

Current and Prospective Independent Members of the Standards Committee

Peter John Brindle

I retired from the Royal Air Force after 30 years' service in 1996 to take up a bursarial post in Cambridge. My last post in the RAF was as Chief of Staff at The Personnel Centre in Gloucester, responsible for the personnel, careers and pay management of all serving officers and airmen. One of my major tasks in this post was to act as the *Ombudsman* for all RAF airmen. During this time, I was also personally responsible for providing answers to all Parliamentary Questions concerning Air Force personnel and personnel operations. Prior to that, I was the RAF personnel adviser to the 1994 Defence Cost Study (*The Bett Report*) into the future RAF.

I took an MPhil degree in International Relations at Downing College during a sabbatical year in 1992-3, when I and my family lived in Girton. On returning to Cambridge in 1996, we bought a house in Milton and have lived there since.

On leaving the RAF, I was elected to a Fellowship and as Domestic Bursar at Christ's College in 1996 and subsequently moved to a Fellowship at Darwin College as The Bursar in September 2001.

During the latter stages of my career in the RAF and during my time at Cambridge, I have had frequent practical involvement with many aspects of local government, most recently and directly serving for 4 years as The Bursars' Committee representative on the Cambridge City Centre Management Executive Committee and as an Executive Member of the Cleaner Cambridge Campaign.

I have also been widely involved as an applicant in environmental, planning and other local government issues over the years – like most people, sometimes successfully and sometimes not!

I volunteered for and was appointed as an independent member of the South Cambridgeshire Standards Committee in May 2001 at the time of its formation. I was re-appointed in May 2005 for a further 4-year period.

Georgina J Butcher

Georgina J Butcher is the highly experienced Chairman of a Marketing Communications and Human Resources Company. She has worked in both the public and private sectors as a Non Executive Director and committee member. She has extensive experience gained from her appointments on scrutiny panels, corporate governance, finance and audit committees. This experience is complimented by a comprehensive working knowledge of the appointment processes for private companies and public appointments.

Georgina Butcher lives in South Cambridgeshire.

David Gilbertson

David Gilbertson has been an independent member of the Standards Committee since it was formed in 2001, and the elected chairman for the past four years. A resident of South Cambridgeshire, he is the managing partner in his own consultancy business having retired from the Metropolitan Police as a Deputy Assistant Commissioner in 2001. For the last three years of his service he was attached to the Home Office as a senior adviser on police policy. In addition to his business commitments he is actively involved in issues of public regulation being a Lay Member of disciplinary bodies having oversight of the Solicitors profession and

the Bar. He is a senior associate Fellow of the UK Defence Academy involved in research on matters of military policy.

He is married with four children, one of whom is currently at school in Cambridge.

Melissa Good

I have a B.A. from Columbia University, New York (1986) and a Juris Doctor (law degree) from the University of Virginia School of Law (1990). From 1990 to 1994, I worked at two different law firms in New York City. My legal speciality is intellectual property (trademarks and copyrights). In early 2005, I joined Cambridge University Press as a lexicographer.

I am originally from the USA and moved to the UK in 1995. I am married to Ben and we have two school-age children. We have lived in Cambridgeshire (first in Offord Cluny and now in Bourn) since 1996. I will be granted UK citizenship sometime in the next few weeks, which will enable me to vote – a privilege for which I am very grateful.

I volunteered for and was appointed as an independent member of the South Cambridgeshire Standards Committee in September 2006, and am pleased to be taking part in this important public service.

Eric Revell

Eric Revell moved to Little Eversden 28 years ago upon appointment to the University of Cambridge where he specialised in human resource management. His career spanned time in industry as well as the public sector.

For the last ten years until June 2006 Mr Revell was Non Executive Director and Vice Chairman of Hinchingsbrooke Hospital Trust. Appointments are for a maximum of Ten years. Because of his wide experience in human resource management he was called upon to Chair all inquiries into probity, integrity and general levels of conduct amongst clinicians, nursing and technical staff and all administrative staff. He also Chaired disciplinary hearings and hearings regarding Serious Untoward Incidents in hospital. Mr Revell believes much of this work is similar to that of an Independent Member. It is about seeking the facts and deciding accordingly.

Mr Revell also has experience of local government and in the early 1970s was a Councillor in a Non County Borough. He has not been active in politics since that time.

In July 2006 he was elected as a Governor on the Board of Addenbrooke's Hospital for three years.