

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
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Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To inform the Committee that Council, at its meeting on 26th November 2008, approved the appointment of Rev J A Cox as Chairman and Mrs C A Noons as Vice-Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee.

2. Recommendation:

The Committee is asked to Note the appointments.

3. Background

- 3.1. At the last meeting of the Ethics and Standards Committee on 29th July 2008 the Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee tendered his resignation on ill health grounds.
- 3.2. The appointment of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the authority's committees is a matter for agreement for Council under Standing Order B1 (constitution of Committees) in the Council's Constitution.
- 3.3. The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 requires the Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee to be an Independent Member. Wyre Forest District Council also considers it good practice to appoint an independent Member as Vice-Chairman.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1. There are no financial implications as the action can be met through the budget framework.

1. Legal And Policy Implications

- 5.1. The appointment of Independent Members to the position of Chairman is a requirement under the Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008.

2. Conclusion

- 6.1. The appointment of Independent Members as Chairman and Vice-Chairman will help to maintain high ethical standards and will be key to increasing confidence in local democracy.

7. Consultees

- 7.1. Legal Services.

Background Papers

- Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008
- The Role and Make up of Standards Committee (Updated 17/07/08) published by the Standards Board for England