

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Date and Time: Wednesday, 6 March 2019 at 7pm

Place: Committee Room 1, Civic Offices

Present:

COUNCILLORS

Clarke, Kennett, Southern

Independent Member: Peter Kern

Parish Representatives: Alastair Clark, David Argent, John Keane

Officers Present: Daryl Phillips, Monitoring Officer

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Alastair Clark was elected as Chairman and Cllr Tony Clarke as Vice Chairman.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting of 20 August 2015 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Ambler.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

6 UPDATE - COMPLAINTS AGAINST COUNCILLORS

Members considered the decisions on recent complaints.

DECISION

That the information be noted.

7 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS FORM AND GUIDANCE

Members considered the format and content of the Code of Conduct Complaints Form and Guidance and offered suggestions for improvement and clarity. In light of the adjustments made it was agreed that the Monitoring Officer would circulate the finalised version of the respective documents/forms prior to publication.

DECISION

That the Monitoring Officer be delegated authority to update the Form and Guidance as per the recommendations of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

That the amended Guidance be recommended to Council for adoption.

8 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT UPDATE

The Committee considered the updated Members' Code of Conduct. A couple of adjustments were suggested. It was agreed that the Monitoring Officer would circulate the finalised version of the Code of Conduct prior to publication.

RECOMMENDATION to Council

That the updated Members' Code of Conduct be recommended to Council for adoption.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm