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Dear Chairperson

Re: Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee Parish Members

From 1 July 2012 it has been the duty of every authority (including Parish/Town and Community Councils) to have a Code of Conduct and further it has been the duty of the principal authority to have in place arrangements for the consideration and determination of complaints made against both Borough Councillors and Town/Parish/Community Councillors under that Code.

Milton Keynes Council has formed a 'Standards Committee' to discharge these duties.

In recognition of the role that Town/Parish/Community Councils play in upholding high standards across Milton Keynes, the Standards Committee has the power to co-opt between 2 and 4 Parish Councillors who may sit on the main Committee in an advisory capacity. Further to this, Milton Keynes Council Standards Committee complaints arrangements require that one Parish Council co opted Member must sit on any Sub Committee tasked with determining complaints about the Conduct of Parish Councillors.

The Standards Committee is wishing to co-opt between two and four new parish councillors onto the Standards Committee and would welcome applications from Parish Councils, putting forward councillors for this task.

Short listing will take place in early February 2017 and interviews will take place at the end of February 2017.

The successful candidates will be required to sit on the Standards Committee from May in the 2017/2018 municipal year and will be invited to attend sub-committees as appropriate.

Co-opted members are subject to the Milton Keynes Council Members Allowances scheme and will be able to claim for reasonable mileage and parking expenses for attendance at meetings.

If you would be interested in nominating a member of your Council for this role, I would be grateful if you could complete the attached application form and return to;

Standards Committee
c/o The Monitoring Officer /Service Director (Legal and Democratic Services)
Milton Keynes Council
Civic Offices
1, Saxon Gate East
Milton Keynes
MK9 3EJ

No later than 23 January 2017.

Please contact me on the number above if you require any further details.

Yours faithfully,

Sharon Bridglalsingh
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