

## **STATUTORY OFFICER INDEPENDENT PANEL**

### **1. Powers**

- 1.1. The independent panel (the Panel) is established under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (“the Regulations”) to act as an advisory committee to the authority where the Staffing Committee has recommended the dismissal of a statutory officer.
- 1.2. For these purposes, a statutory officer means either the head of paid service (Chief Executive), the chief finance officer (Director of Finance) or the monitoring officer (Director of Governance).

### **2. Membership**

- 2.1. The Panel is an advisory committee established under s.102(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 solely comprising non-elected members.
- 2.2. The Panel will comprise of at least 3 persons falling within the definition of independent person for the purposes of s.28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.

### **3. Meetings**

- 3.1. The Panel will meet when the Staffing Committee proposes the dismissal of a statutory officer.
- 3.2. The Panel will consider the matter and may make its views, advice or recommendations to full Council.
- 3.3. The Panel must be established no less than 20 working days before it reports to full Council.
- 3.4. There will be no standing chair of the Panel and the chair of a panel will be elected as the first item of business when it meets.

### **4. Quorum**

- 4.1. The quorum will be two members.