository Ltd, and are recommending his appointment to one of the remaining positions of Independent Person.

2.2 If the Council is minded to agree this recommendation, it will leave one position of Independent Person remaining to be filled.

3. STATUTORY CONSULTEES

3.1 Monitoring Officer Comments: Contained within the report.

3.2 S151 Officer Comments: No comments as within budget

3.4 EIA Comment: Interview process within HR Policies

3.5 Other Consultees: None

List of Appendices – None

List of Background Documents: None