

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 18 September 2018

Start: 5.00 pm

Finish: 5.15 pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: I Moran (Chairman)

Councillors: D Westley I Davis
N Hennessy Mrs J Marshall
K Wright

In attendance: Mr S Garvey (Reserve Independent Person)

Officers: Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor
Matthew Jones, Legal and Member Services Manager
Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer

1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received 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 20 March 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 **COMPLAINTS STATISTICS**

The Committee considered the complaints statistics for 2017/18 as set down at pages 11 to 16 of the Book of Reports.

The Borough Solicitor advised that a complaint received against a Parish Council had been recorded as one incident and proposed that the statistics be updated to reflect the usual practice of recording each individual complaint.

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

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

The Borough Solicitor presented the Standards Committee Annual Report as circulated and contained on pages 17 – 26 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED That the Standards Committee Annual Report 2017/18, attached as an Appendix to the report be noted, endorsed and published on the Council’s website.

9 ANNUAL MONITORING OF TRAINING 2017-2018

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as circulated and contained on pages 27 – 32 of the Book of Reports which detailed training undertaken in 2017/18 and its effectiveness in relation to the Code of Conduct and standards.

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

10 WORK PROGRAMME

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

During the ensuing discussion reference was made to Chairmanship skills training and the Borough Solicitor proposed that this be a matter for consideration by the Member Development Commission.

RESOLVED (A) That the Work Programme be noted.
(B) That the Member Development Commission be requested to review Chairmanship skills training.

- Councillor Wright arrived at the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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Chairman