

# METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF WIRRAL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 22 JULY 2003

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## REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND SECRETARY

### STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Executive Summary

This report sets out the current position in relation to the appointment of independent members.

2. Background

Members will recall from my previous report to Standards Committee in April that the Council needed to appoint new Standards Committee independent members. Advertisements have gone out in the local press and to the organisations involved in the local strategic partnership and those on the Council's mailing list to seek to encourage applications. Members will recall that we are seeking three applicants. Mr. Haywood has indicated that he would wish to continue his term and so far we have had one other application. I have asked that all applications be in by the end of September. This report merely serves to update members and encourage them to get the message over a wider field in order to seek further candidates to fill vacancies. A total of three independent members (including (Mr. Haywood) are require.

3. Financial and Staffing Implications

There are no financial or staffing implications arising out of this report.

4. Other Implications

There are no implications arising directly out of this report in terms of equal opportunities, ethnic minorities, the elderly or the disabled; nor are there any direct community safety, human rights, Local Agenda 21, planning or other implications.

5. Background Papers

None.

6. Local Member Support Implications

This report has no implications for specific wards.

7. Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

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