

Appointment of Pool of Independent Persons

Portfolio:	Non Executive Function
Ward(s) Affected:	All

Purpose: To appoint a pool of Independent Persons until May 2019 as required by the Localism Act 2011.

1. Background

- 1.1. Previously the Council has appointed a single Independent Person in accordance with the Localism Act 2011. The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 provided for further arrangements relating to disciplinary processes requiring two Independent Persons.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. The current appointment has expired, and advertising for a replacement has not been successful. However a pool of Independent Persons has been appointed by a consortium of councils, namely Mole Valley, Guildford, Waverley, Spelthorne and Reigate and Banstead. There are currently five people who form part of the pool across the authorities.

3. Options

- 3.1. Surrey Heath Borough Council may appoint the same persons in the pool to be the Independent Persons. The consortium authorities have been operating a protocol to deal with the practical issues of dealing with complaints, including any conflicts of interest, common processes and arrangements for dealing with complaints. Training has also been provided to the pool members.
- 3.2. Surrey Heath Borough Council is able to join this consortium. It may make its own appointment at a later stage and that person could join the pool.
- 3.3. The details of the proposed consortium will be reported to the next Audit and Standards Committee.

4. Proposal

- 4.1. It is therefore proposed to appoint the following persons to carry out the role of Independent Persons:
- Roger Pett
 - Tony Allenby
 - Vivienne Cameron
 - Paul Sherar

- David Seymour
- Bernard Quoroll

5. Resource Implications

5.1. None

6. Recommendation

6.1. It is recommended that Full Council appoints the following persons to be Independent Persons in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 until May 2019:

- Roger Pett
- Tony Allenby
- Vivienne Cameron
- Paul Sherar
- David Seymour
- Bernard Quoroll

Background Papers:

None

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