

**MINUTES
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Thursday 20 March 2025

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor David Brocklebank	Councillor Clive Towsey-Hinton
Councillor Andrew Ellwood	Rosalie Hawks
Councillor Darren Maltby	Louise Kopyrko
Councillor Martin Smith	

Officers in Attendance: B Hopewell, N Osei and F Whyley

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Elliot, Councillor Maltby attended as substitute.

15 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 NOVEMBER 2024

RESOLVED:

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

16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

17 REVIEW THE OPTIONS FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH ENHANCED DISCLOSURE AND BARRING CHECKS FOR COUNCILLORS

The Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking support through a cross-party working group review to create a policy and process document in respect of Enhanced DBS checks for Councillors.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the report; and
- 2) Agree to establish a cross-party working group to assist the Monitoring Officer in the creation of a Policy and Procedure for Enhanced Disclosure and Barring Services Checks for Councillors.

18 ARRANGEMENT FOR DEALING WITH CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

The Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, seeking approval of amendments to the Council's Arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints, following review by the working group.

RESOLVED to:

Agree to the amendments to the Council's Arrangements for Dealing with Code of Conduct Complaints.

19 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The Deputy Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer introduced a report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, informing Members of the Standards Committee of complaints received between 28 November 2024 and 20 March 2025.

RESOLVED to:

Note the report.

20 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 6.20 pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: