

North Tyneside Council

Report to Council

Date: 26 July 2018

ITEM 9

Appointment of Independent Persons

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs N Redfearn, the
Elected Mayor

**Report from Service
Area:**

Law and Governance

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Wards affected:

All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report requests Full Council to renew the existing appointments of the current holders of these roles, to set a maximum term of office and to appoint an additional third Independent Person, from 1 August 2018, bringing the total to three.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Council:

- a) increase the number of Independent Persons to three;
- b) implement, as a matter of best practice, a maximum ten year term of office for an Independent Person;
- c) appoint Mr George Clark, Ms Stella Gardner and Dr Stuart Green as the Authority's Independent Persons pursuant to the requirements of the Localism Act 2010 for a period of four years to 31 July 2022; and
- d) agree the consequential amendments to the Local Arrangements for dealing with Complaints under the Code of Conduct.

1.3 Forward Plan:

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 15 June 2018.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report does not align directly to any of the priorities in the Council Plan. In accordance with the Localism Act 2010 the Authority has a statutory duty to promote robust governance arrangements.

1.5 Information:

The Localism Act 2011 ("the Act") places a statutory duty on the Authority to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by its elected and co-opted members. The Act requires the Authority to have local arrangements to handle any misconduct complaints including the appointment of Independent Persons.

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The Standards Committee at its meeting on 19 July 2018 is considering the matters detailed above. A full report detailing the comments and recommendations of the Standards Committee will be available for the meeting.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Deputy Chief Executive X
- Head(s) of Service X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) X
- Chief Finance Officer X
- Monitoring Officer X
- Head of Corporate Strategy X