

**MINUTES  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 8 February 2018**

Councillor Emily Bailey Jay (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne  
Councillor Colin Powell

John Bailey  
Rosalie Hawks

Apologies for absence: Councillor Alan Bexon, Councillor Andrew Ellwood and Patricia Woodfield

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington

Independent Persons: John Baggaley, Susan Dewey

**42 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bexon, Councillor Ellwood and Patricia Woodfield.

**43 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 JUNE 2017.**

**RESOLVED:**

Subject to including Councillor Powell as present and Councillor Payne as having sent apologies, the minutes of the above meeting were approved as a correct record.

**44 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**45 REVIEW OF LEGISLATION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of a government consultation exercise and new ministerial code and inviting the committee to consider a consultation exercise being conducted by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1) To note the government's proposals to extend the criteria for disqualification of Councillors;
- 2) Following consideration of the Ministerial Code not to make any amendments to the Council's Code of Conduct;
- 3) To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Chair of the Committee to prepare the final consultation response to the Committee on Standards in Public Life in accordance with views provided at the meeting; and
- 4) To delegate authority to the Monitoring Officer in consultation with Members of the Committee to respond to consultation documents within the remit of the Standards Committee, in circumstances where it is not practicable for the consultation document to be dealt with at a committee meeting.

**46 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of complaints received between 20 June 2017 and 30 January 2018.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

**47 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.**

None.

The meeting finished at 7.55 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: