
**Manchester City Council
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 4 December 2013

Subject: Standards Committee

Report of: City Solicitor/Monitoring Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the Constitutional and Nomination Committee to recommend to Council the appointment of a new Chair of the Standards Committee and to delegate to the Monitoring Officer authority to make arrangements for the recruitment and selection of an independent member of the Standards Committee.

Recommendations

That the Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. that the Council appoint Amanda Isles as Chair of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the municipal year; and
 2. that the Council delegates to the Monitoring Officer authority to make arrangements for the recruitment and selection of a co-opted independent member of the Committee in consultation with Councillor Andrews and one minority member of the Standards Committee.
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Financial consequences for revenue budget:

None

Financial consequences for capital budget:

None

Wards affected:

All

Implications for

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

The following documents disclose important facts on which the report is based and have been relied upon in preparing the report. Copies of the background documents are available up to 4 years after the date of the meeting. If you would like a copy please contact one of the contact officers above.

1. Reports of the City Solicitor to the Constitutional and Nomination Committee – 10 October 2012 and 14 May 2013;
2. Report of the City Solicitor to the Standards Committee dated 25 June 2012;
and
3. The Council's Constitution.

1.0 **Background**

1.1 The Standards Committee consists of six elected councillors, two co-opted independent members and one member from Ringway Parish Council.

The Council's constitution requires the Council to appoint one of the co-opted independent members as Chair of the Committee.

Following the resignation of the Chair of the Standards Committee there is a vacancy of the post of co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee.

2.0 **Resignation of the Chair of the Standards Committee**

2.1 Professor Stephen Hardy was appointed by the Council as a co-opted independent member and Chair of the Standards Committee on 10 October 2012 for a term of two years. He has resigned from his post due to work commitments on 7 July 2013.

2.2 Amanda Isles was first appointed as a co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee on 9 July 2008. Following the adoption of a voluntary Standards Committee on 11 July 2012, she was appointed as a co-opted independent member of the new Standards Committee on 10 October 2012 for a term of two years. She is also an independent co-opted member of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority's Standards Committee.

2.3 The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to recommend to Council the appointment of Amanda Isles as Chair of the Standards Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

3.0 **Recruitment and Appointment of a Co-opted Independent Member of the Standards Committee**

3.1 On 11 July 2012 the Council appointed two co-opted independent members of the Standards Committee. Following the resignation of Professor Stephen Hardy, there is now a vacancy. The Constitutional and Nomination Committee is asked to delegate to the Monitoring Officer authority to make arrangements for the recruitment and selection of a co-opted independent member of the Committee in consultation with Councillor Andrews, spokesperson of the Standards Committee, and one minority member of the Committee.