

# **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

## **Thursday, 25 October 2018**

**PRESENT** – Councillors, Afzal (Chair), Gunn, Liddle, McGurk and Surve, and Paul Fletcher, Independent Member.

**OFFICERS** - David Fairclough, Monitoring Officer, Asad Laher, Head of Governance, and Phil Llewellyn, Governance and Democratic Manager.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **9      Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillors Neil and Julie Slater, Councillor Jamie Groves, and Tasleem Fazal, Stewart Wright Independent Person, and Daniel Wilde, Parish Councillor.

#### **10     Declarations of Interest**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted.

#### **11     Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2018**

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the meeting on held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were agreed as a correct record, subject to the correct spelling of Stewart Wright's name.

Under Matters Arising, the Chair referred to discussions at the last meeting on Ethical Standards Consultation and the meeting further discussed eligibility to stand in terms of sexual offences and Anti-Social Behaviour for prospective Councillors. Members requested clarification on which Councillors roles would be appropriate for DBS checks. David Fairclough and Phil Llewellyn updated the Committee on the present position and it was agreed that this matter would be further discussed at the next meeting, and that an HR advisor would also be present.

#### **12     Complaints Update Report**

Members received an update on complaints received regarding Members conduct under the Arrangements for dealing with complaints about the Code of Conduct for Members. The report covered the period up to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Committee would be updated at its next meeting of any complaints received and registered after this date.

Following discussion on Members involvements in complaints and e-mail escalation, it was noted that this topic would be covered at the training session scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> November, and was also on the Committee's Work Programme for the year.

**RESOLVED** – That the update report be noted.

### 13 **Protocol-Member to Member Relations**

Further to discussions at the July meeting, a draft protocol for Member/Member relations was submitted for consideration. The draft protocol would complement the Member/Officer protocol in the Council's Constitution.

The draft document had been produced to initiate discussion by the Committee, who were asked to review it and update it with their comments, subject to which the Monitoring Officer would finalise the document for consideration by the Policy Council in December 2018.

The Committee discussed the draft protocol and were reminded that equality and diversity training would be available for all Members in December 2018 and January 2019.

**RESOLVED** – That the Protocol as submitted be approved and that Policy Council on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018 be requested to adopt the protocol for inclusion in the Council's Constitution.

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Chair of the meeting  
at which the minutes were confirmed