

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2003 AT 10.30 A.M.

Agenda Item

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APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Report of the County Secretary

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The Standards Committee comprises 6 members – 4 Independent and 2 County Councillors.

A casual vacancy amongst the Independent members occurred in July 2002 and the Council appointed David Sands from Watford to fill it (until May 2005).

At the same time it was agreed that Professor Tim Wilson, Pro Vice-Chancellor of the Hertfordshire University; Nigel Gates, representing the TUC; and Peter Palfrey, a member of the Hertfordshire Magistrates Courts Committee, be appointed as a panel to short-list and interview candidates to fill the 3 further vacancies for independent members of the Committee which would arise in August 2003.

The 3 vacancies were duly advertised in newspapers throughout the County in May and applications invited by 20 June. The above-named panel then duly short-listed candidates and are conducting interviews on 9 July.

Their recommended nominations to fill the vacancies will be reported to the Council at the meeting.

It is recommended that the Council appoints the successful candidates until May 2005, with an option at that time further to extend their period of membership (and that of Mr Sands).