

Standards Committee
6 JUNE 2018

Present: Councillors: Peter Burgess, David Coldwell, Brian Donnelly,
Paul Marshall, Mike Morgan, Michael Willett, John Donaldson,
Mary Jagger, Philip Baxter and Val Court

Apologies: Councillors: Godfrey Newman

SC/1 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor David Coldwell be elected Chairman of the
Committee for the ensuing Council year.

SC/2 **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mike Morgan be appointed Vice-Chairman of the
Committee for the ensuing Council year.

SC/3 **TO APPROVE THE TIME OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE
ENSUING YEAR**

RESOLVED

That meetings of the Committee be held at 10.00am for the ensuing
Council year.

SC/4 **MINUTES**

The meeting of the meeting of the Committee held on 29 March 2018 were
approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

SC/5 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

SC/6 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

SC/7 **ETHICAL FRAMEWORK UPDATE**

The Monitoring Officer presented a report on developments in the ethical framework that affected the role and activities of Councillors and the Council's business.

The Council had subscribed to the Hoey Ainscough Associates' interactive website, the Standards Exchange, allowing access to news on standards issues, cases and best practice from other authorities which would be provided to Members of the Standards Committee.

The Monitoring Officer would undertake District and Parish Councillor training for Ethical Governance and Code of Conduct starting in September 2018 whilst continuing to provide training for parish clerks. This would include refresher training when appropriate.

Members discussed ways that could be used to encourage more District and Parish Members to attend training including the use of 'Training Passports', providing Parish Clerks with the necessary training to train the Parish Councillors themselves and furthering the use of online training resources.

The local assessment schedule, which contained details of complaints that had been received since June 2017, was noted. The Monitoring Officer informed Members that they had reformatted the complaint procedure for when Councillors are perceived to breach the Code of Conduct in order to prevent receiving potentially vexatious or untrue complaints and to keep the way complaints are dealt with consistent going forward.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report be noted.

REASONS

- (i) To ensure that the Committee, the Members of the Council and others to whom the report is circulated are kept up to date with developments in the ethical framework.
- (ii) To promote and maintain high standards of conduct amongst Members.

SC/8 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 11.08 am having commenced at 10.00 am

CHAIRMAN