

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

26 October 2017

Appointment of Parish Council Representatives to Standards Committee

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Executive Member: Councillor Nick Oliver, Corporate Services & Cabinet Secretary

Purpose of report

To appraise members of the progress made with the appointment of the three Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee

Recommendations

To (i) note the position thus far with the appointment process relating to the vacancies for the three Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee and (ii) to establish an interview panel with delegated authority to make recommendation to Council regarding the appointment of such representatives and (iii) to express the Committee's gratitude to the recently retired former incumbents of these positions for their contribution to the work of the Committee over the last number of years

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the Developing the Organisation priority included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013-2017

Key issues

Need to appoint Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee following vacancies arising

Recommendation to create interview panel with delegated authority to make recommendations to Council following consideration of the applications received including interview process

Background

1. The current composition of this Committee provides for three Parish Council representatives to be appointed. Following the resignation of the previous Parish Council representatives towards the end of the term of the last Council, expressions

of interests from serving Parish Councillors to join the Committee were invited on two occasions through the offices of Northumberland Association of Local Councils and otherwise directly to the Council.

2. As a result a total of four applications have now been received and there is a now a need for a selection process to be carried out to identify the preferred candidates from the applications received.
3. It is recommended that an interview panel be set up comprising such members of the Committee that seem appropriate but perhaps limited to three with delegated authority to make an appropriate recommendation to Council as to whom should be appointed to the vacant positions.
4. Following creation of the panel, if that is agreed, interviews will be arranged with a view to a recommendation regarding appointment being made to the Council meeting in early January 2018
5. Members are reminded that the three recently retired Parish Council representatives with details of their respective years of service were as follows:-
 - Councillor David Buckle of Cornhill Parish Council (2009-2017)
 - Councillor David Parker of Morpeth Town Council (2013-2017)
 - Councillor Carl Rawlings of Ponteland Town Council (2013-2017)

Implications

Policy	N/A
Finance and value for money	None significant
Legal	These are set out in the body of the report
Procurement	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Property	N/A
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Risk Assessment	N/A
Crime & Disorder	N/A

Customer Consideration	The appointment of Parish Council representatives will give customers, and in particular, members of local councils, an assurance in relation to the operation of the ethical standards regime
Carbon reduction	N/A
Wards	All divisions

Background papers:

Council constitution

Report sign off.

	initials
Finance Officer	n/a
Monitoring Officer/Legal	LH
Human Resources	n/a
Procurement	n/a
I.T.	n/a
Executive Director	AE
Portfolio Holder(s)	NO

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