

APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS**BIOGRAPHIES OF CANDIDATES****GEOFFREY BERESFORD HARTWELL**

Geoffrey is a Consulting Engineer in private practice, a former Chairman and Senior Vice-President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and President of the Society of Construction Arbitrators. He has taught the Ethics of Alternative Dispute Resolution at the University of South Wales as a visiting Professor of Arbitration Law. As an Expert witness and technical advisor to legal teams, he has experience of both civil and criminal cases and has been called to assist Courts on technical issues by both Prosecution and Defence. Geoffrey Hartwell has acted (in UK and internationally) as an arbitrator and adjudicator, as an expert mediator and conciliator, as an expert investigator and assessor for arbitral tribunals and also as a Special Referee in the High Court of Justice of the Isle of Man.

RUTH PEARSON

Ruth is a qualified solicitor, who joined LendInvest in January 2016 as their first legal counsel, with direct relevant experience in governance in a private company capacity where she holds an executive committee position. As General Counsel for the LendInvest group, she has advised the company's board on employment issues arising in the company, including issues relating to conduct and as a member of the Disclosure Committee at LendInvest, she has a key role in upholding the integrity and reputation of the company, its directors and its employees, enabling key stakeholders to have confidence in its integrity.

NEIL ASTEN

Neil has lived in the Borough of Sutton for 40 years and has worked for a number of years on committees to support local sporting organisations. He was sworn in as a Justice of the Peace in January 1991 and served as a Magistrate on the Sutton Bench for 18 years, the last 12 as a Chairperson. He has been an Independent Person on the City of London Corporation's Standards Committee since June 2012, and as such he has a practical knowledge of how the recommendations set out in the Nolan Principles of Public Life are applied and has experience in helping to draft the City's new Code of Conduct and related documentation.

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