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To: Chair & Members of the Standards
Committee

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Wednesday 30th August 2023

Dear Members of the Standards Committee,

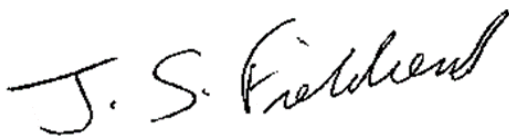
STANDARDS COMMITTEE

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council to be held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 11th September, 2023 at 14:00 hours.

Register of Members' Interests - Members are reminded that a Member must within 28 days of becoming aware of any changes to their Disclosable Pecuniary Interests provide written notification to the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

You will find the contents of the agenda itemised on page 3 onwards.

Yours faithfully



Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

Equalities Statement

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The Council believes that no person should be treated unfairly and is committed to eliminating all forms of discrimination, advancing equality and fostering good relations between all groups in society.

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**STANDARDS COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

***Monday, 11th September, 2023 at 14:00 hours taking place in the Council Chamber, The
Arc, Clowne***

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| 1. | Apologies for Absence | |
| 2. | Urgent Items of Business | |
| | To note any urgent items of business which the Chairman has consented to being considered under the provisions of Section 100(B) 4(b) of the Local Government Act 1972. | |
| 3. | Declarations of Interest | |
| | Members should declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Non Statutory Interest as defined by the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of: | |
| | a) any business on the agenda | |
| | b) any urgent additional items to be considered | |
| | c) any matters arising out of those items | |
| | and if appropriate, withdraw from the meeting at the relevant time. | |
| 4. | Minutes | 5 - 7 |
| | To consider the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 th June 2023. | |
| 5. | Standards Committee Terms of Reference | 8 - 9 |
| 6. | Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2022/23 | 10 - 20 |
| 7. | Recruitment of Independent Persons | 21 - 23 |
| 8. | Complaints Update | Verbal Report |
| | Verbal update on statistics of complaints received by the Council against District and Parish Councillors | |
| 9. | Work Programme 2023/2024 | 24 |
| | To consider the Standards Committee Work Programme for the remainder of the 23/24 municipal year. | |

10. Exclusion of the Public

To move:-

“That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.”

[The category of exempt information is stated after each item]

11. Standards Committee Sub-Committee

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Exempt Paragraph 1

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Monday, 19 June 2023 at 14:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

R. Jaffray in the Chair

Councillors Anne Clarke, Louise Fox, Justin Gilbody and Jane Yates.

Officers:- Jim Fieldsend (Director of Governance, Legal Services & Monitoring Officer), Jo Wilson (Scrutiny and Elections Officer) and Amy Bryan (Governance and Civic Manager).

Also in attendance was Ian Kirk (Independent Person).

STA1-23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clive Moesby.

STA2-23/24 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There was no urgent business to be considered at the meeting.

STA3-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

There were no declarations made at the meeting.

STA4-23/24 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor Anne Clark
RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Standards Committee held on 20th February 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

STA5-23/24 DRAFT ANNUAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee consider a draft Annual Report on the work it had undertaken during the municipal year 2022/23. It was intended that the report be presented to Council on 2nd August 2023.

Moved by Councillor Louise Fox and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke
RESOLVED that the Committee's Annual Report be approved.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

STA6-23/24 RIPA UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer provided an update on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA), which governed the use of covert surveillance by public bodies. It was confirmed that no applications had been made during 2022/23 to use RIPA.

STA7-23/24 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Committee considered a report in relation to areas for review within the Council's Constitution.

The following areas had been identified for review at this meeting.

Junior Executive Members

The Leader of the Council had proposed the introduction of the role of Junior Executive Member. The report set out the details of this new role. Article 7 of Part 2 of the Constitution, which set out detail of the Executive would need to be amended to include details of the Junior Executive Member. A revised version of Article 7 was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

In answer to a question the Monitoring Officer confirmed that it would be up to the Leader of the Council to appoint Councillors to this new role.

