



City of Westminster

Standards Committee

Date: 18 June 2012

Classification: For General Release

Title: Appointment of Independent Person

Report of: Head of Legal and Democratic Services

Wards Involved: Not Applicable

Policy Context: High Ethical Standards

Financial Summary: Not Applicable

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1. Executive Summary

1.1 The Council agreed to appoint His Honour Geoffrey Rivlin QC as the Independent Person on the recommendation of the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee who had interviewed 2 shortlisted candidates. A third shortlisted candidate had withdrawn.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Background Information

3.1 The Independent Person does not become a Co-opted Member in the same way as the former Independent Members, but may be invited to attend meetings.

3.2 At the request of the Chairman, Geoffrey Rivlin has been invited to the meeting of the Committee on 18 June.

3.3 On recommending the appointment of Geoffrey Rivlin the General Purposes Urgency Sub-Committee agreed to review the position regarding further independent persons in 6 to 9 months.

4. Other Implications: None.

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers please contact: Mick Steward;
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Report of Council on Constitutional Issues
- Minutes of Council Meeting – 16 May 2012