

Standards Committee – 26 June 2018

Minutes of the meeting of the **Standards Committee** held on **26 June 2018** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr Mrs C A Weston
Vice-Chairman: Cllr R R Dray

Cllr Mrs J R Gooding
Cllr Mrs C M Mason

Cllr R Milne
Cllr C M Stanley

INDEPENDENT PERSONS (INVITEES NON-VOTING)

Mr P Scott
Mr S Shadbolt
Mrs L Walker

PARISH MEMBERS (CO-OPTED NON-VOTING)

Cllr Mrs D A Constable

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D S Efde and Mrs J R Lumley.

OFFICERS PRESENT

A Law - Assistant Director, Legal Services/Monitoring Officer
M Power - Democratic Services Officer

123 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

124 LOCAL INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS – ANNUAL SUMMARY 2017/18

The Committee received the annual summary of local investigations and determinations dealt with between April 2017 and March 2018.

It was noted that complaint reference SC0049/17 had been used for two separate complaints. The complaint dated 30 April 2018 should have the reference SC0050/17.

During discussion it was noted that the annual summary included only complaints that had proceeded to the formal stages of investigation. There were a number of complaints received that were not progressed for various reasons such as lack of evidence, the issue was did not fall under the code of conduct. Members felt that, going forward, all complaints received by the

Monitoring Officer should be reported to the Committee on a twice yearly basis, those that progress to a formal investigation and those reported but not progressed. This would assist the Committee in identifying possible trends in the types of complaints being made and also potential Member training needs. It was felt that the time spent by the Monitoring Officer in producing a more detailed report, as discussed, should be borne in mind.

A motion was moved by Cllr Mrs C M Mason and seconded by Cllr R R Dray that from this municipal year a twice yearly report should be made to the Committee detailing all complaints that had been received by the Monitoring Officer during the period, both those that had been progressed to the formal investigation stage and those that had been reported but not progressed.

Resolved

- (1) That the annual summary of local investigations and determinations dealt with between April 2017 and March 2018 be noted.
- (2) That, with effect from the current Municipal Year, a twice yearly report be made to the Committee detailing all complaints that had been received by the Monitoring Officer, both those that had been progressed to the formal investigation stage and those that had been reported but not progressed.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

Chairman

Date

If you would like these minutes in large print, Braille or another language please contact 01702 318111.