

COUNCIL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Urgent Business Report 20th September 2007

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise Members of action taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council Business Committee.

This report is public

1. RECOMMENDATION

That the action taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council Business Committee, in relation to the following matter, be noted:

That Parish Councillor Margaret Davy be appointed to serve as the independent Parish representative member on the Council's Standards Committee with immediate effect.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The last meeting of Council was advised of the requirement to appoint an independent parish representative on the Standards Committee and the delay in obtaining a nomination from the Lancashire Association of Parish and Town Councils.
- 2.2 Since the next meeting of full Council was not until after the next meeting of Standards Committee, Council agreed to delegate the appointment of the LAPTC's nomination to the Council Business Committee.
- 2.3 In order that this appointment could be formalised prior to the next meeting of Standards Committee and as quickly as possible to enable the appointed person to undergo some initial training in time for their first meeting, Members of the Council Business Committee indicated that they would be happy for this to be undertaken through the urgent business procedure rather than by calling a special meeting for that purpose.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 At their last meeting on 23rd July 2007, the LAPTC approved the nomination of Margaret Davy, a Parish Councillor from Yealand Redmayne Parish Council and Council was therefore requested to formally appoint this parish nomination to the Standards Committee.

4 Summary of Decision

- 4.1 The Chairman of the Council Business Committee was consulted and was in agreement with the recommendation to appoint Parish Councillor Margaret Davy as nominated by the LAPTC, whereupon the Chief Executive exercised his delegated authority and approved this nomination.

5. Conclusion

Approval was given to the above action, which is being reported to the next meeting of the Council Business Committee in accordance with the City Council's Constitution.

CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

This is in accordance with the Constitution.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There would be no costs in accepting this nomination to replace the former parish representative. If any other method of recruitment were to be utilised there may be some costs incurred in the recruitment process which would need to be met from the corporate advertising budget.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Act 2000 requires that there be a parish member on the Council's Standards Committee. This requirement is reflected in the Councils' Constitution, and Council has previously resolved that this Parish member be nominated by the LAPTC.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Letter to the Chairman of the Council Business Committee.

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