

REPORT TO: Standards Committee
DATE: 10th September 2008
REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy
SUBJECT: Appointments to Vacancies
WARDS: N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on the current position in respect of the appointment to the vacant posts of “Independent Member” and “Parish Council Representative”.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

2.1 Mr Garner be welcomed as the new additional Independent Member of the Committee; and

2.2 the current position relating to the Parish Council vacancy be noted.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 On 27th February 2008, Members agreed to recommend to Council that the Constitution be amended to provide for an additional Independent Member and an additional Parish Council representative on the Standards Committee. This was in order that the Committee could fulfil its requirements in terms of the new filtering process and was in accordance with best practice. Full Council subsequently agreed these changes at its Annual meeting on 16th May 2008.

3.2 Since that time, the vacancy for an Independent Member has been advertised in accordance with statutory requirements and Mr Robert Garner has subsequently been appointed.

3.3 Steps were also taken fill the Parish Council vacancy. Unfortunately, officers have not been able to secure an appointment to date. It is therefore intended that the Parish Clerks be approached again in this respect.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

None.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton – none.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton – none.

6.3 A Healthy Halton – none.

6.4 A Safer Halton – none.

6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal – none.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

The Parish Council vacancy may cause difficulties should the need arise to convene the required Sub-Committees to hear any possible future complaints.

Officers will continue in their attempts to secure an appointment to this vacancy as soon as possible.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

None.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

None under the meaning of the Act.