

MINUTES OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MEETING DATE Thursday, 13 December 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Linda Woollard (Chair), Carol Chisholm (Vice-Chair), Colin Coulton, Bill Evans and Susan Jones

INDEPENDENT PERSON: David Haley and Barry Parsonage

OFFICERS: Dave Whelan (Legal Services Manager/Interim Monitoring Officer) and Charlotte Lynch (Trainee Governance and Member Services Officer)

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29 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Rebecca Noblet and Mick Titherington.

30 Declarations of Interest

None.

31 Minutes of the Last Meeting

RESOLVED (Unanimously):

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 15 March 2018 be approved as a correct record.

32 Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee Initial Assessment Hearing Panel held on 16 January 2018

RESOLVED (Unanimously):

That the minutes of the meeting of the Initial Assessment Hearing Panel held on Tuesday, 16 January 2018 be approved as a correct record.

33 Minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee Initial Assessment Hearing Panel held on 5 September 2018

RESOLVED: (Unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Initial Assessment Hearing Panel held on Wednesday, 5 September 2018 be approved as a correct record.

34 Annual Report 2018 and update

The Interim Monitoring Officer presented the Annual Report on work carried out over the last 12 months. This had been a steady but successful period and included; the review and update of protocol relating to Independent Persons, the response to consultation relating to a review of Local Government Ethical Standards, and the cooperation of all Members in signing the Member and Officer Protocol.

It had also been a busy year for dealing with complaints under the Code of Conduct for Elected Members.

Information was also provided as to complaints made to the Local Government Ombudsman and Members' attendance figures.

It was suggested that general training should be provided for members of the Committee moving forward, and that the necessity for this will be compounded by the Council elections in May 2019.

RESOLVED (Unanimously):

That the Annual Report be noted and be presented to a future meeting of the Council.

Chair

Date