

ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT MEMBER

Submitted by: **Head of Central Services and Monitoring Officer**

Ward(s) affected: **All**

Purpose of the Report

To promote and maintain high standards of conduct and to comply with the Localism Act 2011.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.

1. Background

- 1.1 It was reported at your last meeting (1 October 2012) that Mr. David Wood had been appointed as an Independent Person.
- 1.2 A copy of the job description for the role of the Independent Person is attached as an appendix and Mr. Wood will be attending your meeting to answer any questions Members may have on the role.

2. Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The new regime will contribute to the overall ethical wellbeing of the Council, and help to ensure a culture of high ethical standards, which the public and the Council's partners can have confidence in. This will thereby contribute to the Council's priority of transforming our Council to achieve excellence.

3. Legal and Statutory Implications

- 3.1 The Localism Act 2011 requires local authorities to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by their Members.

4. Equality Impact Assessment

No differential equality impact issues have been identified.

5. Major Risks

There are no specific risk issues.

6. Financial Implications

There are none flowing from this report.