

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Report of the Monitoring Officer to Full Council – 4 October 2011

Recruitment of an independent Member to Taunton Deane Borough Council's Standards Committee

After almost eleven years service Maurice Stanbury decided during the early summer to resign from the Council's Standards Committee.

The Committee would very much like to appoint Mr Adrian Cox to fill the vacancy for a new independent Member left by Mr Stanbury's departure.

Mr Cox was one of three candidates who were interviewed towards the end of last year to fill the vacancy left by Peter Malim OBE.

The interviews were carried out by Anne Elder, Chairman of our Standards Committee, Tonya Meers the Council's Monitoring Officer and Richard Bryant, Democratic Services Manager.

Although at the time the Council appointed Mr Terry Bowditch to the Committee, there was so little between him and Mr Cox at interview, he was placed on a "reserve list" just in case a further vacancy was to arise.

Mr Cox's career has included positions of Chief Internal Auditor, Business Development Manager and Head of Accounting Services with Somerset County Council before moving into the Department of Health where he became Head of Performance Management for the South-West Region. With such a wealth of relevant experience, the interviewing group believes that Mr Cox will be a real asset to the Committee.

Details of Mr Cox's provisional appointment have been circulated to Group Leaders and no objections have been received.

In order to comply with the terms of the Council's Constitution the appointment has to be formally made by Council.

It is therefore **recommended** that Mr Adrian Cox be appointed as an independent Member of the Council's Standards Committee.

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