

**Appointment of Two Independent Persons and Appointment to the Waterskiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel**  
Report by Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

**Summary:** This report deals with the appointment of two Independent Persons for the Authority, a matter for which the agreement of the full Authority is required.

**Recommendation:** That the Authority

- (i) appoints two Independent Persons; and
- (ii) appoints one of these Independent Persons to the Water Skiing and Wake Boarding Appeals Panel and that they be consulted on the appointments of members of those panels appointed under paragraph 3(c) of schedule 2 of the Broads Authority Act 2009.

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 18 May 2012, the Broads Authority adopted a code of conduct, arrangements for dealing with allegations of its breach and other matters to comply with the new standards regime in the Localism Act 2012. Subsequently, two Independent Persons were appointed for a four year term until 8 July 2016. With the expiry of these appointments at this meeting, the Authority agreed to advertise these positions for the next term of four years until the Annual Meeting in 2020 and delegate their appointment to a panel comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one other member of the Authority in consultation with the Monitoring Officer.
- 1.2 At the Broads Authority meeting on 13 May 2016, the other member appointed to the Interview Panel, following consultation with the Chairman, was Mr Guy McGregor. As Sir Peter Dixon, Vice-Chairman of the Broads Authority was not available on the date of the interview, Mr Michael Whitaker, Chairman of the Navigation Committee was requested to take his place.

## **2 Appointment of Independent Persons**

- 2.1 An advertisement was placed in the EDP for members of the public to apply for the Independent Person positions. This advertisement was placed on the Broads Authority's website. A notice of this advertisement was also sent to all parish councils.

- 2.2 Ten applications were received. Following a sift of applications by the Interview Panel, four applicants were called forward for interview on 27 June 2016. After careful deliberations, the Panel decided to offer the posts to Mrs Christine Lee and Mr Simon Smith as Independent Persons for the Broads Authority. At the current time, we have received verbal confirmation from Mrs Lee and email confirmation from Mr Smith.
- 2.3 The Chairman will also make a recommendation for one of these two Independent Persons to be appointed to the Waterskiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel for the same term and that they be consulted on the appointments of members of those panels appointed under paragraph 3(c) of schedule 2 of the Broads Authority Act 2009.
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Background papers: Nil

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Broads Plan Objectives: None

Appendices: None

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