

# Broads Authority

20 November 2020

Agenda item number 14

## Recruitment of Independent Person

Report by Head of Governance

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### Purpose

A recruitment process is underway to appoint an Independent Person for the Broads Authority. The process includes appointing an Authority member to the interview panel.

### Recommended decision

To appoint a member to join the Authority's Chairman and Vice-Chairman on the interview panel for the appointment of an Independent Person.

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Localism Act 2011 places a duty on the Broads Authority to promote and maintain high standards of conduct for appointed and co-opted members. This includes the requirement to have a Code of Conduct, with which its members must comply. The Act also requires the Authority to have arrangements in place for dealing with complaints of breaches of the Code of Conduct. This must include provision for the appointment of at least one Independent Person.
- 1.2. The Authority has two Independent Persons: Mr Simon Smith and Mrs Christine Lee were appointed for a 4-year term from July 2016 until the Annual Meeting in July 2020. As the Annual Meeting was deferred, this term was extended pending a recruitment process. Mr Smith wishes to stand down, leaving a vacancy. Mrs Lee is willing to serve a second term, if approved by the Authority.
- 1.3. The appointment of Independent Persons is delegated to a panel comprising the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one other member of the Authority, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer. Members are asked to appoint a member to the panel.
- 1.4. Interviews will be held in early January 2021 (an update will be provided at the meeting). The Chairman will bring the panel's recommendations to the Authority meeting in January 2021.

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