

# Broads Authority

29 January 2021

Agenda item number 11

## Appointment of Independent Persons and Appointment to the Water-skiing and Wakeboarding Appeals Panel

Report by Governance Officer

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### Purpose

This report seeks approval to appoint an Independent Person for the Broads Authority, reappoint a second Independent Person, and appoint one of these Independent Persons to the Water-skiing and Wake Boarding Appeals Panel.

### Recommended decisions

- To appoint Amanda Orchard as an Independent Person until the Annual Meeting in 2024;
  - To reappoint Christine Lee as an Independent Person until the Annual Meeting in 2024; and
  - To appoint one of these Independent Persons to the Water Skiing and Wake Boarding Appeals Panel and consult them on the appointments of members of those panels under paragraph 3(c) of Schedule 2 of the Broads Authority Act 2009.
  - To thank Simon Smith for his services.
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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Localism Act 2011 requires the Broads 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. The first appointments for the Authority were made in 2012.
- 1.2. In 2016, the Authority appointed two new Independent Persons, Simon Smith and Christine Lee, for a 4-year term from July 2016 until the Annual Meeting in July 2020. As the Annual Meeting was deferred due to Covid-19, this term was extended pending a recruitment process. Simon Smith advised that he wished to stand down, leaving a vacancy. Christine Lee confirmed that she is willing to serve a second term, if approved by the Authority (to July 2024).

## 2. Appointment of Independent Persons

- 2.1. 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. At its meeting in November 2020, the Authority appointed Tim Jickells as the third member.
- 2.2. The recruitment process started in November 2020. Six applications were received and three applicants were shortlisted by the panel for interview on 15 January 2021. After careful consideration, the panel agreed to offer the post to Amanda Orchard and she has subsequently confirmed acceptance of the post.
- 2.3. It is proposed that Amanda Orchard's term of office is set to coincide with that of Christine Lee.
- 2.4. It is also recommended that Christine Lee be appointed to the Water Skiing 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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