Access to Information Rules

The Access to Information Rules within the Constitution set out how the public could attend Council meetings, committees and the Executive and how they could access agendas, reports and minutes. Following a review of these rules there were a number of omissions and points of clarification that needed to be addressed. Of specific note were the changes to Rule 4.2.12, which would now place the responsibility for determining whether a report should be exempt with the Monitoring Officer. A revised version of the Access to Information Rules was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

Scrutiny Procedure Rules

Following the separation of the Audit and Scrutiny functions, officers had taken the opportunity to complete a full review of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules. The review highlighted that some sections required amendment to ensure they fully reflected current legislation and local operating procedures. A revised version of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules was attached to the report at Appendix 3.

Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)

As part of the review officers had found that reference to the CCfA procedure had been omitted from the current version of the Constitution. Furthermore, due to changes in legislation the original CCfA required minor amendments. A revised Councillor Call for Action was now included within Appendix 3 to the report.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Executive/Scrutiny Protocol

Within the revised *Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities*, guidance was given on the creation of an Executive/Scrutiny Protocol. As part of the review of scrutiny procedures a protocol had been created, the aim of which was to outline practical expectations of the relationships between Scrutiny Members and the Executive. The proposed Executive/Scrutiny Protocol for insertion into the Constitution at 4.5.21 within Part 4.5 was attached to the report at Appendix 4.

Members Roles and Responsibilities

The current document omitted the role of a Scrutiny Member, so this had now been added. In addition, the role and responsibilities of the Vice-Chair of the Council had been added for clarity, and the new role of Junior Executive Member had also been included. A revised Members Roles and Responsibilities section was attached to the report at Appendix 5.

Virement

There was currently a slight discrepancy between the two parts of the Constitution that dealt with virement, which were Part 4.3 (Budget and Policy Framework) and part 4.7.2(7) (Financial Regulations). An amendment was proposed to make it clear that it was Members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) who could authorise virements. The proposed changes to the two sections were set out in Appendix 6.

Moved by Councillor Jane Yates and seconded by Councillor Anne Clarke

RESOLVED that having considered the proposed amendments to the constitution they be submitted to Council for approval.

STA8-23/24 COMPLAINTS UPDATE

Committee considered a report which set out the figures for complaints made against Members during 2022/23. The Monitoring Officer reported that 17 complaints had been received, 14 of which had been against Parish Councillors. For most of the complaints there had only been a minor breach of the Code of Conduct, or it had not been in the public interest to pursue the complaint further. The most common complaint was regarding Councillors being disrespectful to another Councillor or member of the public, either in person, at a meeting or increasingly, on social media.

The Monitoring Officer stated that a future training offer to Parish Councils would likely include training on the use of social media.

The meeting concluded at 14:33 hours.

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF BOLSOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE AS SET OUT IN PART 3 OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION.

The role of the Standards Committee is to:

- (1) Promote and maintain high standards of conduct by Members and coopted Members of the Council.
- (2) Assist Members and co-opted Members of the Council to observe the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (3) Advise the Council on the adoption or revision of a Code of Conduct.
- (4) Monitor the operation of the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (5) Advise, give training or arrange to train Members and co-opted Members of the Council on matters relating to the Bolsover Members' Code of Conduct.
- (6) Oversee Member Training, (including the attendance of Members at courses), in relation to matters affecting their conduct and probity including relevant information provided to newly elected District Councillors.
- (7) Consider all matters relating to dispensations for Members to speak and vote where the Members concerned have interests.
- (8) Conduct determination hearings into complaints against Members.
- (9) Promote and maintain high standards of conduct within town/parish councils and to assist them in following their own Codes of Conduct or adopt the Bolsover Code of Conduct.
- (10) Oversee training provided to Parish Councils on conduct and probity matters including relevant information provided to newly elected Parish Councillors.
- (11) Oversee the public face of the Standards Committee through the website and increase public awareness of the Code of Conduct and its application. (
- 12) Deal with complaints against town and parish councillors in accordance with 8 above.
- (13) Oversee matters referred to the Monitoring Officer in relation to complaints against Town and Parish Councillors where it is appropriate for the Monitoring Officer to take a decision.
- (14) Grant exemptions for politically restricted posts.
- (15) Have responsibility for the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Policy and procedures, to include monitoring, revisions and approval.
- (16) Review the Gifts and Hospitality Register on an annual basis.
- (17) Review Members' attendance at meetings on a bi-annual basis.

