

Title: **Appointment of Town and Parish Council and Representatives on the Standards Committee**

Chairman: **Tony Frost**

Reporting Officer: **Nicola Mathiason, Head of Legal and Democratic Services**
Tim Darsley, Monitoring Officer

Purpose

To appoint Town and Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee.

Background

The Standards Committee includes one Town councillor (town representative) and one Parish councillor (parish representative) to help the Committee understand the perspective on conduct issues in town and parish councils. They are appointed for two years.

All Town and Parish Councils were sent a letter in June asking if they would like to nominate a candidate or to seek nominations from their respective Councillors. Each nominee was asked to explain in 150 words or less why s/he should be chosen.

The Constitution (paragraph 9.02 (c & d) page 55) requires that the Town Council and Parish Council representatives shall be appointed by Council at the second ordinary meeting of the Council in each municipal year, on a secret ballot of Councillors.

Accordingly, ballot papers for the positions of Town and Parish Council representatives were circulated to all West Wiltshire District Council Members enclosing the candidates' statements.

Options

The candidates with the highest number of votes should be appointed.

Background Documents

Correspondence, application pack, candidate's statements

Recommendation

That Council appoints Cllr Joan Kinder of Melksham Town Council as the Town Council representative and Cllr Rosemary Wyeth of Codford Parish Council as the Parish Council representative to the Standards Committee.