

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES GROUP
HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2011

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE JOINT
INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Group considered the report of the Head of Democratic Services regarding the appointment of an independent member to the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel ("JIRP").

The Group appointed the existing member for a second term as the rules governing the appointment of persons to an Independent Remuneration Panel do not restrict independent persons re-applying for the position at the end of their term of office. However, in order to comply with the Council's corporate governance guidelines, the Group agreed to recommend that independent members of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel should serve a maximum of two consecutive 3 year terms of office.

In response to a question, it was noted that should the situation arise that the existing independent member has served 2 years and that no-one applies for the position but the current independent member wishes to continue, the Council could be asked to "waive" this restriction, to enable an appointment to be made.

Recommendation

That independent members of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel be restricted to two consecutive 3 year terms of office to maintain their independence and to comply with the Council's corporate governance guidelines.