

## REPORT OF THE CLERK

# RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

### 1 Purpose of Report

To request Members to agree that Mr Michael Tebbutt, Independent Member and Chair of the Fire Authority's Standards Committee, be re-appointed to serve a second term of office as an Independent Member of that Committee.

### 2 Recommendations

Members are asked to agree that Mr Michael Tebbutt, Independent Member and Chair of the Fire Authority's Standards Committee, be re-appointed to serve a second term of office as an Independent Member of that Committee.

### 3 Background

The Fire Authority has previously agreed the appointment Mr Michael Tebbutt as an Independent Member of its Standards Committee. Mr Tebbutt's term of office has now expired and Members are asked to agree that he be re-appointed to serve a second term of office. The information sent to Mr Tebbutt, when he applied to become an Independent Member stated that he would be eligible for re-appointment for subsequent terms.

### 4 Re-Appointment

Standards Committees now have the power to investigate and determine cases of alleged breach of the Members' Code of Conduct (where the Standards Board for England refers cases to be dealt with locally). Mr Tebbutt has been involved in the development of procedures to deal with such cases and has received the appropriate training. It is, therefore, recommended that he is re-appointed to ensure continuity on the Committee and to enable the Fire Authority to make use of the knowledge and skills he has developed in this area.

Mr Tebbutt has indicated that he is willing to stand for a second term of office as an Independent Member of that Committee.



## 5 Legal Comment

The Fire Authority has the power to extend Mr Tebbutt's term of office for a further period without the requirement to re-advertise the position.

## 6 Appendices

There are no appendices attached to this report.

## 7 Background Papers

### Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority 15 May 2002

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Implications of all of the following have been considered and, where they are significant (i.e. marked with an asterisk), the implications are detailed within the report itself.

Balance Score Card		Integrated Risk Management Planning	
Business Continuity Planning		Legal	*
Capacity		Member Involvement	*
Civil Contingencies Act		National Framework	
Comprehensive Performance Assessment		Operational Assurance	
Equality and Diversity		Retained	
Efficiency Savings		Risk and Insurance	
Environmental		Staff	
Financial		Strategic Planning	
Fire Control/Fire Link		West Midlands Regional Management Board	

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