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| To: | **Standards Committee** |
| Date: | **11 September 2018** |
| Report of: | **Monitoring Officer** |
| Title of Report: | **Parish Council representation on the Standards Committee** |

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| Summary and recommendations | |
| Purpose of report: | **This report details the proposal for Parish Council representation on the Standards Committee following the retirement of the previous representative.** |
| Key decision: | No |
| Recommendation:  That, subject to formal confirmation of the nomination from Littlemore Parish Council, the Standards Committee recommends that Full Council appoints Councillor Dorian Hancock of Littlemore Parish Council as the co-opted, non-voting member of the Standards Committee representing the four Parish Councils in Oxford until May 2020. | |

# Introduction and background

1. The Oxford City Council Standards Committee membership provides for one co-opted (non-voting member) to represent the four Parish councils in Oxford.
2. That position is now vacant following the retirement of ex-Parish Councillor, Gordon Roper.
3. The Parish Councils may agree jointly on a single nominee or they may submit individual nominations from each Parish Council.
4. There are no rules concerning the qualifications or but common sense suggests that
   * the appointment would be for the duration of the representative’s term of office on the Parish Council; this is to provide a degree of consistency and continuity
   * the appointment should not be for a dual-hatted City and Parish Councillor as this would result in a politically unbalanced committee
5. At the Parish Council Forum in July 2018 the Parish Councils were invited to submit nominations to the vacancy.
6. Only one Parish Council has submitted a provisional nomination:

* Councillor Dorian Hancock, Littlemore Parish Council

1. Littlemore Parish Council is expected to ratify this nomination at their Parish Council meeting on 11 September 2018.
2. Councillor Hancock’s current term of office at Littlemore Parish Council ends in May 2020.

**Legal implications**

1. None.

**Financial implications**

1. None.

**Risk management**

1. The risk management issues are set out in the body of the report.

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