



**Extract from the Joint Governance Sub Committee - 10 December 2020**

**JGSC/005/20-21 Recruitment and Appointment of Independent Persons**

**Summary of discussion**

The report requested that the sub-committee consider applications for the role of Independent Persons for the purposes of Standards and make recommendations to Council in regards to the appointments.

It was noted that the Councils were statutorily obliged to appoint at least one Independent Person, and that such persons would be co-opted non-voting Members of the Joint Governance Committee.

**Decision**

**That the Joint Governance Sub-Committee:-**

- 1. recommended to both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council the appointment of two Independent Persons to act on behalf of both authorities, namely, John Bateman and Lindsay Viljoen;**
- 2. recommended to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council that the Independent Persons be appointed for a term of four years from the 1st January 2021, subject to the Full Councils being able to deselect an Independent Person on reasonable grounds;**
3. recommended to the Member Officer Working Group that the Joint Governance Committee hold a formal meeting with the Independent Persons on at least an annual basis to discuss their experience, observations, recommendations and feedback to the Committee from their roles.