

# STANDARDS COMMITTEE

19 JULY 2023

## REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & ELECTIONS

### A.3 TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS' STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE – APPOINTMENT OF TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS

(Report prepared by Ian Ford, Committee Services Manager)

#### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

##### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To enable the Committee to appoint Tendring District Council's members to serve on the Town and Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

##### **BACKGROUND**

Article 9 (Standards Committee and Town & Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee) of the Council's Constitution states that the Council will have, in place, a Town & Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee with the following terms of reference:-

*"To advise and assist Town and Parish Councils and Councillors to maintain high standards of conduct and to make recommendations to Parish and Town Councils on improving standards or actions following a finding of a failure by a Parish Councillor to comply with its Code of Conduct." [Article 9.05]*

Article 9.05 also requires the Sub-Committee to consist of three members of the Standards Committee and three non-voting co-opted Town & Parish Council members nominated by the Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC). In addition, the nominated Town & Parish Council members will be of an independent standing and they will not have served as a District Councillor or as a County Councillor for a period of four years prior to their nomination.

The Standards Committee, at its meeting held on 3 August 2022 (Minute 7 refers), appointed Councillors Dan Casey, Gina Placey and Graham Steady to serve on the Town and Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee.

Since that time, Councillors Casey, Placey and Steady were not re-appointed as members of the Standards Committee, at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 23 May 2023.

Frank Belgrove, Alresford Parish Councillor and the Chairman of TDALC, emailed the Committee Services Manager on 25 May 2023 as follows:-

*"Yesterday, Wednesday 24th May 2023, we held our AGM. I was elected as the new Chairman as Linda had stood down, and Cllr Danny Botterell is the new Vice Chairman."*

*To confirm the Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC) has approved three appointments to the Standards Committee / Sub Committee as listed below.*

- 1. Cllr Frank Belgrove (Chairman TDALC) Alresford PC;*
- 2. Cllr Danny Botterell (Vice Chairman TDALC) Little Clacton PC; and*
- 3. Cllr Linda Belgrove (Member TDALC) - Alresford PC.”*

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

**It is recommended that the Standards Committee:-**

- (a) appoints three of its members to serve on the Town & Parish Councils' Standards Sub-Committee for the 2022/2023 Municipal Year; and**
- (b) notes, welcomes and endorses that the Tendring District Association of Local Councils (TDALC) has appointed Parish Councillors Frank Belgrove, Linda Belgrove and Danny Botterell as their three non-voting, co-opted members of that Sub-Committee.**