

Taunton Deane Borough Council

Report of the Monitoring Officer to Full Council – 5 October 2010

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

Following the resignation of Mr Peter Malim OBE from the Standards Committee in June 2010, an advertisement was placed in the local press seeking to fill the vacancy created. Three candidates were interviewed on 31 August 2010.

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.

From the candidates, Mr Terry Bowditch was provisionally invited to join the Standards Committee as an independent Member. As many Members will know, until his recent retirement, Mr Bowditch worked for the Audit Commission dealing with the Councils in Somerset and was a familiar face at meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee.

The interviewing group believes that Mr Bowditch will be a valuable addition to the Standards Committee and recommends that he is appointed. Details of the 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 Terry Bowditch be appointed as an independent Member of the Council's Standards Committee.

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