

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL INDEPENDENT MEMBER 24th January 2008

Report of the Monitoring Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To nominate an elected member of the Standards Committee to be a member of the panel appointing the new independent member and parish council members of the Standards Committee.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee nominate one of the elected members of the Committee to be a member of the panel appointing the new independent member and parish council members of the Standards Committee.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Members will be aware that at its meeting on the 5th December 2007, Council agreed to increase the membership of the Standards Committee to enable it to deal with the arrangements being introduced by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. All complaints of breach of the Code of Conduct will be received locally by the Standards Committee, and it will be necessary to have sufficient members to establish sub-committees to deal with the various stages of the complaints process.

1.2 Accordingly, Council resolved to recruit one additional independent member and three additional parish council representatives, and authorised the Monitoring Officer to make arrangements for the appointment of the additional members.

1.3 The Monitoring Officer has written to the clerks of all the parish councils in the district, asking for nominations for the three parish councillor vacancies on the Committee. An advertisement has been placed in the local newspapers for the independent member vacancy.

2.0 Proposal Details

2.1 An interview date has been set for the 20th February 2008, and it is proposed that the interview panel should comprise the chairman and vice-chairman of the Committee, together with one elected member of the Committee, with the Chief

Executive as a non-voting member of the panel. The panel will be advised by the Monitoring Officer.

2.2 Clearly it is difficult to pre-judge how much interest there will be in the vacancies. Even if there are no more applications/nominations than there are vacancies, it is felt that the applicants/nominees should still be invited to attend to meet the panel.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The Committee is requested to nominate an elected member of the Committee to be a member of the panel.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

(including Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer in her role as adviser to the Standards Committee.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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