

Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor, Executive Director Performance and Governance

Report to:	County Council
Date:	20 May 2011
Subject:	Standards Committee Annual Report / Interim Arrangements

Summary:

This report presents the Annual Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee and proposes extension to the tenure of Independent Members of that Committee whilst the national Standards regime is wound down through legislation currently proceeding through Parliament

Recommendation(s):

1. Accept the Annual Report
2. Agree the extensions proposed

1. Background

It is recognised good practice for the independent Chairman of the Standards Committee to make an Annual Report to County Council. This year's report is attached as Appendix A.

It will be noted from the Annual Report that legislation is currently progressing through Parliament to cease the national Standards regime. Two Independent Members of the Committee (Mr George Krawiec and Mrs Carol Lloyd) are at the end of their initial term of appointment. It is open to Council to extend those appointments and I recommend that they be extended for this municipal year. The appointments will, of course, end once the national regime ceases.

In addition, Mr Stephen Williams has tendered his resignation. I do not propose to recommend recruiting an additional Independent Member in view of the above.

2. Conclusion

The Annual Report indicates that high standards operate in the County Council.

Extending tenure of two Independent Members (with two other Independent Members continuing) will give sufficient cover for the remainder of this municipal year.

3. Legal Comments:

No comment on either document.

4. Resource Comments:

There are no significant financial implications arising from this report.

5. Consultation

a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?

n/a

b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?

n/a

c) Scrutiny Comments

Not applicable

d) Policy Proofing Actions Required

Not applicable

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Annual Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee

7. 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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