

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

23 JUNE 2000

1.0 INDEPENDENT MEMBERS ON STANDARDS COMMITTEE

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Allocations Committee on 8 June Members asked that a report come forward with proposals for Independent Members to serve on the Council's Standards Committee.
- 1.2 At present the Standards Committee has four Members and seats are allocated on a non-proportional basis, with one seat going to each of the three largest groups and one seat for a representative of the Independent Groups. The Local Government (Organisation and Standards) Bill, which states that every Local Authority must establish a Standards Committee, also states that the Standards Committee must include at least one person who is not a Member or an Officer of that or any Local Authority.
- 1.3 It was suggested at the earlier meeting of the Allocations Committee that it might be appropriate to see whether any of the Members of the Independent Panel on the review of Members allowances i.e.:-
- Mr Clive Leach CBE – the Chairman of Yorkshire Enterprise;
 - Ms Berenice Smith – the Finance and Commercial Director of University of Leeds;
 - Ms Alison Seabrooke – a community entrepreneur from Selby;
 - Mr Roland Harris – Chief Executive of York and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce.

Might be prepared to serve as an Independent Member(s) of the County Council's Standards Committee. The Independent Panel is having its first meeting on Thursday 22 June and I will report orally to the Committee on whether it has been possible to progress this issue.

- 1.4 If one or more Members of the Independent Panel on review of Members allowances were prepared to serve on the County Council Standards Committee, would it be the wish of the Allocations Committee that the report to the Corporate Policy Committee on the political structures proposes that the Council make those appointments to the Standards Committee at the same time as it appoints Members to Committees in its new structures, if the Council approves them?

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