

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 19 September 2017

Start: 5.00 pm

Finish: 5.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: D Westley (Vice Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors: I Davis Mrs J Marshall
J Davis K Wright

In attendance: Mr S Garvey (Reserve Independent Person)

Officers: Borough Solicitor (Mr T Broderick)
Legal & Member Services Manager (Mr M Jones)
Principal Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs C Jackson)

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr S Ibbs (Independent Person).

2 **MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no changes to Membership of the Committee

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

4 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business.

5 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no items under this heading.

6 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 21 March 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

7 ANNUAL MONITORING OF TRAINING 2016/2017

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as circulated and contained on pages 11 – 15 of the Book of Reports which detailed training undertaken in 2016/17 and its effectiveness in relation to the Code of Conduct and standards.

Reference was made to the annual training scheduled to take place on 20 September 2017 and the external induction training offered to newly elected Borough Councillors.

RESOLVED That the training undertaken and the evaluation of it be noted.

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

The Borough Solicitor presented the Standards Committee Annual Report as circulated and contained on pages 17 – 25 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED That the Standards Committee Annual Report 2016/17, attached as an Appendix to the report be noted, endorsed and published on the Council's website.

9 COMPLAINTS STATISTICS

The Committee considered the complaints statistics for 2016/17 as set down at pages 27 to 32 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED That the Standards Complaints Statistics, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

10 WORK PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Work Programme as circulated and contained on page 33 of the Book of Reports.

The ensuing discussion highlighted training offered to Parish Councillors and the Borough Solicitor undertook to bring a report to the next meeting outlining an approach to support, particularly new elected/co-opted, Parish Councillors, in their role.

RESOLVED That an item on guidance for newly elected/co-opted Parish Councillors be added to the Committee's Work Programme.

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Chairman