

# Crawley Borough Council

## Report to Governance Committee

10 June 2024

### Appointment of an Independent Person

Report of the Head of Governance, People & Performance (as the Council's Monitoring Officer) – **LDS/221**

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The Committee of Standards in Public Life (CSPL) recommends that local authorities appoint an Independent Person(s) for a term of office of two years. Currently the Council has two Independent Persons, Mr Russell Brown, whose term ends in July 2025, and Mr Peter Nicholson whose term ends in July 2024.

The Monitoring Officer has spoken to Mr Nicholson, and he has indicated that he would be willing to serve a further term in the role. As such this is the proposal the Monitoring Officer is putting forward for Full Council's consideration.

Should the Full Council not wish to re-appoint Mr Nicholson, there would be two options:

- i) Request that the Monitoring Officer publish an advert for the recruitment of a further Independent Person, with a proposed candidate being put before the Full Council at its October 2024 meeting for their consideration.
- ii) Retain only one Independent Person, Mr Brown.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Full Council be recommended to appoint Mr Peter Nicholson as an Independent Person for a further two years until the end of July 2026.