

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 27 MARCH 2017

PRESENT:- Councillor David Wood (Chair), Councillor Jane Milner-Barry, Councillor Teresa Page, Councillor Gary Sumner, Councillor Vera Tomlinson, Councillor Joe Tray, Councillor Steve Weisinger, Mr Paul Morris, Mr Trevor Davies, Mr Richard Hailstone and Mick Compton.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Lovell, Mr Keith Strickland and Mr David Dawson.

24. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded members of the need to declare known interests in any matters to be considered at the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

25. Minutes

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

26. Public Question Time

There were no public questions.

27. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the item listed below on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph Nos.</u>	<u>Minute No.</u>
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28. Ethical Framework Update

The Committee received a report from the Director of Law and Democratic Services providing an update on matters relating to the Ethical Framework, including:

- Dispensations.
- Membership of the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel.
- Code of Conduct complaints.
- Member Training.

- The Prescribed Persons (Reports on Disclosures of Information) Regulations 2017.

Resolved – (1) That the Ethical Framework update be noted.

(2) That Mr Keith Strickland be appointed as a Lay Representative to the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel for a further period of three years.

(3) That the Prescribed Persons (reports on Disclosures of Information) Regulations 2017 be noted.

29.

Ethical Compliance Report

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Law and Democratic Services regarding the outcome of various ethical framework compliance matters, including the details and outcomes of Whistleblowing cases and Code of Conduct complaints received since the last Committee meeting.

Resolved – That the Ethical Framework Compliance report be noted.