

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

23 MARCH 2016

ITEM 8 – DRAFT MEMBER CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

BACKGROUND

In order to comply with the Constitution where an Assessment Sub-committee, Review Sub-committee or Determinations Sub-committee consider a standards matter involving a Parish the Sub-committees may co-opt at least one Parish Council Member. Audit and Governance Committee have previously appointed a pool of 4 Parish Representatives from which the Sub-committees can draw a parish member as and when required.

The term of office of the Parish Representatives currently appointed to the Audit and Governance Committee is due to expire at the end of the Municipal Year.

The process for appointing Parish Representatives has been to invite nominations via the Parish Clerks and in the event of more applications being received than positions available a ballot has been conducted.

In February/March officers invited nominations from the Parish Councils which resulted in 6 parish councillors being nominated. Two of those parish councillors were also District Council members and following discussions with the Deputy Monitoring Officer they decided to withdraw their nominations in order to ensure no conflict of interests could arise in the event that they were co-opted to a Sub-committee.

As it is now no longer necessary to undertake a ballot it is proposed that Audit and Governance formally appoint the remaining nominees as Parish representatives with effect from Annual Council for the remainder of the Administration.

It was not possible to include this recommendation in the substantive report as the nomination process was still being undertaken.

Recommendation

That the following parish councillors be appointed as Parish Representatives to the Audit and Governance Committee with effect from 7 May 2016 for the remainder of the Administration (May 2019):

Mr Peter Moulton – Whitwick PC
Mr David Gothard – Appleby Magna PC
Mr Ray Woodward – Whitwick PC
Ms Pat Thomas – Ashby Woulds TC

The appointment of the above Parish Representatives by Audit and Governance Committee will be reported to Council on 17 May 2016 when it considers the Member Conduct Annual Report.