

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Start: 5.00 pm

Finish: 5.25 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: I Moran (Chairman)
D Westley (Vice Chairman)

K Wright I Davis
D Evans Mrs J Marshall

In attendance:
Parish Councillors: L Webster J Stopford
Independent Persons: Steve Garvey Mike Fawcett

Officers: Matt Jones, Legal & Democratic Services Manager
Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor
Kirsty Breakell, Member Services / Civic Officer
Chloe McNally, Member Services Apprentice

1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

4 URGENT BUSINESS

There was no urgent business.

5 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There was no public speaking.

6 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held of the 15 September 2020, be approved as a correct record.

7 COMPLAINTS STATISTICS

The Legal and Democratic Services Manager presented the Complaints Statistics as contained on pages 221 – 226 of the Book of Reports, which provided Members with

statistical information in relation to Standards Complaints for the period 8 September 2020 to 8 March 2021. There were no complaints for this period.

RESOLVED: That the Standards Complaints Statistics attached at appendix 1, be noted.

8 MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Legal and Democratic Services Manager presented the report on the Members Code of Conduct as contained on pages 227 – 256 of the Book of Reports, which sought to agree a timetable for the consideration of the Members Code of Conduct, in light of the publication of a model Code of Conduct by the Local Government Association.

RESOLVED: That the timetable at paragraph 4 of the report be agreed.

9 NATIONAL REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

The Legal and Democratic Services Manager presented the report on the National Review Of Local Government Ethical Standards as contained on pages 257 – 260 of the Book of Reports, which provided an update on actions taken in consideration of the best practice recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, following its national review of Local Government Ethical Standards.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

10 REVIEW OF IP PROTOCOL

The Principal Solicitor presented the report on the Review of The Independent Person Protocol as contained on pages 261 – 272 of the Book of Reports, for Members to consider and approve the update to the Independent Person Protocol.

RESOLVED: That the updated Independent Person Protocol as attached at appendix 2 of the report be approved.

11 WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: That the work programme be noted.

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Chairman