

## **APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS AND PARISH REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To make arrangements for the appointment of Independent Persons and Parish Representatives for a four year term, commencing the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 Council on 17 July 2012 appointed three Parish Council co-opted non-voting representatives and four Independent Persons to the District Council's Standards Committee for a four year term. These appointments expire at the end of this Municipal Year.

### **3 PARISH REPRESENTATIVES/INDEPENDENT PERSONS**

#### **Appointment of Parish Representatives**

- 3.1 In terms of the three Parish Council Members, the Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils nominates these for a term of four years commencing in the 2016/17 Municipal Year.

#### **Appointment of Independent Persons**

- 3.2 Under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 the Council must appoint at least one Independent Person to work with the Standards Committee/ Monitoring Officer. To provide for resilience, the Council currently has three Independent Persons and it is recommended that this position is retained.
- 3.3 There is a requirement to advertise the position of Independent Person publically and go through a recruitment process. In view of the need to have arrangements in place for the new Municipal Year, the Monitoring Officer will place the required advertisement on the Council's website to recruit three Independent Persons as representatives on the Standards Committee. Applicants will need to submit written applications by a given deadline.
- 3.4 Regulations allow for current Independent Persons to be re-appointed. In recognition of their experience and knowledge, the Monitoring Officer will contact the three existing Independent Persons to see if they would wish to continue in the role for a further four years. If so, they can apply for the role through the recruitment process as advertised.
- 3.5 The successful candidates, as determined by the recruitment process, will be appointed for a four year term commencing in the 2016/17 Municipal Year:

**4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Parish Representatives and Independent Persons will attract the Co-optees Allowance identified in the Constitution (£425 per annum).

**5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appointment of the Independent Persons is a legislative requirement.

**6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Standards regime covers both District and Parish Councillors.

**7 RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 It is proposed that Council **RESOLVES**

- (1) To endorse the appointment of the three Parish Councillors, to be nominated by the Rochford Hundred Association of Local Councils, to the Standards Committee for a four year term commencing in the 2016/17 municipal year.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to appoint three Independent Persons to the Standards Committee for a four year term commencing in the 2016/17 Municipal Year following a recruitment process as laid out in the report.



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**Background Papers:-**

None.

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