



POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE 21 JUNE 2007

**SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS REVIEW PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF COMHAIRE REPRESENTATIVES.**

Report by Chief Executive

**PURPOSE OF REPORT** To request that the Committee nominate four elected Members to serve on the Social Work Complaints Review Panel.

**COMPETENCE**

- 1.1 There are no legal, financial or other constraints to the recommendations being implemented. Any travel and subsistence costs associated with attendance by Comhairle representatives at the Review Panel will be met from the Members Services Budgets.

**SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Members may be aware that the terms of the Comhairle's Complaints procedure do not cover Social Work complaints for which there is a separate nationally recognised framework. Part of this framework is to have a review panel to consider and determine under delegation appeals lodged against the response of the Director of Social Work in respect of any complaint determined in terms of the social work complaints procedure.
- 2.2 The membership of the Review Committee from whom the panel will be selected by the Chief Executive should comprise
- a) four elected members nominated by the Policy and Resources Committee and
  - b) three independent persons appointed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Social Work.

Each Review Panel shall comprise two elected Members and one independent person.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Committee nominate four elected Members to serve on the Social Work Complaints Review Panel and it be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Social Work to nominate three independent persons to serve on the Social Work Complaints Review Panel.**

Appendices: None

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Background Papers: Scheme of Administration