To Recommend to Council with regard to:-

(18) Overseeing the Council's "Whistle Blowing" Policy and arrangements and to amend them as appropriate.

(19) Changes required to the Constitution as a result of the monitoring and reviewing undertaken by the Committee.

(20) Reports of the Independent Remuneration Panel

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Standards Committee on Monday 11th September 2023

Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2022/23

**Report of the Director for Executive, Customer Services, Communications,
Human Resources, Payroll and Partnerships**

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| Classification | This report is Public |
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| Contact Officer | Lesley Botham Customer Service, Standards & Complaints Manager Lesley.botham@bolsover.gov.uk |

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To provide Standards Committee with information contained within the Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) 2022/23.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Annual Letter from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) contains an annual summary of statistics on the complaints made against the Council for the financial year ending 31st March 2023. It should be noted that the data provided by the LGSCO may not align with the data this Council holds. This is because their numbers include enquiries from people who have been signposted by the LGSCO back to the Council, but who may then choose not to pursue their complaint.
- 1.2 The LGSCO received 3 enquiries and complaints during 2022/23, 2 were closed after initial enquiries and 1 case was not upheld with no fault found.
Benchmarking information – (CIPFA) Nearest Neighbour

When looking at close neighbouring authorities, the following is noted:

By way of background information, the LGSCO upheld 74% of complaints submitted to them in 2022/23 (up from 67% in 2021/22) with the average being 59% for similar authorities.

| | Detailed investigations | Upheld complaints (average for similar authorities - 59%) | Compliance rate | Satisfactory remedy before complaint reached the Ombudsman |
|----------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Ashfield District Council | 5 | 2 (40%) | 100% | 0 |
| Bassetlaw District Council | 1 | 1 (100%) | 100% | 0 |
| Bolsover District Council | 1 | 0 | No recommendations were due for compliance in this period | 0 |
| Chesterfield District Council | The Ombudsman carried out no detailed investigations during this period | The Ombudsman carried out no detailed investigations during this period | No recommendations were due for compliance in this period | The Ombudsman did not uphold any detailed investigations during this period |
| Erewash District Council | 2 | 1 (50%) | 100% | 0 |
| Mansfield District Council | 1 | 1 (100%) | 100% | 0 |
| NE Derbyshire District Council | 3 | 2 (67%) | 100% | 0 |

1.3 The Annual Letter 2023 (Appendix 1) and supporting information is attached.

1.4 The LGSCO received 1 enquiry and complaint during 2022/23.

1.5 No recommendations were due for compliance in this period 2022/23.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

2.1 Information is contained within section 1 of the report.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 To note the overall performance and receive the report and the Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2022/23

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 None.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That Standards Committee note the Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2022/23.

Approved by Councillor Duncan McGregor, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Governance

IMPLICATIONS.

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: Whilst there are no direct financial implications with regard to the report, the Council is at risk of recommendations or decisions by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman if complaints are not handled appropriately. In cases of maladministration, financial penalties can be imposed by the Ombudsman.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: The Council is at risk of recommendations or decisions by the Local Government Ombudsman and Social Care Ombudsman and, in the case of complaints about Freedom of Information, Data Protection and Environmental Information requests, the Information Commissioner's Office can issue decision notices and impose significant fines. There are no Data Protection implications.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Details: There are no environment implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Staffing: Yes No

Details: There are no staffing implications contained within this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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| <p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies.</i></p> | No |
| <p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> | No |

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| <p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p> | None |
| <p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SLT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p> | Details: |

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| <p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p> |
| <p>Increasing customer satisfaction with our services Improving customer contact and removing barriers to accessing information Actively engaging with partners to benefit our customers Promoting equality and diversity and supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people.</p> |

| DOCUMENT INFORMATION | |
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| Appendix No | Title |
| 1 | Annual Letter from the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman 2022/23 |
| 2 | Excel workbook: Complaints Received Complaints Decided Compliance |

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| Background Papers |
| <i>(These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Executive, you must provide copies of the background papers).</i> |
| None |

19 July 2023

By email

Ms Hanson
Head of Paid Service
Bolsover District Council

Dear Ms Hanson

Annual Review letter 2022-23

I write to you with your annual summary of complaint statistics from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman for the year ending 31 March 2023. The information offers valuable insight about your organisation's approach to complaints. As always, I would encourage you to consider it as part of your corporate governance processes. As such, I have sought to share this letter with the Leader of your Council and Chair of the appropriate Scrutiny Committee, to encourage effective ownership and oversight of complaint outcomes, which offer such valuable opportunities to learn and improve.

