

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 7 December 2023

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor David Brocklebank	Councillor Clive Towsey-
Councillor Stuart Bestwick	Hinton
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Councillor Russell Whiting

Absent: Councillor Boyd Elliott and Councillor Des Gibbons

Officers in Attendance: F Whyley and E McGinlay

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received by Cllrs Elliott and Gibbons.

17 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record subject to the change to note Cllr Elliott as absent from the last meeting.

18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

19 CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to seek approval to recommend to Council the adoption of the new Members Code of Conduct.

RESOLVED:

To recommend to Council the adoption of the new Members Code of Conduct.

20 UPDATED GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY GUIDANCE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, to update Members in relation to the review of the Gift and Hospitality code of Practice for Officers and Members and to seek approval of the revised Code in so far as it relates to Members.

RESOLVED:

To approve the updated Gifts and Hospitality Code of practice for members and officers.

21 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing members of complaints received between 21 September and 7 December 2023.

It was noted that no new complaints had been received in the period and the remaining complaint from last period was referred for formal investigation, which is currently ongoing.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

22 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 6.17 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: