

**2. STANDARDS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER  
(A.1118/EWJ)**

**Purpose of the report**

1. This report recommends the Authority to re-appoint Mrs Joan Carr as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a further term.

**Recommendations**

2. **That, in pursuance of S53 Local Government Act 2000 and The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008, Joan Carr be re-appointed as an Independent Member of the Authority's Standards Committee for a period of four years expiring on 28 May 2014.**

**How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?**

3. The Standards Committee's work contributes to achieving Corporate Objective 11.1 'ensure continuous improvement, value for money, sustainability and high standards of corporate governance'.

**Background**

4. The composition of Standards Committees is governed by The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008. The membership of the Standards Committee agreed by the Authority is nine Members including three Independent Members. The appointments of Independent Members have to be approved by a majority of Members of the Authority.
5. Mrs Carr was appointed by the Authority as an Independent Member for a period of four years in 2002. This appointment was renewed in 2006. She is currently the Chair of the Committee. Her experience as a Justice of the Peace with the Stoke-on-Trent Magistrates' Court and Stoke City Council's Standards Committee has brought a valuable contribution to the work of the Committee. She is willing to continue for a further term.

**Proposals**

6. It is proposed that the Mrs Carr be appointed for a further term of four years.

**Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?**

7. **Financial:** Standards Committee Independent Members are paid a Co-optees allowance of £564 per annum together with travel and subsistence allowances. These payments are provided for in the Members' Allowances budget.
8. **Risk Management:** There are no risks arising out of the proposals.
9. **Background papers - None**

**Appendices - None**

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