

**Teignbridge District Council
Full Council
28 November 2023
Part I**

Parish/Town Representative on Standards Committee

Purpose of Report

The appointment of the Parish/Town representative to sit on Standards Committee for a period of two years from the date of this meeting.

Recommendation(s)

that Full Council approve the appointment of Cllr Lisa May from Exminster Parish Council as the Parish/Town Representative to sit on Standards Committee for a term of two years with effect from 28 November 2023.

Financial Implications

No financial implications
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Legal Implications

This is necessary to comply with the Councils Constitution.
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Risk Assessment

There are no significant risks arising from this report.
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Environmental/ Climate Change Implications

There are no Environmental/Climate Change Implications arising out of this report

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Member

Cllr David Cox – Chair of Standards Committee

1. Background

- 1.1 Councils have a duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by the Town and Parish elected councillors.
- 1.2 The Councils Constitution - 3.11.2 Areas of Work (e) provides that *when dealing with complaints about a parish/town councillor, the sub-committee should also include a non-voting parish/town council representative.*

2. Proposal

- 2.1 At Full Council on 30 November 2021 two Town/Parish representatives were appointed to sit on Standards Committee. This was for a term of two years.
- 2.2 As the two year term was coming to a conclusion a recruitment exercise was undertaken which attracted a number of applicants, the Monitoring Officer, Deputy Monitoring Officer and the Chair of Standards Committee - Cllr D Cox meet to discuss the applications.
- 2.4 Following this process the recommendation to Council is to appoint Cllr Lisa May who sits on Exminster Parish Council to serve as the parish/town representative. The depth of experience and knowledge of matters relating to bias and protected characteristics will enable her to positively contribute to the upholding of Parish/Town Councillors.
- 2.5 A two-year term of office is recommended, for the period 28 November 2023 to 28 November 2025 to provide stability of tenure.