

## **Annex A**

### **PROSPECTIVE INDEPENDENT PERSON CV**

#### **JOHN ACTON**

In 1996 I was co-opted on to Charfield Parish Council and served for 11 years, including some as Chairman.

I was a member of South Gloucestershire Council's Standards Committee from its inception in 2001. In May 2007 I did not seek re-election to the parish council and therefore had to stand down as a Parish Member of the Standards Committee. A year later I was appointed as an Independent Member and continued until the committee was abolished when the Localism Act came into force. Under the provisions of that Act, I was appointed by South Gloucestershire as an Independent Person to advise the new Standards Sub-Committee. I decided in February 2019 that it was an appropriate time to resign prior to the election of a new council in May and when I was already beyond the terms of my appointment. Before then, in 2013, I had also been appointed by Stroud District Council as an Independent Person and I remain in that appointment.

My early career, after graduating in Civil Engineering, was in highway engineering for various county councils and then Government. Subsequently I was employed by the Government as a Planning Inspector in England and Wales. The ethos of the Inspectorate is that Inspectors' standard of behaviour must be beyond reproach. As an Inspector holding public inquiries, and later as a member of senior management advising other Inspectors, a high standard is ingrained in me.

In 1996 I took advantage of terms offered for early retirement from the Inspectorate. Later I was appointed to the Secretary of State's panel of chairmen conducting public examinations of regional planning guidance. I chaired the first of these into the guidance for East Anglia and another into the guidance for the North-West of England.

Experience of the quasi-judicial functions of the Planning Inspectorate trained me to examine thoroughly and objectively the evidence presented by opposing parties. I have been able to apply this skill to cases of alleged breaches of codes of conduct by councillors, whilst appreciating the sensitivity of such allegations and the need to treat people equally and impartially.

## **PHYLLIDA PYPER**

Current activities:

I am currently an Independent Person on the Standards Committees of Stroud and South Glos Councils.

I am an NHS associate manager working in mental health (Avon & Wilts NHS Mental Health Trust). The role includes acting as Chair or panel member for hearings regarding patient detention under the Mental Health Act.

I am a school governor of Olveston CEVC Primary School in South Glos.

Previous appointments include member and Chair of South Glos Standards Committee, Independent Member of Avon & Somerset Police Authority and local community representative on Avon & Somerset Courts Board.

I have also been a parish councillor and vice-chair of Aust parish Council.