

Open Report on behalf of Tony McArdle, Chief Executive

Report to:	County Council
Date:	17 September 2010
Subject:	Appointment to Lincolnshire County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel

Summary:

This report seeks to appoint a Member to Lincolnshire County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.

Recommendation(s):

That the Council appoints Mr Colin Childs to its Independent Remuneration Panel, for a five year term of office.

1. Background

Councillors are reminded that under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, Councils are required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel to advise on its Members' Allowance Scheme.

The Panel makes recommendations to the Council on the level of Basic Allowance for all Members, on the level of Special Responsibility Allowance and to whom they should be paid and whether dependents' carers' allowances, travel and subsistence allowances and co-optees' allowances should be paid and the levels of those allowances.

At the meeting of the Council on 18 September 2009, five Members were appointed to sit on the County Council's Independent Remuneration Panel with their terms of office ranging from one to five years so that the Panel could be refreshed on an annual basis but at the same time maintain continuity. Consequently, Mr Russell Pond's term of office has expired and it is therefore necessary to appoint a new Member to the Independent Remuneration Panel.

An article appeared in the July/August edition of Inside Lincolnshire, which is delivered to 340,000 homes and business in Lincolnshire, and attracted interest from around the county. There were 47 requests for application packs, with 22 completed applications returned.

2. Conclusion

Officers from the Council analysed the 22 completed applications received, basing their considerations on a range of criteria designed to establish a Panel with a broad range of experience and expertise. The current Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel joined officers to undertake interviews on 18 and 19 August 2010, following which it was agreed that the Council would be recommended to appoint Mr Colin Childs.

A Chartered engineer, Mr Childs lives in Tetney and is a Fellow of the Institute of Leadership and Management. Following a 21-year career in the Royal Air Force, he is currently managing director of The Energy Counter Ltd.

The Council is invited to consider this recommendation.

3. Legal Comments:

The recommendation is in accordance with the statutory requirements and within the remit of the Council.

4. Resource Comments:

There are no additional financial implications from adopting the recommendation in this report.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

n/a

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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