



Annual Council
9 May 2016

Subject: Appointment of Independent Persons for Code of Conduct

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To appoint Two Independent Persons to consider and advise on Code of Conduct matters

RECOMMENDATION(S):
That the persons named in paragraph 2 be appointed to serve as Independent Persons from 10th May 2016

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None associated with this report.

Financial : FIN/17/16 The level of remuneration is as set out in the Council's Constitution, i.e. £50 per meeting and travel expenses

Staffing: None associated with this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : None

Risk Assessment : N/A

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:
None

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one to which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

1. Background

- 1.1 West Lindsey is required under the Localism Act 2011 to have at least one Independent Person to provide support and advice on Code of Conduct related matters.
- 1.2 West Lindsey News was used to advertise the vacancies and six received. Copies of the advertisement, letter and person specification are attached at Appendix A.
- 1.3 Shortlisting took place and Interviews were held on 27 April 2016. The Panel consisted of Councillor Anne Welburn, the Strategic Lead for Democratic and Business Support, and the Human Resources Team Manager.

2. Recommended for Appointment

- 2.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the following be appointed to serve as Independent Persons from 10 May 2016
 - Mr S Beard
 - Ms M Marshall-Brown



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APPOINTEES – PERSON SPECIFICATION

General

To be eligible for appointment, a person must not be disqualified from holding office as a member of the local authority. Accordingly, any person who is recommended for appointment will be required to confirm that he/she is not disqualified. Details of the disqualifications are stated in the advertisement along with the key functions an Independent Person will be required to undertake.

Selection Criteria

Prospective Independent should –

1. Have an interest in standards in public life.
2. Wish to serve the local community and uphold local democracy by playing a key part in promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Members of the District Council and the Parishes within West Lindsey.
3. Demonstrate high standards and personal integrity.
4. Be objective, independent and impartial.