

**MINUTES  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 23 February 2017**

Councillor Emily Bailey Jay (Chair)

Councillor Alan Bexon	Patricia Woodfield
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	John Bailey
Councillor Colin Powell	

Independent Person            Mr. J. Baggaley

Officers in Attendance:        H. Barrington

Absent:                            Councillor Michael Payne

**28            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

None received.

**29            TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2016.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**30            DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**31            CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

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 the Standards Committee of complaints received between 1 September 2016 and 31 January 2017.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

**32            RECRUITMENT OF CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBER**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisation Development and Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, requesting that Committee recommend to Council that Rosalie Hawks should be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted independent member.

**RESOLVED to:**

1. Recommend to Council that Rosalie Hawks be co-opted on to the Standards Committee to fill the vacant post of co-opted independent member until the annual meeting in 2018; and
2. Delegate authority to the interview panel to review the appointments prior to the annual meeting in 2018 and recommend to Council whether the co-option should continue.

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**RECRUITMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval to advertise for the position of Independent Person.

**RESOLVED that:**

1. The Monitoring Officer take steps to recruit to the role of Independent Person to ensure that the Council is not left without an Independent Person from 11 July 2017;
2. Any suitable candidates for the role of Independent Person can be considered for the reserve role; and
3. The Interview Panel comprising Councillor Payne, Powell and Ellwood can continue to interview candidates and make recommendations to appoint to any future vacancies for co-opted members or independent persons. Any member of the Committee can act as substitute to the Interview Panel, if necessary.

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

None.

The meeting finished at 6.30 pm

Signed by Chair:  
Date: