

Subject:	Appointment of Standards Independent Person		Status:	For Publication	
Report to:	Council		Date:	15 th July 2020	
Report of:	Monitoring Officer		Portfolio Holder:	Corporate Services	
Key Decision:	No - reserved for Council	Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>	
Equality Impact Assessment:		Required:	No	Attached:	No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment		Required:	No	Attached:	No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	That Council appoint Alison Driver as Standards Independent Person for 4 years commencing July 2020.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To consider and agree the appointment of the Standards Independent Person.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 The Council is required to appoint a Standards Independent Person who will be consulted on alleged breaches of the code of conduct for councillors, parish councillors and co-opted members.

3.2 The existing term of office for the Standards Independent Person comes to an end on 17th July 2020.

3.3 Council needs to ensure this role is fulfilled for the next 4 year term.

3.4 The post was advertised in June, following which an Appointment and Appeals Panel was convened on 25th June 2020.

3.5 Council are asked to consider the recommendation of the member panel regarding this appointment.

4. RISK

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- The Council is required to have at least one Standards Independent Person to provide advice on standards complaints. Not having an appointed person in place would prevent standards complaints being dealt with within the required timescales.

5. FINANCE

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report.

6. LEGAL

6.1 There are no immediate legal considerations attached to the recommendation in this report, other than the risks as detailed at 4.1.

7. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 No HR or equalities implications.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 Appointment of Alison Driver as the Standards Independent Person will provide continuation of advice on alleged breaches of the code of conduct.

No background papers