

Time commenced – 6.00pm
Finished – 7.30pm

STANDARDS COMMITTEE 5 December 2017

Present: Councillors Shanker (Chair), Froggatt, Graves, A Holmes, Jackson, Poulter and Alan Cameron, Peter Purnell and Philip Sunderland

In Attendance: Janie Berry – Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer
Jonathan Goolden and Dave Hayward – Wilkin Chapman LLP
Steven Mason – Democratic Services Officer

14/17 Apologies

Apologies were received from Stuart Green.

15/17 Late Items Introduced by the Chair

There were none.

16/17 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

17/17 Minutes of the meetings held on 18 July 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

18/17 Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2017-18

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Summary of Progress with Member Complaints 2017/18.

Members noted that the report summarised the progress and the outcomes of complaints that had been received in the 2017/18 municipal year or were carried over from the 2016/17 municipal year. It was reported that four complaints about Councillors had been received in the 2017/18 municipal year and that four complaints were carried over from the 2016/17 municipal year.

Resolved to note the information contained in Appendix 2 of the report.

19/17 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting during discussion of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

20/17 Report in the Public Interest Complaints – Consideration of Investigation Outcomes

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer on Report in the Public Interest Complaints – Consideration of Investigation Outcomes.

Members of the Standards Committee formally received two reports of investigations by Wilkin Chapman LLP, appointed by the Monitoring Officer, into allegations concerning Elected Members.

It was noted that both the allegations were related to the Report in the Public Interest, which was published in June 2016.

The reports were introduced by Jonathan Goolden and Dave Hayward – Wilkin Chapman LLP.

Members of the Committee considered and commented on the reports, with reference to the procedure for considering complaints.

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