Report to: Council

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Appointment of Independent Representatives, Independent Persons and Town and Parish Representatives to the Standards Committee

Report summary:

This report sets out the Standards Committee recommendations to Council arising from their consideration of a report on 20 November 2025.

Note: The references in this report to Paper A relate to the relevant report considered by the Cabinet with recommendations for Full Council to consider and are appended to this report for reference.

	Is the	proposed	decision	in a	accordance	with:
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Budget	Yes $oxtimes$ No $oxtimes$
Policy Framework	Yes ⊠ No □

Recommendation:

That Council approve the appointment of:

- Mr Steve Jupp and Mr Philip Wilde as co-opted non-voting Independent Members on the Standards Committee for a term of 4 years, or until local government reorganisation, whichever is sooner:
- 2. Cllr Chris Lockyer of Sidmouth Town Council and Cllr Francis Pullman of Westhill Parish Council as co-opted non-voting Town/Parish Representatives on the Standards Committee for a term of 4 years, or until local government reorganisation, whichever is soon er;
- 3. Mr Martin Goscombe and Mr Pat Coulter as Independent Persons for a term of 4 years, or until local government reorganisation, whichever is sooner.

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure that the critical Independent and Town and Parish perspective on the Committee is retained and that the Council is compliant with the Localism Act 2011 in relation to the appointment of Independent Persons.

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