

**MINUTES  
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 21 February 2019**

Councillor Emily Bailey Jay (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne	Rosalie Hawks
Councillor Alan Bexon	Patricia Woodfield
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	

Absent: Councillor Colin Powell and John Bailey

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington and K Bradford

Independent Person: John Baggaley

**8 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Powell and John Bailey (Parish Representative). Apologies were also received from Susan Dewey (Reserve Independent Person).

**9 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 AUGUST 2018.**

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record subject to adding John Baggaley to the list of present attendees.

**10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None.

**11 COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE - REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS**

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, presenting the findings of the Committee on Standards in Public Life following a review of local government ethical standards with a view to seeing what changes can be implemented locally.

**RESOLVED to:**

- 1) Note the Committee on Standards in Public Life report;
- 2) Agree the good practice recommendations set out in the Committee on Standards in Public Life report in principle and that steps be taken to introduce all the recommendations;
- 3) Agree that the Chair of the Standards Committee should write to the Committee on Standards in Public Life expressing disappointment that more recommendations were not made to deal with bullying and intimidation of members; and
- 4) Explore what support can be put in place to support members experiencing bullying and intimidation.

**12 REVIEW OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY CODE OF PRACTICE FOR MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services presented a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, proposing minor amendments to the Gifts and Hospitality Code of Practice for Members and Officers for referral to Joint Consultative and Safety Committee and Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee for formal approval.

**RESOLVED:**

To agree the minor amendments to the Gifts and Hospitality Code of Practice for Members and Officers set out at Appendix 1 to the report for referral to the Joint Consultative and Safety Committee and Appointments and Conditions of Service Committee for formal approval.

**13 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, informing members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 21 August 2018 and 12 February 2019.

**RESOLVED:**

To note the report.

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

None

The meeting finished at 6.45 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: