

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 11 March 2021

Councillor Michael Boyle (Chair)

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

Independent Person: John Baggaley and Susan Dewey (Reserve)

Officers in Attendance: A Dubberley, C McCleary and F Whyley

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

None received.

33 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2020

RESOLVED:

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

34 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Payne declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4, as a Director and Deputy Chair of the Local Government Association (LGA).

35 UPDATE ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS

The Monitoring Officer 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:

- 1) The report be noted.
- 2) The LGA Model Code of Conduct be considered by the Monitoring Officer and Working Group with a view to recommendations being brought back before the Committee as detailed in the report.

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CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, providing information about code of conduct complaints received between 14 August 2020 and 16 February 2021. Following debate, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that an update would be provided to the Committee at the next meeting, regarding specific queries raised, including an outstanding query from the last meeting relating to complaint reference STD001778.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

The Chair and Independent Person paid tribute to the previous Monitoring Officer for her professional and wise counsel during her time supporting the Standards Committee and they wished her well in her new post. The Chair also welcomed Francesca Whyley formally into her post as Monitoring Officer going forward.

The meeting finished at 7.15 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: