

Report to Council

Subject: Co-option of Parish Representative to Standards Committee

Date: 15 November 2023

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Purpose

To recommend to Council that Louise Kopyrko, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted parish representative.

Recommendation

Members agree that:

- 1) Louise Kopyrko, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted parish representative until the next annual meeting.

1 Background

- 1.1 At the Standards Committee meeting in June 2023, it was agreed that a recruitment exercise would be undertaken and a cross party interview panel would be set up to interview candidates for the vacant post of co-opted parish representative on the Standards Committee.
- 1.2 The vacancy was advertised and the applicants were interviewed by the panel on 10th August 2023. The panel recommended to Standards Committee on 21st September 2023 that Louise Kopyrko, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council be co-opted to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted parish representative. In view of the fact that this is a new appointment, the panel also recommended that she is co-opted until the next annual meeting and that the panel should review whether the co-option should continue.
- 1.3 At its meeting on 21st September 2023, Standards Committee agreed to recommend to Council the co-option of Louise Kopyrko onto the Standards

Committee until the next annual meeting.

2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Louise Kopyrko, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted parish representative until the next annual meeting.
- 2.2 The Standards Committee delegated authority to the interview panel to review the appointment prior to the next annual council. The panel can then recommend to Council whether the co-option should continue.

3 Alternative Options

- 3.1 The Council could determine not to co-opt this candidate, however there was a fair and open recruitment process and the panel determined that Louise Kopyrko was a suitable candidate for appointment after reviewing her application and undertaking an interview. The Standards Committee recommend this co-option to Council.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 On appointment, the co-opted member will be entitled to receive the co-opted members' allowance agreed as part of the Members' Allowances Scheme, which is currently set at £500 per annum. This will be met from existing budgets.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Standards Committee have authority to deal with the recruitment of co-opted members and to make recommendations to Council on appointment. Only Council can agree to the co-option.

6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this report.

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 There are no carbon reduction/environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 None

9 Background papers

9.1 None identified.

Statutory Officer approval

Approved by the Chief Financial Officer

Date:

Drafted by the Monitoring Officer