

Joint Standards Committee

5th July 2017

Report of the Monitoring Officer

Parish Council Membership

Summary

1. This report updates the Committee on steps taken since the last meeting to fill the current Parish vacancy.

Background

2. The Localism Act 2011 abolished the previous statutory Standards Committees which included Parish Members as of right. The City Council was keen to retain Parish influence on the Standards Committee and to give Parish Members the same status as City Councillors, including having full voting rights. In order to achieve this the Council agreed to establish a Joint Committee. Formally that Committee is a Joint Committee between the City Council and the Parishes whose Members sit on the Committee. However, the intention has always been that Parish member should see themselves as representatives of Parish Councillors generally rather than simply of their own Parish.
3. In order to ensure that the Parish Members were representative of Parish Councils as a whole, nominations have been sought through the Yorkshire Local Councils' Association. Recent vacancies have though attracted limited interest. The Committee discussed this at their last meeting.
4. Since the last meeting the following progress has been made:
 - The Chair and Vice Chair have been invited to attend a YLCA meeting. That will now take place in October.
 - The Chair and Vice Chair organised a drop in event on the 22nd June and a similar event is planned for the early Autumn.

- A draft role description has been prepared and a copy is annexed to this report for the Committee's comments.

Recommendations

5. Members are recommended to:
- 1) Note the update on action since the last meeting
 - 2) Approve the draft role description for Parish Council members of the Standards Committee

Reason: To ensure that the City Council effectively engages with Parish Councils in promoting high standards of ethical conduct for all local Councillors.

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

All



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Annexes

Annex 1 – Draft Role description for Parish Council Members

Background Papers:

None