

Subject:	Extension to the Independent Person's Appointment for Standards		Status:	For Publication	
Report to:	Council		Date:	17 th July 2013	
Report of:	Committee and Member Services Manager		Portfolio Holder:	Customers, Legal and Licensing	
Key Decision:	No – reserved for Full Council	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality Impact Assessment:		Required:	No	Attached:	No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment		Required:	No	Attached:	No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That Council agrees a three year extension to the appointment of Alison Driver as the Independent Person to be consulted for advice on standards matters.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To agree an extension to the appointment of the Independent Person for standards.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting sustainable investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
- **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
- **Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendations in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- Councils are required to appoint Independent Persons who will be consulted on standards matters. Without these in place there is a risk of loss of confidence in elected members and the Council.

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 The Independent Person position was originally offered on a temporary basis, subject to review after one year.

5.2 The Monitoring Officer is required to notify the Independent Person of any standards complaints and consult with them on the decision/outcome of complaints. The Independent Person is also asked for advice at Standards Panel hearings.

5.3 Members are asked to agree an extension to the appointment of the Independent Person for

Standards.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the report.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

7.1 No additional comments.

8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

8.1 There are no HR implications.

8.2 Consultation with the Corporate Team and Monitoring Officer.

9. CONCLUSION

9.1 Councils are required to appoint Independent Persons who will be consulted on standards matters.

No background papers