

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

MEETING: COUNCIL

DATE: 27 NOVEMBER 2003

REPORT OF: MONITORING OFFICER

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

1.0. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Council's approval to the appointment of Helen Scott as an independent Member of the Standards Committee.

2.0. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. That the appointment of Helen Scott as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee be confirmed.

3.0. INFORMATION/BACKGROUND

- 3.1. Under the Local Authorities (Standards Committees) Regulations) 2001, the appointment of Independent Members of the Standards Committee is required to be approved by a majority of Members of the authority. The vacant post was advertised in the Argus and City News as required by the regulations.
- 3.2. Following interviews conducted by the Independent Deputy Chair of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer, Helen Scott has, subject to Council approval, been appointed to the vacant post of Independent Member of the Standards Committee. Ms Scott has considerable experience in both the public and private sector. She specialises in Human Resources and brings with her a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective that will be a welcome addition to the Standards Committee.
- 3.3. The requirements for Independent Members of the Standards Committee include not being politically active, not being a relative or close friend of a Member or an officer of the authority and not being someone who was a Member or an Officer of any local authority in the last 5 years.

4. CONTACT OFFICER

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