

Appendix 2

RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION FROM TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS

Parish/Town	Q1 – No of Town & Parish Representatives	Q2 – Length of Service	Q3 – Method of Appointment	Q4 – Happy with Terms of Reference	Q5 – Aspects of T of R Liked	Q6 – Aspects of T of R disliked	Comments
Bulford Parish	Agrees with 8	1 year	Appointed on a rotation basis	Yes	No comment	No comment	None
Bulkington Parish	8 including 2 from smaller villages	2 years – to enable involvement of more parishes	Nominations sought from all PC and voted section by section – ie town, large parish, small parish	yes			
Charlton Parish	5 The committee as proposed is too large. A body of 22 will be very unwieldy. There should be reductions in the other categories too, but the categories are OK.	This is a difficult and rather technical area and members should have the opportunity to gain experience. Members will also have a need for substantial training themselves, beyond the training	Seek volunteers but interview to ensure competence and a real commitment. Establish criteria for appropriate geographical spread.	no		Far too long-winded. They should be permissive rather than descriptive, but also establish boundaries.	The actual procedure for dealing with complaints is very unclear. The initial covering report seems to remove the committee from this role (paragraph 6), but the terms of reference seem to embed it. This consultation is something of a sham. The Parish

		proposed for members of the Council and town and parish councillors generally.					Council did not receive the invitation to comment until well into October, giving effectively a fortnight to consider a complex and technical area. We have not had the time to develop a considered corporate view; these comments are essentially my personal views.
Corsham Town	8	Concurrent with their term as Councillor	Spread Countywide and selected by panel from Wiltshire Council	yes	Spread of members where bias is away from the Centre	none	none
Downton Parish	8 of each If there is to be only one committee, where does it meet and would there be enough members to cover such a wide area. Why not keep the existing committees to	The elected period to their local authorities, reviewed after each election. If councillors are prepared to continue why change – their	Asking for volunteers and then follow up with interviews	yes	No comment	No comment	This is a voluntary appointment with possibly no remuneration to cover time or travel. If the Standards Committee functions from Trowbridge, south of the

	consider the complaints in their own areas.	experience is invaluable					County members could be travelling for 2 – 3 hours at considerable expence. Therefore keeping the framework of the currently existing committee would overcome this issue and possibly encourage more candidates
Durrington Town	8	4 years Minimum of 2 – maximum of 4 to tie with PC elections	Proposed by Parish/Town Council Selected by Elected members	yes	Inclusion of Town/ Parish members on committee	Removal of Committees role in determining corporate complaints	
Etchilhampton Parish	10 Parish Councils are closest to the general public	3 years so that there is rotation within each electoral cycle	Nomination by parish councils and ballot/draw by WALC but with rotation so that no parish has more than one term until all parishes have had a place and ensuring that each old district council area	It would be interesting to see what other authorities have done.	Has County got a chart showing key features and how many other bodies have adopted the same/different approaches.	Same response as for Q.5. Parishes should be used as the measuring tool <u>NOT</u> focus groups.	None

			has at least one place NOT by appointment of County				
Everleigh Parish	12 divided equally between all categories or 5 Wiltshire Council 5 Town/ Parish 2 Independent	2 years Allows for fresh blood but still provides Continuity	There should be rural representation on the committee and not confined to Town Councils. Geographical spread across Wiltshire.	Yes conditional	Appendix 2, page 2 encapsulates key T of R	Dull and Repetitive. Does not encourage people to join committee in Voluntary capacity.	Para 9.5. We assume that parish/town councillors should be allowed to reapply in the same way as independents
Fyfield & West Overton Parish	there should be a good balance between councillors from town and rural parishes in the representation.						The Fyfield and West Overton Parish Council have no strong views on this matter
Ham Parish	2 Or 3 A committee of 22 members is too large. Suggest reduce to 10 comprising 4 x members of WC 2/3 Town /Parish members 3/4 Independent	No comment	No comment	No comment	No comment	No comment	No comment
Limpley Stoke Parish							We agree with the proposed material amendments to

							<p>the terms of reference and composition of the committee as set out in appendices 1 and 2 of the Corporate Standards Manager's report.</p> <p>We feel that the performance of the committee will, as usual, depend on how well it is supported and resourced.</p>
Minety Parish	16 There should be enough Parish/town Councillors to out number the non councillors	4 Normal elected term for a Councillor	All qualified volunteers should be voted for by the other PCs. At least one from each area should be on Board	Yes			
Purton Parish	8 numbers to be reviewed at intervals	4 Only one term of office changes in line with electoral timetable	Nomination by parish/town councils (1 person only) if more than 8 then put to postal vote by parish/town	Yes			

			councils				
Sherston Parish	8 Happy with proposal	4 years 3 years would provide some continuity but would not become an eternal millstone round the nominated persons neck		yes			Not sure about Town/parish representatives ability to provide training for elected members Would not want a situation whereby town and parish councillors would become embroiled in political activity
Stanton St Bernard Parish	10 5 Town 5 Parish	4 years To coincide with elections	Proposed by own council then selected by lot to be witnessed by any interested person	yes	Parish councillors to be present when complaints are being investigated especially of a relevant parish councillor		
Swallowcliffe Parish	8 8 is the minimum number given the size of Wiltshire	Max 3 years Min of 2 years to allow proper knowledge, but max of 3 years to avoid staleness. Members should not be appointed for more than 2	Tricky – but we suggest that a practical compromise would be Each area board should be tasked to nominate one willing candidate These candidates are	no	Basic Framework, tasks and responsibilities are satisfactory	More detail must perforce be included to cover the election/selection of Parish and Independent members, their tenure, frequency of meetings, and so on.	It is important to stress the importance of the parish members of this committee; they will have a vital role to contribute a practical flavour to the standards Committee 's work

		consecutive terms	then brought to a shortlist for election to the Standards Committee by the 6 elected County Council members				
Yatton Keynell Parish							<p>Yatton Keynell</p> <p>Our apologies for not responding but our knowledge of this committee is so limited that it would not be appropriate to respond.</p>