

Individual Decision

Title of Report:	Representation on Outside Bodies – Thames Valley Group Valuation Tribunal Service		
Report to be considered by:	Councillor Denise Gaines	on:	04 June 2004
Forward Plan Ref:	ID0786		

Purpose of Report:

To consider additional nominations to the Thames Valley Group Valuation Tribunal Service.

Recommended Action:

To agree the Council's representation on the Thames Valley Group Valuation Tribunal Service.

Reason for decision to be taken:

- The current term of office for members of the Valuation Tribunal Service came to an end on 31st March 2004.

List of other options considered:

- None

Key background documentation:

- Correspondence with Berkshire Valuation Tribunal.

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Supporting Information

Background

- 1.1 Chris Marriage was appointed as the Council's representative on the Thames Valley Group Valuation Tribunal Service by Individual Decision (ID0744) on 26 March 2004. However when this decision was made it was not realised that under a change to the Valuation and Community Charge Tribunals Regulation 1989 there was now a need for West Berkshire Council to appoint 4 members. This therefore left three vacancies.
- 1.2 The Tribunals are quasi-judicial bodies and the members do not represent appointing bodies when fulfilling that function. As stated in the letter from Murray Campbell, Clerk to the Tribunals and Head of Administration for the Thames Valley Group, attached as Appendix A, the President strongly recommends that the appointing body appoint existing members of other tribunals in the Thames Valley Group when vacancies arise.
- 1.3 The President therefore recommends that the other three vacancies are filled by the following members:
 - 1) Mr H.A John
 - 2) Mr J.P Seddon
 - 3) Mr H Davis
- 1.4 Members are appointed for six years and must retire on reaching the upper age bar of 72.

Appendices

Appendix A – Letter dated 29th January from Murray Campbell of the Thames Valley Group Valuation Tribunal Service

Implications

Policy:	The proposal outlined in this report is not in contradiction to any of the Council's existing policies, including those outlined in the Corporate Plan.
Financial:	The payment of travelling and subsistence claims.
Personnel:	None
Legal:	None
Environmental:	None
Equalities:	None
Partnering:	None
Property:	None
Risk Management:	None
Community Safety:	None

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council:	Cllr Royce Longton
Select Committee Chairman:	Cllr Keith Chopping
P&L Committee Chairman:	N/a
Ward Members:	N/a
Opposition Spokesperson:	Cllr Keith Chopping
Advisory Members:	N/a
Local Stakeholders:	N/a
Officers Consulted:	Andy Day
Trade Union:	N/a