



**Council**

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**Appointment of Parish Councillor Representative to Standards Committee**

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

To approve the appointment of a Parish Councillor Representative to the Standards Committee until May 2027 following deferral by Council in November 2025.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That Councillor Stephen Riley (Grasby Parish Council) be appointed to serve as a member of the Standards Committee (without voting rights) until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2027 (the next planned all out elections).

## IMPLICATIONS

**Legal:** The Local Government Act 1972 provides that a Council may include persons who are not members of the authority on a committee.

Under the Localism Act 2011 local authorities have the discretion to establish a standards committee

While a principal authority *may* choose to include a parish councillor on its standards committee (if chooses to establish one) as a matter of local discretion or best practice, it is not a statutory requirement imposed by the Localism Act 2011.

West Lindsey has previously made a local decision, given it is a heavily parished area, to include provision for non-voting parish councillor representation.

### **Financial : FIN/**

The role is a voluntary one but does allow for the claiming of mileage (£0.45p/mile) and subsistence.

These costs can be met from existing budgets.

### **Staffing : None**

### **Equality and Diversity including Human Rights : None**

### **Risk Assessment : None**

### **Climate Related Risks and Opportunities**

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

None

### **Call in and Urgency:**

#### **Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

**Yes**

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**No**

**X**

### **Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

**Yes**

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**No**

**X**

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 A Local Authority may choose to include a Parish Councillor representative on its Standards Board at its discretion, and it is considered best practice to do so. Council at its meeting on 10 November 2025 considered a report in respect of this matter, and Members are referred to the content of that report [link to previous report](#)
- 1.2 Members will recall that following a process involving the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer, two individuals were interviewed and recommended into this volunteer role.
- 1.3 At the Council meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025, it was queried whether 2 volunteers were required as previously only 1 had been in place. Council at that meeting resolved to refer the report back to the Monitoring Officer for further consideration, on the basis that Council considered only one volunteer was needed to fulfil the role on the Standards Committee.
- 1.4 Following this, the Chair of the Standards Committee and the Monitoring Officer have considered the matter further and are satisfied that one Parish Council representative is sufficient for the purposes of the Standards Committee.

## **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 After reconsidering this matter in accordance with the resolution made by the Council on 10 November 2025, it is recommended that: -

Councillor Stephen Riley (Grasby Parish Council) be appointed to serve as a member of the Standards Committee (without voting rights) until the Annual Council Meeting in May 2027 (the next planned all out elections).