The end of the reporting year, saw the retirement of Michael King, drawing his tenure as Local Government Ombudsman to a close. I was delighted to be appointed to the role of Interim Ombudsman in April and look forward to working with you and colleagues across the local government sector in the coming months. I will be building on the strong foundations already in place and will continue to focus on promoting improvement through our work.

Complaint statistics

Our statistics focus on three key areas that help to assess your organisation's commitment to putting things right when they go wrong:

Complaints upheld - We uphold complaints when we find fault in an organisation's actions, including where the organisation accepted fault before we investigated. We include the total number of investigations completed to provide important context for the statistic.

Over the past two years, we have reviewed our processes to ensure we do the most we can with the resources we have. One outcome is that we are more selective about the complaints we look at in detail, prioritising where it is in the public interest to investigate. While providing a more sustainable way for us to work, it has meant that changes in uphold rates this year are not solely down to the nature of the cases coming to us. We are less likely to carry out investigations on 'borderline' issues, so we are naturally finding a higher proportion of fault overall.

Our average uphold rate for all investigations has increased this year and you may find that your organisation's uphold rate is higher than previous years. This means that comparing uphold rates with previous years carries a note of caution. Therefore, I recommend comparing this statistic with that of similar organisations, rather than previous years, to better understand your organisation's performance.

Compliance with recommendations - We recommend ways for organisations to put things right when faults have caused injustice and monitor their compliance with our recommendations. Failure to comply is rare and a compliance rate below 100% is a cause for concern.

Satisfactory remedy provided by the authority - In these cases, the organisation upheld the complaint and we were satisfied with how it offered to put things right. We encourage the early resolution of complaints and credit organisations that accept fault and find appropriate ways to put things right.

Finally, we compare the three key annual statistics for your organisation with similar authorities to provide an average marker of performance. We do this for County Councils, District Councils, Metropolitan Boroughs, Unitary Councils, and London Boroughs.

Your annual data, and a copy of this letter, will be uploaded to our interactive map, [Your council's performance](#), on 26 July 2023. This useful tool places all our data and information about councils in one place. You can find the detail of the decisions we have made about your Council, read the public reports we have issued, and view the service improvements your Council has agreed to make as a result of our investigations, as well as previous annual review letters.

Supporting complaint and service improvement

I know that complaints offer organisations a rich source of intelligence and insight that has the potential to be transformational. These insights can indicate a problem with a specific area of service delivery or, more broadly, provide a perspective on an organisation's culture and ability to learn. To realise the potential complaints have to support service improvements, organisations need to have the fundamentals of complaint handling in place. To support you to do so, we have continued our work with the Housing Ombudsman Service to develop a joint complaint handling code that will provide a standard for organisations to work to. We will consult on the code and its implications prior to launch and will be in touch with further details.

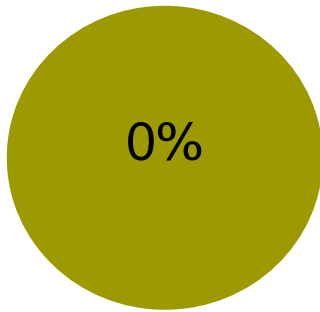
In addition, our successful training programme includes practical interactive workshops that help participants develop their complaint handling skills. We can also offer tailored support and bespoke training to target specific issues your organisation might have identified. We delivered 105 online workshops during the year, reaching more than 1350 people. To find out more visit www.lgo.org.uk/training or get in touch at training@lgo.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Najsarek
Interim Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman
Interim Chair, Commission for Local Administration in England

Complaints upheld



0% of complaints we investigated were upheld.

This compares to an average of **59%** in similar organisations.

