

**Bolsover District Council**

**Standards Committee**

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**Future Arrangements for Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee**

**Report of the Joint Head of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer**

This report is public

**Purpose of the Report**

- To decide the future arrangements for Co-opted Members of the Standards Committee following agreement at Council.

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 At its previous meeting of the Standards Committee, Members agreed changes to the Standards Committee Terms of Reference to appoint two non-voting co-opted Members to represent Parish and Town Councils on the Standards Council. This was a local decision aimed to secure representation for the Parishes over which the District Council has jurisdiction on ethical standards matters, and to give them a voice.
- 1.2 The changes to the Terms of Reference are subject to approval by Council however, in the essence of expediency this report brings forward proposals for Standards Committee to consider to establish an elections process for these positions.
- 1.3 It was suggested that the two non-voting co-opted Members be elected in May 2020, and their term of office terminate in 3 years' time - in line with the District Council elections.
- 1.4 It is proposed that elections be organised by this Authority and in indicative timetable is set out below.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Timescales</b>
Letter to Parish's requesting nomination of candidates	6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Deadline for nominations	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
If more than one candidate, write to all Parish's with ballot paper	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Deadline for ballots	11 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Result announced	12 <sup>th</sup> May 2020

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

2.1 To decide the arrangements for the co-opted Members of the Standards Committee.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 Standards Committee are consulted by way of this report; the recommendations suggested within this report will be submitted to Council for approval.

3.2 There are no equality issues identified arising from this report.

## **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 The Standards Committee are recommending to Council to co-opt two Members to represent Parish Councils on their Committee. A process needs to be in place to undertake that recruitment however, Members could defer this until after Council have considered the proposals, however this would not enable the representatives to be appointed at the Annual Meeting in May 2020.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

5.1.1 The financial implications for co-opting two Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee would be in accordance with the Members Allowance Scheme.

5.1.2 In addition, travel expenses for meetings of the Standards Committee would be applicable and it is estimated that this would be in the region of £100 per annum.

5.1.3 The Members Allowance Scheme states that an annual allowance of £500 should be paid to Co-opted Members for their duties on the Standards Committee. Therefore the cost of having two Co-opted Members would be approximately £1000.

### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

5.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

5.3.1 There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 That the Standards Committee recommend to Council the recruitment of two Co-opted Members to represent Parish Councils on the Standards Committee.

## 7 Decision Information

<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b>  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:  <i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £150,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <i>Capital - £250,000</i> <input type="checkbox"/>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b>  (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p><b>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</b></p>	Yes
<p><b>District Wards Affected</b></p>	All
<p><b>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</b></p>	Transparency agenda

## 8 Document Information

<p><b>Background Papers</b> (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 Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)</p>	
None	
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