

STANDARDS COMMITTEE – PARISH NOMINATIONS

REPORT OF: MONITORING OFFICER
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Wards Affected: All
Key Decision: No
Report to: Standards Committee
11 September 2023

Purpose of Report

To approve the Parish Council representatives to sit on the Standards Committee for the current municipal cycle.

Recommendations

- 1. The Standards Committee is recommended to Ratify the appointment of the representatives proposed by the Parish Councils to the Standards Committee**
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Background

2. This is the first meeting of the Standards Committee for the current municipal cycle.
3. The committee is responsible for upholding the highest standards of Member conduct for both the District Council and the Town and Parish Councils in the District. It does so, in part, by conducting investigations into Member conduct in circumstances where the Monitoring Officer considers, in consultation with the relevant Independent Person, that a complaint has sufficient substance to justify consideration by the committee.
4. The Constitution requires that the committee be made up of 10 Members, 6 District Councillors and 4 Parish or Town Members. In relation to the parish representatives, at least one Parish representative is required to be present when matters relating to the Parish Councils, or their Members are being considered.
5. Nominations to the committee were sought from the Parish and Town Councils, and 5 nominations were received before the 31 July 2023 deadline. However, two of these nominations were from Horsted Keynes Parish Council. In order to achieve the best spread of representatives across the Parishes, we have requested that the Parish Council decide which of the two nominations they wish to proceed with, and the Parish Council is due to vote upon that matter.
6. The Committee therefore presently has 3 parish nominations to ratify:
 - (a) Douglas Denham St Pinnock - West Hoathly
 - (b) Crispin Salimbeni - Ansty and Staplefield
 - (c) Amy Beecroft - Lindfield

7. The committee is recommended to ratify these three appointments in order to ensure the committee can carry out its business (in particular where a Town or Parish matter requires consideration). A further report will be put before the committee once the Horsted Keynes nomination has been confirmed so that the committee can be fully constituted.

Financial Implications

8. None.

Risk Implications

9. None.

Sustainability Implications

10. None.

Equality and Customer Service Implications

11. None.

Other Material Implications

12. None.

Background Papers

None.