

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**JOINT STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**05 June 2024**

**Report of the Interim Chief Executive**

**Part 1- Public**

**Delegated**

**1 PARISH/TOWN REPRESENTATIVES AND VOTING ALLOCATIONS**

**1.1 Introduction**

**At the meeting of the Parish Partnership Panel held on 9 November 2023, consideration was given to a proposal to introduce voting allocations for parish and town representatives.**

1.1.1 The report of the then Director of Central Services (attached at Annex A) confirmed parish/town representatives for the Joint Standards Committee and allocated voting rights for the period 2024-2026.

1.1.2 The Panel noted the revised 'pool' of parish and town council representatives and the voting allocations for 2024-2026 (as set out in Annex 1) to be endorsed by the Joint Standards Committee at its first meeting in 2024.

1.1.3 It was confirmed that not being assigned voting rights didn't prevent parish reps from participating in meetings of the Joint Standards Committee but removed confusion around voting.

1.1.4 Minute Number PPP 23/28 is set out in Annex 2 for completeness.

**1.2 Legal Implications**

1.2.1 The matters raised in this report are considered to routine, uncontroversial or not legally complex and a legal opinion has not been sought on these proposals.

1.2.2 However, the Chair of the Joint Standards Committee and the then Monitoring Officer were consulted upon the proposals.

**1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations**

1.3.1 N/A

## **1.4 Risk Assessment**

- 1.4.1 Whilst there were no significant risks identified it was hoped that the proposed voting allocations would remove potential confusion around which parish/town councils could vote at particular meetings.

## **1.5 Equality Impact Assessment**

- 1.5.1 The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

## **1.6 Policy Considerations**

- 1.6.1 Business Continuity/Resilience

## **1.7 Recommendations**

The Committee is asked to

- 1.7.1 note the revised 'pool' of parish and town council representatives; and
- 1.7.2 endorse the voting allocations for 2024-2026 (as set out in Annex 1) and summarised below:
- 2024/2025 = representatives of Burham, Ditton, Hadlow, Platt, Plaxtol and Ryarsh;
  - 2025/26 = representatives of Addington, Aylesford, Borough Green, East Peckham, Kings Hill and Trottiscliffe; and
  - 2026/27 = representatives of Snodland, Wrotham and 4 vacancies

Background papers:

Nil

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