

STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Thursday, 22nd October 2015.

PRESENT – *Councillor A. Rehman (in the Chair), S. Brookfield, T Evans, J Gunn, J. Rigby, M. Lee, P. Fletcher and T. Hussain.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE- *David Fairclough, Ben Aspinall and Paul Conlon.*

RESOLUTIONS

1 Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting; apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Maxfield G. Carus and Daniel Wild.

2 Minutes of the Meeting of this Committee held on 2nd July 2015

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2015 be received and signed as a correct record.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Child Sexual Exploitation Training

The Committee received a report of the Monitoring Officer updating them on the issue of compulsory Child Sexual Exploitation training undertaken by Elected Members in 2014/15. The Committee were informed that all Members will have received training by mid-November. Officers would be looking at what other authorities were doing and a coordinated approach where possible.

Resolved- That the progress on the delivery of Child Sexual Exploitation training be noted and continue to be as a high priority for the training of members.

5. Outside Bodies and Dual Hatted Members.

The Committee received a report informing Members of the issues arising from the number of partnerships, groups and other organisations on which Members may be nominated, or Members who are also elected members of parish councils. This could mean such members having a dual hatted role. The Committee were requested to consider how such members could be supported and assisted particularly in relation to the Members Code of Conduct including rules against predetermination. Members drew attention to the need to consider each issue on its merits.

The Committee considered the issue relating to training and the possibility of practical scenarios being drawn up to assist members. A further issue relating to Combined Authorities and directorships of companies and training issues was raised and it was requested that training be undertaken on these issues.

Resolved- 1. That the report be noted; and,
2. That training be developed for members, drawing on practical experiences, to assist members in dealing with issues that arise in relation to Combined Authorities and directorships of companies.

9 Dates for meetings of the Standards Committee

Resolved- It was noted that the Committee meet on the following dates in the municipal year 2015/16

7th January 2016 and 17th March 2016

10. Future items for the Committee.

Issue	Action	When
Elections and elected Members	New Item from work programme	January meeting
Disclosure of interests	New Item from work programme	January Meeting
Parish council issues	New item from work programme	March meeting
Review of the year	New Items from the work programme	March meeting.

Signed.....

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were signed

Date.....