

Committee:	Standards Committee	Agenda Item No.:	13.
Date:	4 th November 2010	Category	
Subject:	Parish Council Representatives on Standards Committee	Status	Open
Report by:	Deputy Monitoring Officer		
Other Officers involved:	Monitoring Officer		
Director	Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer		
Relevant Portfolio Holder			

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

The Council's Standards Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standard of conduct by Councillors of Bolsover District Council and the parishes in its areas.

TARGETS

VALUE FOR MONEY

THE REPORT

The Committee currently has a vacancy for a parish council representative.

The Standards Committee (England) Regulations 2008 require a parish council representative's attendance at assessments, reviews and hearings into complaints against Parish Councillors.

Historically the Committee has asked the Derbyshire Association of Local Councillors to nominate parish councillors to sit on the Committee or has balloted parish councillors to elect a representative. Given the uncertainty over the future of the Standards regime it is proposed that in filling this

vacancy the Committee take a more direct approach whilst maintaining the integrity of the selection process.

Of the 14 parishes in the district, 2 (Clowne and Whitwell) currently have parish representatives on the Committee; of the remaining 12 parishes, 3 (Blackwell, Pleasley and Scarcliffe) have previously had parish representatives (or a substitute representative) on the Committee. Of the 9 parishes that remain 5 (Creswell, South Normanton, Bolsover, Tibshelf and Glapwell) have neither District nor Parish representatives on the Committee.

It is proposed that each of the 5 parishes referred to be invited to nominate a representative from amongst their members and that the nominated councillors submit a brief summary of their reasons for seeking the appointment to the Committee. Standards Committee will then recommend the appointment of a representative from those nominated.

ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

The statutory and regulatory obligations of the Standards Committee as referred to in the report.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial : None
Legal : As in report
Human Resources : None

RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 1. the Monitoring Officer seek one nomination from each of the Creswell, South Normanton, Bolsover, Tibshelf and Glapwell Parish Councils for a Councillor to sit as a parish council representative on the Standards Committee.**
- 2. the Committee recommends to Council the appointment of a parish council representative from amongst those nominated.**

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