

## **BOROUGH OF REIGATE AND BANSTEAD**

### **STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of a Standards Sub-Committee held at the Town Hall, Reigate on Tuesday, 8th September 2009 at 3.00 p.m.

Present: Mr. J. Broadbent (Chairman – Independent Member); Mr. P. Allen (Independent Member), Mr. R. Bethell (Horley Town Council), Councillors Mrs. J.S. Bray and R.C. Newstead and Dr. C. Vaughan (Independent Member).

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

None.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **3. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

#### **4. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED** that members of the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that:

(i) it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and

(ii) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

#### **5. INDEPENDENT MEMBER – INTERVIEWS OF SHORT-LISTED APPLICANTS**

The Sub-Committee interviewed the following applicants in respect of the independent member vacancy on the Standards Committee:

Applicant No. ST09/02

Applicant No. ST09/05

Applicant No. ST09/09

Applicant No. ST09/10

Applicant No. ST09/11

A sixth applicant (No.ST09/04) had been invited for interview but had indicated that due to a prior commitment he was unable to attend.

Whilst there was only one independent member vacancy on the Standards Committee, the Sub-Committee felt there was some merit in not only appointing to this but also agreeing a reserve appointment, with this person assuming membership of the Committee should a further vacancy arise in the near future. The suggestion was that the reserve appointee could attend meetings as an observer (and training as appropriate) pending a vacancy arising.

This approach:

- would avoid a further recruitment process;
- was in recognition of the suitability of applicants now being interviewed; and
- was suggested in the knowledge that a further vacancy in the near future was a possibility.

**RECOMMENDED that:**

- (i) Applicant ST09/05 be appointed to the independent member vacancy on the Standards Committee;**
- (ii) Applicant ST09/11 be offered a reserve appointment in accordance with the foregoing; and**
- (iii) in view of the above recommended appointments Applicant ST09/04 be not interviewed.**

**The meeting closed at 6.18 p.m.**