

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**28 FEBRUARY 2018**

**REPORT OF THE DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2017**

**APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE JOINT  
INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

**Issue for Decision**

On 14 December 2017 the Democracy Committee considered an application for an Independent Person to serve on the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel.

**Recommendation Made**

That Mr Christopher Webb be appointed as the Independent Person for the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel.

**Reasons for Recommendation**

The Committee interviewed the applicant and were satisfied that he met the criteria for the position given his past experience and his answers to the questions asked of him.

**Alternatives Considered and Why Not Recommended**

The Council could choose not to appoint an Independent Person for the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel but the Council has a statutory duty under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 to appoint an Independent Panel to review the Members Allowances on a periodic basis and a review is due in March 2018. Any further delay to that process would not be practicable.

**Background Documents**

None