

DECISION ITEM

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| RESOURCES DIRECTORATE | COUNCIL | 15 JULY 2019 | 10 |

EXTENSION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE – INDEPENDENT PERSONS

PUBLIC ITEM

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

SUMMARY

The Council is asked to consider the extension of the term of office of the three statutory Independent Persons for Standards.

RECOMMENDATION

That Mr Mozley, Mrs Broughton and Mr Horrocks, the three statutory Independent Persons pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, be appointed for a further 12 months from 30 September 2019 to 30 September 2020.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

11 April 2016 – Council appointed Mr Tony Mozley, Mr Brian Horrocks and Mrs Helen Broughton as statutory Independent Persons pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011, for a period of 3 years starting from 1 May 2016 until 30 September 2019.

28 January 2013 - Council appointed Mr Ellwood, Mr Mozley and Mr Horrocks for a three year term.

20 May 2015 – Council appointed Mr Ellwood and Mr Horrocks, as co-opted members, to the Chief Officers Employment Committee.

14 December 2015 – Council agreed the extension of the term of office for the Independent Person until June 2016 or until the satisfactory conclusion of the recruitment process to appoint new Independent Persons.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

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| 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. At the meeting of the Council in April 2016, it was agreed to appoint Mr A Mozley, Mr B Horrocks and Mrs H Broughton as statutory independent persons for standards matters pursuant to Section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 until 30 September 2019.
2. In January, a review of the current standards framework, the first since the Localism Act 2011 has been undertaken by the Committee on Standards in Public Life to see if the Framework is conducive to promoting and maintaining the standards expected by the public. This report was published in January 2019. The recommendations from this report have been submitted to Government but no response has yet been made.
3. One area in the report subject to recommendation was the term of office for the Independent Persons and therefore, it is proposed to only extend for a 12-month period to allow Government to respond to the recommendation and then Council can act accordingly. As members will be aware, the three Independent Persons are shared with Blackpool Borough Council and the same recommendation went to their Council meeting on 26 June.

| IMPLICATIONS | |
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| Finance | None arising from this report |
| Legal | Section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011 states the requirement to appoint at least one Independent Person for standards matters. |
| Community Safety | None arising from this report |
| Human Rights and Equalities | None arising from this report |
| Sustainability and Environmental Impact | None arising from this report |
| Health & Safety and Risk Management | None arising from this report |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | | |
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| Name of document | Date | Where available for inspection |
| None | | |