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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018

Andrea Woodside

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Chair

Councillor Andrew Marchington

Councillors Attended

Councillor Eric Firth

Councillor Ken Sims

Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Attendees

Samantha Lawton

Julie Muscroft

Apologies

Councillor Shabir Pandor

1 Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Apologies from Cllr S Pandor.

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

To receive and the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 17 January 2017, 24 May 2017 and 6 September 2017.

That the minutes of the meetings held on the 17 January 2017, 24 May 2017 and 6 September 2017 were approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No Interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

5 Deputation/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were asked.

7 Review of Complaints

To receive a report setting out complaints considered since 24 May 2017.

Contact: Samantha Lawton, Legal Services.

- a) Officers will look at the process in making members aware there has been a complaint against them following a decision from the Monitoring Officer and Independent Person that the complaint will not proceed.
 - b) That the current position regarding one Independent Person continue and be kept under review by Standards Committee.
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8 Update on Standards

To consider a report regarding training and support on the standards process.

Contact: Samantha Lawton, Legal Services

That Standards Committee will trial the new online training prior to it being rolled out to existing members.

That officers develop as soon as possible advanced chairing skills training for members.

That officers check whether Bradford Council provides training for members (including mayors) and whether this is open to members from other local authorities.

Officers to remind Councillors of the Social Media Guidelines.

That Standards Committee undertake further discussion in relation to the enforcement of training.

9 Consultation by the Committee on Standards in Public Life To Inform review of Local Government Ethical Standards

To receive a report regarding The review of Local Government Ethical Standards by the Committee on Standards in Public Life.

Contact: Julie Muscroft, Legal, Governance and Commissioning

That the consultation be taken back to groups for wider discussion and comment and feedback to the Monitoring Officer.

That Cllr Marchington will discuss setting up a meeting with the Chair of the Democracy Commission to provide comment and feedback on the consultation.
