



AGENDA ITEM: 11

COUNCIL: 16 May 2012

Report of: Managing Director (People and Places)

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SUBJECT: STANDARDS COMMITTEE UNTIL 30 JUNE 2012

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To continue the operation of the current Standards Committee until the introduction of a new Standards regime as required by the Localism Act 2011 (the Act).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That John Cailles and Paul Hanmer have their terms of office extended until 30 June 2012 and continue in the roles of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Standards Committee respectively for that period of time.

2.2 That the terms of office of Independent Members, Stuart Ibbs, Ben Winstanley and Peter Rogan on the current Standards Committee cease on 30 June 2012 to allow new Standards arrangements to be implemented.

2.3 That the terms of office of the existing Parish representative on the Standards Committee Jacky Citarella be extended until 30 June 2012 and the Parish Councils be advised accordingly, and that the current two vacancies for Standards Committee Parish representatives be filled until 30 June 2012 by Parish Councillors Brian Bailey and David Gallagher from the recruitment exercise conducted in 2011.

2.4 That the Councillors indicated on the Appendix circulated at Item 9 on the Agenda serve on the Standards Committee until 30 June 2012.

2.5 That it be noted that a Standards Committee and Extraordinary Council will be held in June to introduce a new Standards Regime under the Localism Act 2011 with effect from 1 July 2012 and in the meantime the Standards Committee continue with its existing Terms of Reference and delegations as set out in the Constitution.

3.0 STANDARDS COMMITTEE UNTIL 30 JUNE 2012

- 3.1 There is a requirement to operate a Standards Committee and various standards provisions under the Local Government Act 2000 until 30 June 2012. The recommendations above put in place the necessary arrangements.
- 3.2 There are currently two Parish Council vacancies on the Standards Committee, which under the current regime could create difficulties, should a complaint be submitted. As a recruitment exercise was conducted in 2011, it is proposed that the two candidates with the highest number of votes (Parish Councillors Brian Bailey, Burscough Parish Council and David Gallagher, Aughton Parish Council) fill these vacancies until the end of June 2012.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 4.1 There are no significant sustainability or community strategy implications arising from this report.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial and resource implications arising from this decision.

6.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 The Council must have in place Standards arrangements to comply with existing legislative requirements.
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Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

None