

Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Recruitment of co-opted parish representatives

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1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to set up an interview panel to interview candidates for the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives.

2. Background

- 2.1 In July 2012, Council agreed that the Standards Committee should not be politically balanced and should comprise 2 co-opted parish representatives and 1 co-opted independent member in addition to elected members. The 2 co-opted parish representatives Geoff Parkinson and David Evans decided not to stand at the recent Parish Council elections and are no longer Parish Councillors. As a result they are unable to continue as co-opted parish representatives on the Standards Committee and 2 vacancies have arisen. The Monitoring Officer has written to both Mr Parkinson and Mr Evans to thank them for their service and contribution to the Standards Committee over a number of years.
- 2.2 In view of the vacancies and with the permission of the Chairman of the Standards Committee, the Monitoring Officer distributed an application pack to all Clerks to the Parish Councils in the borough and requested that they bring it to the attention of their Parish Councillors. Four applications have been received and all are considered suitable for interview.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Committee agrees to set up an interview panel to interview candidates for the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives. The interview panel will interview the candidates and recommend who should be appointed to the next meeting of the Standards Committee however, full Council will have to formally agree to co-opt.
- 3.2 It is also proposed that the interview panel should be able to interview candidates for any future vacancies for co-opted members or independent persons.

4. Financial Implications

None arising from this report.

5. Appendices

None.

6. Background papers

None identified.

7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

7.1 agrees to set up an interview panel to interview candidates for the vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives and make recommendations about appointments to the Standards Committee; and

7.2 the interview panel shall be able to interview candidates and make recommendations to appoint to any future vacancies for co-opted members or independent persons.