

## STANDARDS COMMITTEE

**HELD: Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

Start: 7.00 pm

Finish: 7.20 pm

### PRESENT:

Councillor: Y Gagen (Chairperson)  
D Westley (Vice-Chairperson)

Councillors: P Burnside V Cummins  
A Fennell N Furey  
J Howard J Witter  
L Webster

In attendance: Parish Councillor Grant

Officers: Kay Lovelady, Head of Legal & Democratic Services  
Jacky Denning, Democratic Services Manager

### 1 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

### 2 MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to the Membership of the Committee.

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests.

### 4 URGENT BUSINESS

There were no items of urgent business.

### 5 PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no requests made under this heading.

### 6 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024, be received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

### 7 DISPENSATION - WASPI (WOMEN AGAINST STATE PENSION INEQUALITY) MOTION

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, as contained on pages 17 to 22 of the Book of Reports, which sought approval to grant a dispensation to members to allow them to continue to speak and vote at the Council meeting on 17 April 2024 in relation to a Motion included on the

agenda for the meeting entitled 'WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality)'.

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act a dispensation in the following terms be granted to all members of the Borough Council (insofar as it is applicable and within the Committee's powers):

"Subject to you disclosing the interest at the meeting, you may attend a meeting and vote on a matter where you have a disclosable pecuniary or pecuniary interest that relates to item 12 (a) 'WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality) - Motion from Councillor Melissa Parlour on behalf of the Labour Group'"

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**Chairman**