

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

HELD: Tuesday, 17 September 2019

Start: 5.00pm

Finish: 5.10pm

PRESENT:

Councillor: I Moran (Chairman)

Councillors: D Westley I Davis
D Evans K Wright

In attendance: Mr S Garvey (Reserve Independent Person)

Officers: Terry Broderick, Borough Solicitor
Matthew Jones, Deputy Borough Solicitor
Kay Lovelady, Principal Solicitor
Sue Griffiths, Principal Member Services Officer

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mr Stuart 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 meeting of the Committee held on 19 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7 COMPLAINTS STATISTICS

The Committee considered the complaints statistics for 2019/20 as set down at pages 11 – 18 of the Book of Reports.

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

8 STANDARDS COMMITTEE- ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

The Borough Solicitor presented the Standards Committee Annual Report as circulated and contained on pages 19 – 26 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED That the Standards Committee Annual Report 2018/19 be noted, endorsed and published on the Council's website.

9 ANNUAL MONITORING OF TRAINING REPORT

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 2018/18 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 NATIONAL REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS

Further to minute no. 19 of the last meeting of the Committee and contained on pages 33 - 155 of the Book of Reports, the Borough Solicitor referred to the best practice recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life and outlined proposed actions in order to ensure that the Council continues to exemplify best practice in local ethical standards.

RESOLVED That the best practice recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life be noted and the actions as set out in Appendix B to the report be implemented.

11 PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Consideration was given to the report of the Borough Solicitor as contained on pages 157 – 172 of the Book of Reports which proposed a procedure for the nomination and appointment of two Parish Council representatives to serve on the Standards Committee for a 3 year term of office. It was reported also that the matter of remuneration of the Parish Council representatives would be considered as part of the Independent Remuneration Panel's considerations and reported to Budget Council in February 2020.

RESOLVED A. That the procedure for the nomination and appointment of two

Parish Council representatives to serve on the Standards Committee for a 3 year term of office, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be agreed.

- B. That the report be submitted to the next meeting of the Parish Clerks Liaison Committee for information.

12 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Committee's Work Programme as contained on page 173 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED A. That the Work Programme be noted.

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Chairman