

APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES

A – Appointment of Independent Member to the Standards Committee

Council on 8 December resolved to appoint an Independent Person as the Chairman of the Standards Committee. Proposals for the process for the appointment of a pool of three Independent Persons are currently being developed, and will be considered at the next Constitution Ethics and Probity Committee meeting on 17 March. As this process may take some time, the Monitoring Officer has recommended that arrangements are put in place to allow for a meeting of the Standards Committee to take place if this is required before permanent Independent Persons may be appointed. It is therefore recommended that the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of Constitution Ethics and Probity Committee be delegated the power to appoint an existing Independent Member of the previous Group Leaders Panel as Chairman of the Standards Committee should the need arise.

RECOMMEND -

- 1. That the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chairman of the Constitution, Ethics and Probity Committee be delegated the power to appoint an existing Independent Member of the previous Group Leaders Panel as Chairman to the Standards Committee, should the need arise prior to the appointment of a pool of Independent Persons.**