



**AGENDA ITEM: 11**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Council</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>24 February 2016</b>
<b>PART:</b>	<b>I</b>
If Part II, reason:	

<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE – LOCALISM ACT 2011 CO-OPTION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES</b>
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	To seek the approval of Council to the co-option of the Parish and Town Council representatives to the Standards Committee.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That Council -  1. Appoints Councillor Iain Crawford of Markyate Parish Council as the non-voting co-opted representative of the Parish Councils on the Standards Committee for a term not exceeding the date of the next ordinary election of the Borough Council.  2. Appoints Councillor Gerald Wilkins of Tring Town Council as the non-voting co-opted representative of the Town Councils on the Standards Committee for a term not exceeding the date of the next ordinary election of the Borough Council.
<b>Corporate</b>	The promotion and maintenance of high standards of conduct

objectives:	by Members of the Council will assist the Council in achieving its priorities of performance excellence and reputation and profile delivery.
Implications: 'Value For Money Implications'	There are financial and efficiency costs to the Council in having to deal with complaints made under the Code of Conduct. There are, therefore, value for money benefits to the Council in striving to ensure that complaints against Members are minimised as far as possible and any complaints that are received are dealt with as cost effectively as possible.
Risk Implications	The risk to the Council in not having in place a robust local standards regime could damage its reputation for good governance and undermine public confidence in the Council as a whole.
Monitoring Officer	This is a report prepared by the Assistant Director (Chief Executive's Unit) in his capacity as Monitoring Officer.
Consultees:	None
Background papers:	Localism Act 2011  Article 9 of the Council's Constitution – Measures for Standards of Conduct.

## BACKGROUND REPORT

### Co-opted Parish and Town Council Representatives

1. The Council's Constitution states that the Standards Committee shall include two co-opted Town or Parish Councillors with no voting rights. The Constitution also states that the co-opted Parish and Town representatives cannot also be members of the Borough Council. The terms of office of the previous Town and Parish representatives have expired and both positions are therefore vacant. The Monitoring Officer has contacted all the Parish and Town Councils and Cllr Iain Crawford (Markyate Parish Council) and Cllr Gerald Wilkins (Tring Town Council) have been nominated for co-option.
2. Cllr Crawford has a professional background in education and hospitality and is a former school governor. He has been a parish councillor since April 2007 and has been the vice-chair of Markyate Parish Council since May 2011. Cllr Wilkins is a retired building contractor and farmer and has lived in the Tring and Wigginton area for 50 years. He was elected as a Tring Town Councillor in May 2015.
3. It is therefore recommended that both Cllr Crawford and Cllr Wilkins are appointed as the non-voting co-opted representatives of the Parish and Town Councils for a term not exceeding the date of the next ordinary election of the Borough Council.

