

Report to Standards Committee

Subject: Recruitment of co-opted parish representatives

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1. Purpose of the Report

To recommend to Council that Pat Woodfield, Councillor for Woodborough Parish Council and John Bailey, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives.

2. Background

- 2.1 Members will recall that at the Standards Committee meeting on 29 July 2015 it was agreed that an interview panel comprising Councillors Payne, Powell and Ellwood and Gordon Wallis (if available) be set up to interview candidates for the vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives.
- 2.2 The 4 applicants were interviewed by the interview panel on 18 August 2015.
- 2.3 The interview panel recommends that Pat Woodfield, Councillor for Woodborough Parish Council and John Bailey, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives. In view of the fact that these are new appointments, the interview panel also recommends that they are co-opted until the next annual meeting and that the panel should review whether the co-option should continue.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 It is proposed that the Standards Committee recommends to Council that Pat Woodfield, Councillor for Woodborough Parish Council and John Bailey, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives until the next annual meeting.

- 3.2 It is also proposed that the Standards Committee delegates authority to the interview panel to review the appointments prior to the next annual council. The panel can then recommend to Council whether the co-option should continue.

4. Financial Implications

On appointment, the co-opted members will be entitled to receive the co-opted members' allowance agreed as part of the Members' Allowances Scheme, which is currently set at £628.89 per annum.

5. Appendices

None.

6. Background papers

None identified.

7. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee:

7.1 recommends to Council that Pat Woodfield, Councillor for Woodborough Parish Council and John Bailey, Councillor for Calverton Parish Council should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the 2 vacant posts of co-opted parish representatives until the next annual meeting; and

7.2 delegates authority to the interview panel to review the appointments prior to the next annual meeting and recommend to Council whether the co-option should continue.