

**APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL MEMBER,  
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & FINANCE HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE/PANEL**

Committee: Corporate Governance and Finance

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To approve the appointment of a non-voting Co-opted Town/Parish Council Member to the vacancy on the Corporate Governance and Finance Hearings Sub-Committee/Panel to assist with Code of Conduct complaints under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the following be appointed as a non-voting Co-opted Town/Parish Council Member to serve on the Corporate Governance and Finance Hearings Sub-Committee/Panel to assist with Code of Conduct complaints under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 until the next District and Parish Council Elections in 2019:

Councillor Jo Waters (Little Downham PC)

3.0 **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

3.1 At the Corporate Governance and Finance Committee 'mini' meeting following Annual Council on 26 May 2016, it was reported that one of the Co-opted Town/Parish Council Members on the Corporate Governance and Finance Hearings Sub-Committee, Dullingham Parish Councillor Tim Owen, had resigned from the Parish Council meaning that he was no longer eligible to serve as a Co-opted Member of the Sub-Committee. Therefore, a vacancy would exist until an alternative Co-opted Member could be recruited. One of the two Co-opted Parish Council Members has to be in attendance at any Hearing Panel for a complaint relating to a Town or Parish Councillor.

3.2 Following the E-mail circulation of a recruitment letter and application form via Parish Clerks, the Council received 1 application from a Parish Councillor for the post. The Legal Services Manager & Monitoring Officer considered the application and is recommending the appointment of the candidate.

4.0 **ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS**

4.1 None other than those set out above.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

5.1 A Co-optee's allowance of £250 per annum has been agreed for each of the two Co-opted Town/Parish Council Members (plus travel to any Hearings), subject to consideration by the Independent Remuneration Panel, whenever it meets.

5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) is not required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 none

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<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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Localism Act 2011 and related Regulations, Orders, and DCLG correspondence/guidance		