

PARISH COUNCILLOR RECRUITMENT

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with an update on the current position of Parish Councillor Recruitment in Milton Keynes, following the decision from the last Standards Committee meeting held on 14 June 2016, and to provide a draft Parish Councillor Recruitment package to the Committee for consideration.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.
- 2.2 That a shortlisting and interview panel be formed on a 1-1-1 basis and officers be authorised to engage one Independent Person to sit on that panel in an advisory capacity be agreed.
- 2.3 That the letter to parishes and recruitment pack be agreed.

3. Issues and Choices

- 3.1 The Committee is reminded that the 4 year membership of co-opted Parish Councillors to the Standards Committee is due to expire on 1 May 2017, and due to resignation from Parish Councillor Carman at the meeting on 8 March 2016, the Committee has a choice of options, which are:
- (a) to look at recruiting up-to 2 additional co-opted Parish Councillors to the Committee, or
 - (b) that the Council seek to commence the Parish Councillor recruitment exercise for up-to 4 co-opted members being in place with effect from 2 May 2017.
- 3.1 In order to advertise and appoint up-to 4 co-opted members, a draft letter and recruitment pack is attached at **Annexes A and B**, and if approved, the documentation will be sent out to all the Parish/Town/Community Councils within the Borough of Milton Keynes.

