



**REPORT of
MONITORING OFFICER**

**to
COUNCIL
12 DECEMBER 2024**

APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILOR TO THE JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To appoint a Parish Councillor to the vacant seat on the Joint Standards Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Council appoints one of the two candidates to the Joint Standards Committee for the remaining Municipal Year.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Peter Davey from Althorne Parish Council there is now a vacancy on the Joint Standards Committee.
- 3.2 The Council's Joint Standards Committee is made up of two Parish / Town Councillors who do not have voting rights but who provide an independent view from a Parish / Town perspective of any complaints received.
- 3.3 The Monitoring Officer requested expressions of interest from all Parish / Town Councils to fill this vacancy.
- 3.4 Two Parish Councillors have expressed an interest in this role, Councillor Michael John Hall (Mike Hall) and Councillor Robert Harding.
- 3.5 Both Councillors have provided a brief summary of their experience for Members information which has been circulated prior to the meeting.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The current vacancy needs to be filled to ensure that the Joint Standards Committee has a complete membership in line with the Council's constitution.

5. IMPACT ON PRIORITIES AS SET OUT IN THE CORPORATE PLAN 2023 - 2027

5.1 Provide good quality services.

- 5.1.1 Ensuring that all Committees have full membership allows for effective decision making.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – None.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk (including Fraud implications)** – Not applicable.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Not applicable.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – Not applicable.

Background Papers: None

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