

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Council
Date: 10th July, 2013
Report for: Decision
Report of: Acting Director of Legal & Democratic Services / Monitoring Officer

Report Title

Appointment of Co-Opted Parish and Independent Members to Standards Committee

Summary

There currently exists a vacancy for one of the two Parish Co-Opted Members, and one of three Independent Co-Opted Members, on Standards Committee. A selection process has been undertaken to identify a replacement Parish Member. This report seeks Council's approval for an appointment to be made accordingly, and for a process to be undertaken to fill the Independent Member vacancy.

Recommendations

- 1. That Council endorse the appointment of Councillor Tony Rudden as a Parish Co-Opted Member of Standards Committee with immediate effect.**
- 2. That approval be given for advertisement of the vacant Independent Member post, and that the Chairman of Standards Committee and Monitoring Officer bring forward a recommended appointment for Council's consideration in due course.**

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

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Background Papers: None.

Background Information

Implications:

Relationship to Corporate Priorities	<i>All</i>
Financial	<i>No significant implication arising from this report.</i>
Legal Implications	<i>No implication arising from this report.</i>
Equality/Diversity Implications	<i>None.</i>
Sustainability Implications	<i>None.</i>
Staffing/E-Government/Asset Management Implications	<i>This decision will fill a vacancy on the establishment on one of the Council's standing Committees, and allow greater flexibility for the committee in carrying out its duties.</i>
Risk Management Implications	<i>None.</i>
Health and Safety Implications	<i>None.</i>

1.0 Background

Since the resignation of Partington Councillor Mrs. L. Smith, there has been a vacancy on the Standards Committee in respect of one of the two Parish Co-Opted Members. At a later stage, one of the three Independent Members, Mrs. L. Atkinson, also tendered her resignation.

In respect of the Parish Member, the Standards Committee agreed that a selection process would be determined by its Chairman and the Monitoring Officer. In accordance with the agreed process, nominations were sought via the Parish Clerks. Two nominations were received, both from Partington Parish Council. The Committee's Chairman, Councillor Holden, and the Monitoring Officer interviewed the two applicants and their joint decision was to offer the vacant post to Councillor Tony Rudden.

In respect of the vacant Independent Member post, Council's approval is sought to advertise the vacancy and for the Chairman of Standards Committee and Monitoring Officer bring forward a recommended appointment for Council's consideration in due course.