

**Single Member Cabinet Decision**

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference**

**E2159**

**Recruitment of Independent Adviser**

<b>Decision maker</b>	Cllr Francine Haerberling, Leader of the Council
<b>The Issue</b>	To recruit an external adviser to assist consideration of options for Council structure for the future
<b>Decision Date</b>	04 Aug 2010
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees that (1) The requirement under Standing Orders for there to be two written quotations be waived in accordance with Section 8.6d of the Orders, for the reason set out in the report; and (2) Mike Robinson be appointed.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	The option of seeking some form of written quotations was discounted as it was not considered that any suitable alternative candidates would have been able to submit written quotations.
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	The costs of the commission will be funded from the Council's reserves; the overall cost is estimated as being of the order of £15k
<b>Issues considered</b>	<i>The principal issue in reaching the decision is whether the 2 options rejected have been rightly rejected</i>
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	<i>Consultation on the principle has taken place with the S151 Officer and Group Leaders</i>
<b>Other options considered</b>	It would have been possible to seek professional guidance from one of the larger management consultancy firms that specialises in organisational arrangements but it was considered that such advice would not be sufficiently knowledgeable about local circumstances and background.

<b>Signatures of Decision Makers</b>	
<b>Date of Signature</b>	