

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 25 February 2016

Councillor Emily Bailey (Chair)

Councillor Alan Bexon
Councillor Andrew Ellwood
Councillor Colin Powell

John Bailey
Patricia Woodfield

Independent Person: Mr. J. Baggaley

Absent: Councillor Michael Payne and Gordon Wallis

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Payne and Mr. Gordon Wallace.

15 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2015.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record.

16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

17 REVIEW OF STANDARDS REGIME.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services seeking approval to set up a series of working groups to review various aspects of the current standards regime.

RESOLVED:

1. To agree to the establishment of the following working groups to review various aspects of the current standards regime.

- a. Working Group A- Registration of Interests and Code of Conduct:
Councillor Payne, Councillor Ellwood, Councillor Powell, J. Bailey.
 - b. Working Group B- Arrangements for dealing with complaints and dispensations:
Councillor Bailey, Councillor Bexon, P. Woodfield, J. Baggaley.
- 2. That G. Wallis be invited to attend either working group; and
 - 3. That a separate working group to consider the Standards Committee and Independent Person is not necessary and can be dealt with through correspondence.

18 REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS – BOROUGH AND PARISHES.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, and a verbal report provided at the meeting, informing members of the current position with regard to the number of Register of Members' Interests forms received for Borough and Parish Councillors.

RESOLVED:

To note the information.

19 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services informing members of complaints received between 1 August 2015 and 31 January 2016.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

20 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at Time Not Specified

Signed by Chair:

Date: