

## **Joint Standards Committee**

**9<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

### **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

#### **Joint Committee Membership**

##### **1. Summary**

1.1 This report seeks Members' views on future membership of the Standards Committee.

##### **2. Background**

2.1 The former statutory Standards Committee was required to have both City and Parish Council representation. The Localism Act 2011 abolished this requirement. Members considered that it was appropriate for Parish Councillors to be represented on the new Standards Committee and for them to have full voting rights.

2.2 In order to achieve this, the City Council agreed to ask the Local Councils Association to secure the nomination of three Parish Councillors to sit on the new Committee. The Committee was then technically established as a Joint Committee between the City Council and the three Parish Councils. The Parish Councillors on the Committee have, however, always seen themselves as representatives of Parish Councils generally rather than their home Parish.

2.3 Councillor Don Crawford who has served on this Committee and its predecessor for many years has recently retired. In May Parish Council elections will take place affecting both Councillors Martin and Simpson. It is therefore appropriate to consider future arrangements for the Committee at this stage subject, of course, to any decisions which a newly constituted City Council might take after its own elections.

## Recommendations

3. Members are recommended to:
- 1) Reaffirm the commitment to full Parish Council representation on the Committee
  - 2) To ask the Monitoring Officer to seek nominations from the Local Councils Association for the new Municipal Year
  - 3) If nominations are received prior to the next meeting of the Committee to invite the nominees to attend that meeting

Reason: To ensure that the deliberations of the Joint Standards Committee reflect the circumstances of Parish as well as City Councillors

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**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

N/A

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**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

None