

STANDARDS COMMITTEE - 5TH APRIL 2007

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE ROLE AND COMPOSITION OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Following the recent Ethical Governance Health Check undertaken by the IDeA, together with the current review of the Constitution, the Standards Committee has considered a report from the Monitoring Officer on proposed changes to the role and composition of that Committee.

The Committee resolved:

(a) that those matters set out in the report which were proposed should be referred to the Standards Committee be noted, and

(b) that, notwithstanding that it was the majority decision of the Committee to retain the number of District Councillors at five, as there were no “operational” suggestions proffered that would actually work (other than by political balance), this matter be deferred for further consideration at the first available meeting in the new municipal year once the political make-up of the Council was known.

It also RECOMMENDED

(a) that, subject to the proviso set out in (b) below, no substitutes be allowed to serve on the Standards Committee;

(b) that, on the question of Parish Council representation, this should remain at one, but that a Deputy Parish representative be appointed (with full necessary training), who would be allowed to substitute, and

(c) that, as it was a statutory requirement that at least 25% of the Committee should be made up of Independent Members, their number should remain at three.