

Redditch Borough Council

Record of a Council/Committee/Executive Committee Decision delegated to be made by an Officer

**This includes a record of an Executive Decision made by an officer
under Regulation 13, Part 4 of the Local Authorities (Executive
Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England)
Regulations 2012 and other Decisions under the Openness of Local
Government Bodies Regulations 2014**

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| Item decided: That the persons named below be appointed as Independent Persons for Redditch Borough Council under section 28 (7) of the Localism Act 2011 for a period of 4 years from 01 October 2023 to 01 October 2027:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• David Coulson• Tim Hipkiss• Catherine Mangan• Raymond Needham• David Warner | |
| Officer who has taken the decision | Claire Felton – Monitoring Officer |
| Date of the decision | 27 th September 2023 |
| Reason for the decision | <p>The Localism Act requires that the Council has at least one Independent Person to be available in relation to complaints made under the Members Code of Conduct and whose views must be sought by the authority before it takes a decision on an allegation which it has decided shall be investigated, and whose views can be sought by the authority at any other stage, or by a member (or a member, or co-opted member of a parish council) against whom an allegation has been made.</p> <p>A report concerning the role of Independent Persons was considered by Members at Council on 26th June 2023 and Members voted in favour of the Council joining</p> |

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| | <p>the county wide pool of Independent Persons.</p> <p>The reasons for joining the county joint pool included providing better resilience, having access to experienced Independent Persons, saving costs and avoiding having to carry out an inhouse recruitment exercise. Details of other options considered are set out in the officers report "Role of the Independent Person (Standards)" dated 26th June 2023.</p> |
| Date and source of Delegated Decision (if appropriate) | Council decision dated 26 th June 2023 under which authority was delegated to the Monitoring Officer to appoint the named individual Independent Persons currently serving in the joint pool, and to make any future appointments to the role of independent person. |
| Council/Portfolio/other member consulted – if applicable | Not applicable |
| Any interest declared by the Consultee - a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service is attached | Not applicable |
| Any interest declared by the Officer – a note of dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service is attached | Not applicable |