

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COUNCIL – 12 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT BY HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC AND LEGAL SUPPORT SERVICES

10. STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

WARD(S) AFFECTED: All

'D' RECOMMENDATION – that the following individuals be appointed to the Standards Committee until the end of the 2010/11 Civic Year:

Town Council Representative:

To be advised

Parish Council Representative:

To be advised

1.0 Background

1.1 The Council, at its annual meeting held on 16 May 2007, approved decision-making arrangements for the discharge of its functions.

2.0 Contributions to the Council's Corporate Objectives

2.1 The proposal set out in this report will support all of the Council's corporate objectives.

3.0 Standards Committee

3.1 The Council has previously established a Standards Committee consisting of three District Council Member (of whom one should be from each political party with four or more Members), one Parish Council member, one Town Council member and two independent members.

3.2 At its Annual meeting in May 2007, Council constituted the

Standards Committee but noted that Town and Parish Councils within the District, as a consequence of the local council elections held earlier in the month, had been invited to put forward nominations for the seats allocated to their representatives. As more than one nomination was received in respect of both town and parish council seats on the committee a ballot is currently being held. The ballot will be completed by 5.00 pm on Tuesday, 11 September 2007. The outcome of the ballot will be reported orally at the meeting when Council will be invited to appoint the successful candidates to the Standards Committee until the end of the 2010/2011 Civic Year.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 The appropriate consultation with Parish/Town Councils has taken place.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The proposals set out in this report accord with the statutory provisions for reviewing the Council's decision-making structure.

6.0 Financial Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resource Implications

7.1 None.

8.0 Risk Management Implications

8.1 The Council needs to establish a robust and clear decision-making structure to enable it to function effectively and make decisions in an expeditious manner which is accountable to the electorate.

Background Papers

None

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