
Appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel

Background

- 1 The County Council must have an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) made up of independent members, whose role is to make recommendations to the Council on member allowances and expenses. An IRP must do a full review of the Member Allowance Scheme every four years but can review any aspect of the scheme at any time.
- 2 The West Sussex IRP has five members who can serve up to three four-year terms. Dr Neil Beer will step down from the IRP in October 2023. Mr John Donaldson has said he is willing to undertake a third term from October 2023.
- 3 A recruitment exercise has been carried out to recruit a new independent member of the IRP to take up office from October 2023. However, as the IRP is to begin its four yearly review in June 2023, the Council is asked to make an appointment now, so that the new member designate can informally participate from the start.
- 4 Interviews took place on 16 May 2023 by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee, supported by the Director of Law and Assurance. Dr John Godfrey, DL, is recommended for appointment to the IRP. Dr Godfrey recently retired as a Deputy Lieutenant of West Sussex. He enjoyed a long career in local government law and administration initially in London, then at West Sussex County Council until 2003 and finally in Lewes, retiring as Chief Executive of the former Sussex Police Authority in 2010. Dr Godfrey has sat on and chaired a number of public bodies and voluntary organisations, including the Gatwick Airport Consultative Committee, the Council of the National Trust, Sussex Heritage Trust and the Arun Valley Vision Group. He is a long-standing West Sussex resident.

Recommended

- (1) That Mr John Donaldson be appointed for a third term as a member of the West Sussex IRP, from October 2023 to October 2027; and
- (2) That Dr John Godfrey, DL, be appointed for a first term as a member of the West Sussex IRP, from October 2023 to October 2027.

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Background papers

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