

Meeting: Council

Date: 21 June 2018

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Establishment of a Standards Hearing Sub-Committee

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? Immediately

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 Council, on 14 May 2018 established the Standards Committee for the municipal year and subsequently is being asked to appoint the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee. The establishment of a Standards Hearing Sub-Committee at this time will enable the requirements of the Localism Act to be implemented as expediently as possible and will comply with prescribed timescales.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 The Council previously established the Standards Committee for this municipal year and is now requested to establish the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee. Council is requested to do this in order to avoid calling a Committee to only deal with this item, thereby making the most efficient use of resources. The Council is therefore asked to consider establishing the sub-committee.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 that, a sub-committee of the Standards Committee be established to comprise three Members of the Standards Committee (and 1 Brixham Town Councillor if the complaint is about a member of the Town Council); and
- 3.2 that the terms of reference of the Standards Hearing Sub-Committee be to consider any alleged breaches of the Members Code of Conduct or local protocols, as and when referred to it by the Monitoring Officer.