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upheld decisions

Statistics are based on a total of **1** investigation for the period between 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Compliance with Ombudsman recommendations

No recommendations were due for compliance in this period

Satisfactory remedy provided by the organisation

The Ombudsman did not uphold any detailed investigations during this period

Received

| Reference | Authority | Category | Received |
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| 22008520 | Bolsover District Council | Planning & Development | 16/09/22 |
| 22010359 | Bolsover District Council | Planning & Development | 27/10/22 |

Decided

| Reference | Authority | Category | Decided | Decision | Decision Reason | Remedy | Service improvement recommendations |
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| 21018794 | Bolsover District Council | Corporate & Other Services | 12/10/22 | Not Upheld | no fault | | |
| 22008520 | Bolsover District Council | Planning & Development | 22/09/22 | Closed after initial enquiries | Not warranted by alleged fault | | |
| 22010359 | Bolsover District Council | Planning & Development | 03/11/22 | Closed after initial enquiries | Not warranted by alleged injustice | | |

Compliance

| Reference | Authority | Category | Decided | Remedy | Remedy Target Date | Remedy Achieved Date | Satisfaction with Compliance |
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| No compliance data recorded during the period | | | | | | | |

Bolsover District Council

Meeting of the Standards Committee on Monday 11th September 2023

Recruitment of Independent Persons

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer

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| Classification | This report is public |
| Report By | Jim Fieldsend Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer 01246 242472 Jim.fieldsend@bolsover.gov.uk |
| Contact Officer | Amy Bryan Governance and Civic Manager Amy.bryan@bolsover.gov.uk 01246 242529 |

PURPOSE/SUMMARY OF REPORT

To outline proposals for the replacement of one of the Independent Persons.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Background

- 1.1 Under the Localism Act 2011 the Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Persons (IP) to advise the Council's Monitoring Officer on Member code of conduct issues. However, the Council decided when originally setting up the system to have two Independent Persons. Each member who is the subject of a complaint has the right to discuss the matter with one of the IPs, and the Monitoring Officer has an obligation to consult one of the IPs on each case. Clearly it is better to have the consultations with two different IPs. In addition, it ensures as best as is possible that the Council is not left without an IP if one resigns for example.
- 1.2 One of the IPs has submitted his resignation and it is therefore necessary to recruit a new IP.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The proposal is to try to recruit two additional IPs. Many Councils have more than two IPs to cover situations where there may be conflicts and where there are

problems with availability. Having at least three IPs will ensure that there are at least two IPs in the event that one of them ceases to be an IP.

2.2 The remuneration received by the IP is currently £800 per annum. There are no proposals to change this.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 It is considered necessary to recruit two further IPs to ensure flexibility.

3.2 The appointment of the successful candidate will be recommended to Council.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not to recruit additional IPs. For the reasons set out in this report this is not considered to be an option.

RECOMMENDATION(S) that;

The Council undertakes a recruitment process for the appointment of two additional Independent Persons.

IMPLICATIONS:

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details: Having three Independent Persons would cost an extra £800.

On behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details: Section 28 of the Localism Act 2011 require the Council to appoint at least one independent person.

On behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Environment: Yes No

Details: There are no environment implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Staffing: Yes No

Details: None arising from this report.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

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| <p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? <i>(Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</i></p> | No |

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| <p>District Wards Significantly Affected</p> | None |
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| <p>Links to Council Ambition: Customers, Economy and Environment.</p> |
| <p>Demonstrating good governance</p> |

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| <p>None</p> |

Agenda Item 9

Bolsover District Council Standards Committee Work Programme.

From September 11th 2023 to 15th April 2024

| Date of Committee. | Item. |
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| 11 th September 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of Sub-Committee to consider Code of Conduct matter; ▪ Appointment of Independent Person; ▪ LGSCO Annual Letter and Report; ▪ Complaints update. |
| 13 th November 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Constitution (TBD); ▪ Review of the Member complaints process; ▪ Compliments Comments and Complaints Annual Summary ▪ Review of the public face of Standards Committee ▪ Complaints update. |
| 29 th January 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Constitution (TBD); ▪ Gifts and Hospitality Review; ▪ Whistleblowing Policy Review; ▪ RIPA Review; ▪ Complaints update. |
| 15 th April 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review of Constitution (TBD); ▪ Members Training Attendance; ▪ Annual Standards Committee Report ▪ Complaints update. |

Agenda Item 11

By virtue of paragraph(s) 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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