

**REPORT TO: FULL COUNCIL**

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**TOPIC: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON**

**REPORT BY: HEAD OF CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY**

## 1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Under the Localism Act 2011 the Council is required to appoint an Independent Person to assist the Council in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct amongst the elected members of the Council and all Parish Councils in the area.
- 1.2 Mr R Jeanes has held that position previously and this report recommends that the appointment continue for the current Council term.

## 2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To appoint Mr Rob Jeanes as Independent Person with effect from the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 for a four year term.

## 3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To ensure that the statutory role is filled.

## 4 REPORT

- 4.1 The role of an Independent Person is primarily to be consulted on potential breaches of the Code of Conduct and to give a view as to whether such breaches exist and if so how the complaint may be resolved.
- 4.2 The views of the Independent Person are taken into account when determining the complaint.
- 4.3 Mr Rob Jeanes has acted as Independent Person during the previous Council term and has been particularly effective. He has supported the aims of the Council to improve standards but has also been willing to challenge views put forward in respect of complaints. It is suggested and recommended that the appointment continue for a further 4 years.

## 5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

## 6 CONSTITUTIONAL CONTEXT

Article or Appendix and paragraph	Referred or delegated power?
4.5.18	Delegated

## 7 STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

7.1 This report contains no confidential information or exempt information under the provisions of Schedule 12A of 1972 Act.

## 8 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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The background papers are available for inspection and kept by the author of the report.

## 9 STATEMENT OF INTERNAL ADVICE

9.1 The author (below) confirms that advice has been taken from all appropriate Councillors and Officers.

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