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Decision Summary

Committee:

Date:

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

Andrea Woodside

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Chair

Councillor Paul Davies

Councillors Attended

Councillor Martyn Bolt
Councillor Alison Munro
Councillor Lisa Holmes
Councillor Mohan Sokhal

Attendees

Mike Stow, Independent Person
Nicola Sylvester, Governance Officer
Julie Muscroft, Monitoring Officer
David Stickley, Senior Legal Officer

Apologies

Councillor James Homewood and 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 Pandor and Cllr Homewood.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To receive and the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6 March 2019.

That the minutes of the meeting held on the 6 March 2019 be approved as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bolt and seconded by Cllr Munro.

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.

It was noted that Cllrs Bolt, Munro and Davies were members of either a Town or Parish Council.

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.

All agenda items were 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 considered.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were asked.

7 Code of Conduct - Complaints Update

To receive an update on Councillor complaints under the Code of Conduct.

Contact: David Stickley, Legal Services

- That the report be received and noted
- That future information be presented in graph form with complaints grouped into specific categories

8 Standards Update - Ethical Standards

To receive a report providing an update on developments following the publication of the Committee on Standards in Public Life report.

Contact: David Stickley, Legal Services

- That the report be received and noted
- That a review of the Standards Process commence and consideration be given as to who should be consulted as part of a review and that a special meeting of the Standards Committee be arranged to take place in November 2019
- Members agreed that the starred proposals in parag 2.3.5 be considered by the review
- Members agreed to delegate finalising details of the review to the Monitoring Officer

9 Standards - Cases and News Update

To receive a report outlining cases and news items relevant to the work of the Standards Committee.

Contact: David Stickley, Legal Services

- That the report be received and noted
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