

Committee: Council

Date: 10 July 2013

Agenda item: 11

Wards: All

Subject: Appointment of a co-opted member of the Standards Committee

Lead officer: Caroline Holland, Director of Corporate Services

Lead member: Mark Allison, Cabinet Member for Finance

Forward Plan reference number: 1276

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Recommendations:

- A. That the Council agrees to appoint Sophie Bowen as a co-opted member of the Standards Committee for a three year period from 1 July 2013.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. To agree the appointment of a third co-opted member of the Standards Committee.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. On 11 July 2012 the Council agreed that there should be 3 non-voting coopted members appointed to the Standards Committee. Nigel Brotherton and Beverley Huie were appointed to two of these posts.
- 2.2. On 24 October 2012 the Standards Committee agreed that the terms of office of the current co-opted members would be three years from 1 July 2012 and that a third member would be appointed for three years from 1 July 2013.
- 2.3. The Standards Committee appointed a panel of three elected members and a co-opted member to interview candidates. This took place on 13 June 2013 and the panel recommends that Sophie Bowen is appointed to this post.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. This post is a discretionary matter for the Council.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None

5 TIMETABLE

- 5.1. The appointment will be effective from 1 July 2013 for three years. Co-opted members will be eligible to be re-appointed once.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. Co-opted members of the Standards Committee are entitled to an allowance of £100 per meeting attended totalling £300 per year per member. This is within the current budgetary provisions for members' allowances.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. These posts are entirely discretionary. Co-opted members are non-voting members of the Committee.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. None

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. None

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. None

11 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT

- None

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 12.1. None