

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Standards Committee – Co-opted Member

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To consider future arrangements for a co-opted member on the Standards Committee.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 For many years, the Standards Committee has appointed a co-opted, non-voting member to its membership. The most recent member, Mrs Wroe, resigned from this position on 15 September 2021. The position has been vacant since this time.
- 2.2 There is no statutory requirement to appoint a co-opted member to the Standards Committee.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 To seek a new co-opted member and appoint them to the Standards Committee.
- 3.2 To recommend the removal of the co-opted member from the membership of the Standards Committee.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Appointing a new co-opted member would continue the previous arrangement. Co-opted members can add an independent voice to the Committee's membership.
- 4.2 Removing the co-opted member from the membership of the Standards Committee would streamline the Committee's working arrangements. The three Independent Persons are invited to all meetings of the Standards Committee, ensuring the continued independent voice.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

5.1 There would be a modest financial saving in not appointing a new co-opted member.

5.2 An open and transparent recruitment process, similar to that used when filling Independent Person vacancies, would be undertaken should the Committee to determine that the vacancy is filled.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

6.1 Any amendments to the membership of the Standards Committee would need to be ratified by Council.

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 Not applicable.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 No conflict of interest has been identified.

9. RECOMMENDATION

9.1 That the Standards Committee consider the options at paragraph 3 and determine its position on the current co-opted member vacancy.

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