

DECISION ITEM



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	COUNCIL	5 DECEMBER 2016	8
INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL APPOINTMENT			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

The report recommends that Karen Eaton be appointed as a member of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel in succession to Mary Wilson and Michael Brown, who have stepped down.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Appoint Mrs Karen Eaton to the Independent Remuneration Panel in succession to Mary Wilson and Michael Brown.
2. To record the Council's thanks to Michael Brown, who has been a longstanding member of the Panel, together with Mary Wilson, who has been a more recent appointee.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

None relating to this matter.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	√
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	√
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	

REPORT

1. Regulations made under the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 require the council to have a panel, comprised of people independent of the council, to make recommendations on allowances and certain other payments payable to members of the council. There are presently vacancies on this council's panel, created by the resignations of Mary Wilson and Michael Brown, due to ill health. The remaining members of the panel are Mrs Helen Hockenhull and Mr David Cam.
2. Although the council's panel was four, it has more traditionally been three and this appointment would mark a return to that tradition.
3. The vacancy was publicised on the council's website. The recruitment process, consisting of written applications and informal interview, attracted a high quality applicant in Mrs Eaton.
4. Mrs Eaton is a retired civil servant and a serving magistrate. She is a chartered accountant and has previously undertaken internal audit work. Officers are confident that she will make a positive contribution to the work of the panel.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	Panel members can claim expenses for attending meetings, however in reducing the number of members from 4 to 3 would reduce the amount of expenses claimed. Additionally all the Panel members are local and any expenses claims are likely to be minimal.
Legal	The Council is required to appoint a panel under Regulation 20 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
Community Safety	None
Human Rights and Equalities	The recruitment exercise was open to all sectors of the community.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
None		