

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 27 August 2020

Councillor Michael Boyle (Chair)

Councillor Michael Payne	Councillor Mike Hope
Councillor Pat Bosworth	Councillor Martin Smith
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Rosalie Hawks	

Absent: Councillor Simon Murray and Patricia Woodfield

Officers in Attendance: H Barrington and C McCleary

Independent Person: John Baggaley

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies were received from Councillor Simon Murray, Patricia Woodfield and Susan Dewey (reserve Independent Person).

25 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2020.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of Councillor Towsey-Hinton, who was present at the meeting.

26 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Councillor Payne declared an interest in item 4, as a member of the LGA Executive and LGA Executive Advisory Board.

27 LGA CONSULTATION ON THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating members on the LGA consultation on the Model Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

28 GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY 2019/20

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of gifts and hospitality received during the previous financial year and identifying any issues arising from the annual review.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted

29 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

30 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That, Members being satisfied that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information that under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing report on the grounds that the confidential appendix would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

31 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

Rosalie Hawks joined the meeting.

The Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing information about code of conduct complaints received between 3 March 2020 and 13 August 2020. During the debate the Committee confirmed that it was not necessary for the report to include details of historic complaints and this information could be removed from the appendix in future reports. The Committee would also find it useful to know what action is taken where a code of conduct complaint is referred to a group leader to deal with.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

The meeting finished at 7.55 pm
Signed by Chair:
Date: