

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**PRESENT** – Councillor M. Lee (*in the Chair*), T Evans, J Gunn, P Riley and R Whittle. H. Khonat and Daniel Wild

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE-** Alan Eastwood, (*Independent Person*) David Fairclough, (*Monitoring Officer*), and Paul Conlon (*Democratic Services*)

**RESOLUTIONS**

**1 Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Mrs Carus, Mr Hussain and Mr Fletcher.

**3 Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on 2nd October 2014**

**RESOLVED** - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 to be received and signed as a correct record.

**4 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5 Child Sexual Exploitation and Elected Member Awareness**

The Committee were updated on the attendance of Members at the events to make them aware of the issues relating to Child Sexual Exploitation. Those Members who had not yet attended would be given training to meet their needs as Elected Members and the issue would be included as part of new Members induction and refresher training given to existing Members.

**RESOLVED**

That the progress on the issue be noted.

**6 Register of Members Interests**

The Committee was updated on the current return of Members Declaration of Interest forms. All Borough Council Members and Parish/Town Council declarations had been received and were on the Council's website. Gifts and hospitalities declared would continue to be updated throughout the year.

**RESOLVED -**

That the progress be noted.

## 7. Protocol on Member Officer Relations.

The Committee received a report regarding the current Members/Officer Relations protocol that formed part of the Councils Constitution. The Committee had agreed to review this area as part of their work programme. The Committee were informed that the majority of issues were in relation to family matters and a guidance note produced by the Monitoring Officer was circulated to Members with the view that this be issued to all Councillors. A Member drew attention to the section relating to the Planning Committee and it was felt that guidance needed to be included in the protocol.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Member/Officer Protocols contained within the Constitution be noted and that additional guidance relating to the Planning Committee and Planning process be incorporated into the protocol.

## 8 Dates for meetings of the Standards Committee

The Committee were reminded that the next Standards Committee would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Items for reporting to the Committee

Issue	Action	When
Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness training	To be included in new Members induction and refresher courses to be given to existing members.	Update in new municipal year.
Register of Members Interests	Progress on new register to be kept under review in the next year.	Update in the new municipal year
Social Media	Presentation to the next meeting	March 2015

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....

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