



3 September 2012
Full Council

Subject: Appointment of Members to the Standards Sub-Committee

Report by:	Monitoring Officer
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Purpose / Summary:	This report seeks agreement from Members to suspend the political balance rules, agree the proposed allocation of seats on the Standards Sub-Committee and sets out the wishes expressed by political groups in respect of appointment of members to serve thereon.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) That Members agree to suspend the political balance rules in respect of appointments to the Standards Sub-Committee;
- 2) That the number of Members to be appointed to serve on the Standards Sub-Committee, as set out at Section 1.4 be agreed;
- 3) That, in accordance with the wishes expressed by political groups, Members, as set out at Section 2 of the report, be appointed to serve to the Standards Sub-Committee for the remainder of the current civic year.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:
Suspension of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and Committee and Political Groups Regulations 1990 apply.

Financial :
None arising from this report.

Staffing :
None arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :
*NB: A full impact assessment **HAS TO BE** attached if the report relates to any new or revised policy or revision to service delivery/introduction of new services.*

Risk Assessment :
None arising from this report.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :
None arising from this report.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes

No

Key Decision:

Yes

No

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Full Council at its meeting on 2 July 2012 **RESOLVED** that a Standards Sub-Committee comprising elected Members of the District Council, appointed proportionally, be established.
- 1.2 The Standards Sub-Committee is deemed an ordinary committee of the Council and therefore political balance requirements should apply.
- 1.3 However, following consultation with the Group Leaders, and in light of the nature of the work which will be undertaken by Standards Sub-Committee it is proposed that the political balance rules be suspended in respect of appointments thereto.
- 1.4 It is therefore suggested that the Sub-Committee's makeup should comprise a total of 6 Elected Members on the following basis: -
- Conservative Group 2 x seats
Liberal Democrat Group 2x seats
Labour Group 1 x seat
Independent 1 x seat.
- 1.5 The Sub-Committee will also comprise 3 Non Voting Parish Council Representatives, as previously resolved by Council on 2 July, and these appointments will be made by the Sub-Committee itself, in due course.
- 1.6 All Group Leaders agree with the proposals detailed at paragraph 1.3 and the number of members detailed at paragraph 1.4 above.

2. Appointment of Committee in accordance with the wishes expressed by the political groups

Standards Sub-Committee (6 Members)

Councillor David Cotton

Councillor Judy Rainsforth

Councillor Alan Caine

Councillor (name to be advised) (Conservative Group)

Councillor (name to be advised) (Conservative Group)

Councillor (name to be advised) (Labour Group)

3. Recommendations

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