

Standards Committee

Parish Council Visits

18 March 2010

Report of the Chairman of the Standards Committee

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update the committee on the Chairman and Vice Chairman's proposed parish visits, discussed at the last meeting of the committee.

This report is public

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- (1) To note the contents of the report and confirm it is happy with the proposals.

Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 At the last meeting of the committee the responses to the operation of the ethical framework were considered. The Chairman advised the committee that she and the Vice-Chairman would visit the parish councils who had specifically requested guidance on the code of conduct and related issues.

Proposals

- 1.3 I have separated the responses into those councils that commented they would find it helpful for someone from the Standards Committee to assist them in understanding and operation of the Code of Conduct.
- 1.4 Below you will find the names of the 17 Parish Councils that responded in this way and I should appreciate it if you would let me know if you have any preference as to which of these you consider a priority. I intend that the visits will commence in April and have written to each Parish Council to find out the dates/times and venues of their meetings. Where the parish is due an election in May we will not visit until after the parish election. As previously indicated to the Committee it is also my intention to visit two parishes each month. As

the vice-chairman Mr McBeth has agreed to assist, so between us we anticipate that four Parishes will therefore be visited every month.

As a matter of interest I shall be visiting Weston-on-the Green on 10 March and shall communicate with the Committee after that time.

Ardley with Fewcott
Ambrosden
Banbury Town
Bodicote
Begbroke
Chesterton
Drayton
Finmere
Fritwell
Kidlington
Launton
Lower Heyford
Newton Purcell with Shelswell
North Newington
Sibford Gower .
South Newington
Wardington

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

3.1 The report is for information and there are no key issues arising

The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward

Option One Agree the recommendation as set out.

Option Two Amend the recommendation.

Consultations

None

Implications

Financial: There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal: There are no legal implications arising from this report.
Comments checked by Liz Howlett, Head of Legal and Democratic Services 01295 221686

Risk Management: There are no risk implications arising from this report.
Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk
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Wards Affected

All

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